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Food and Drug Administration

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[Docket No. 98N-1038]

**Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food; Extension of Comment Period**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

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**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is extending to July 19, 1999, the comment period for the advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) that appeared in the **Federal Register** of February 17, 1999 (64 FR 7834). The ANPRM announced that FDA was considering proposing revisions of its labeling requirements for foods treated with ionizing radiation. FDA is taking this action in response to several requests to extend the comment period.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted by July 19, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on this ANPRM and supporting material to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William J. Trotter, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-206), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-418-3088.

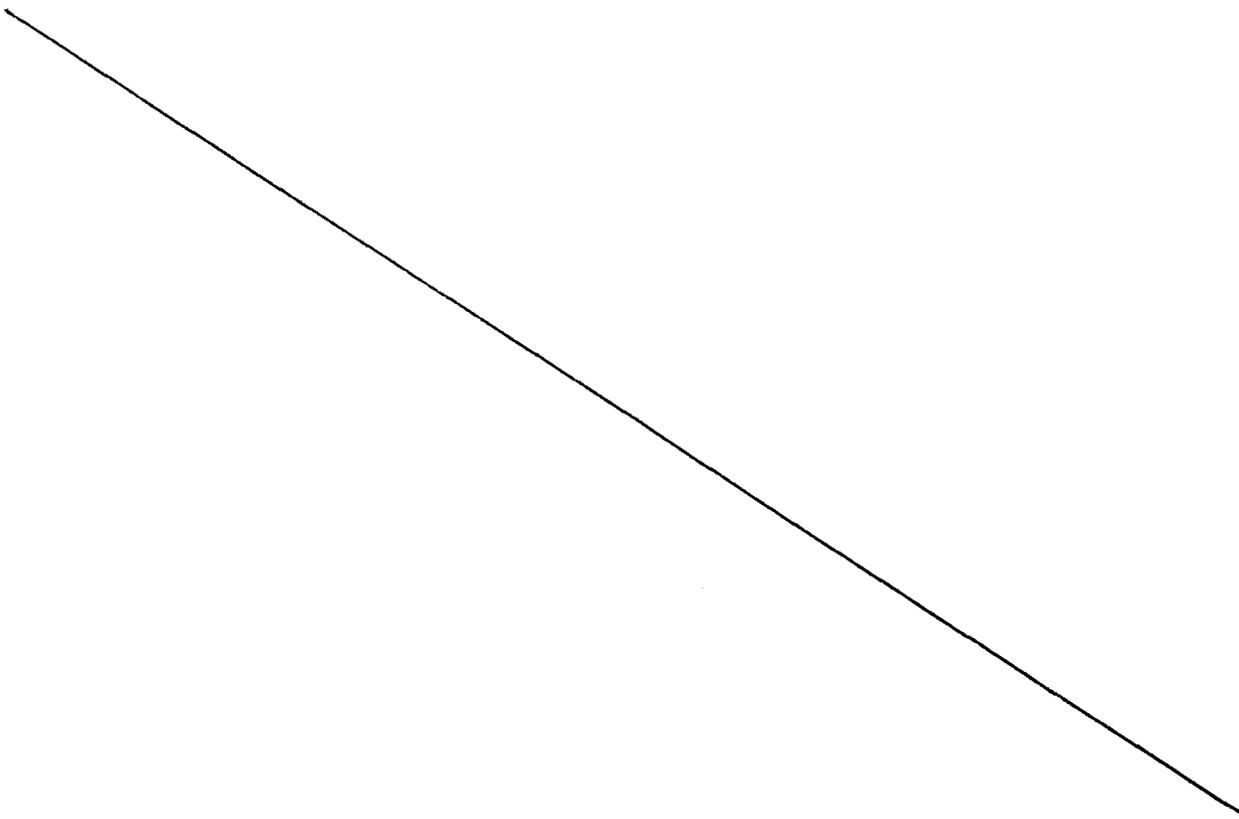
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

## **I. Extension of Comment Period**

In the **Federal Register** of February 17, 1999 (64 FR 7834), FDA published an ANPRM that gave notice that FDA was considering proposing revisions of its labeling requirements for foods treated with ionizing radiation. Interested persons were given until May 18, 1999, to comment on the ANPRM. The ANPRM is available at “<http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/98fr/fr021799.htm>” on the Internet. FDA has received several requests to extend the comment period to allow adequate time to respond. In response to these requests, the agency is extending the comment period for an additional 60 days.

## **II. Comments**

Interested persons may, on or before July 19, 1999, submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above), written comments on this ANPRM and supporting material. Two copies of any comment are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to



be identified with the docket number found in the brackets in the heading of this document.

Received comments may be seen in the office above between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: May 18, 1999



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Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination

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