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To whom it may concern at USDA:

I am writing to object to USDA's ruling which allows the irradiation of eggs. Allowing such a practice flies in the face of studies showing that irradiation destroys the delicate life-sustaining, nutritive value of dairy and egg products.

We judge the quality of food by its taste and nutritive value. Taste and nutrition are one and the same elements of food. If a food has no taste, it has no nutritive value. Junk-food processors must add "flavors" to their overprocessed mush to fool our senses.

It is well known, and long ago scientifically proven, that real food flavor and nutritive value are easily destroyed by oxygen, light, heat, over-beating, and mechanical processing. Any chef and most cooks are painfully aware of this in their efforts to prepare food.

What kind of pseudo science does the FDA practice which determines the remains of irradiated food to be anything other than perfectly dead as well as contain harmful and toxic substances for human consumption. Studies done well over 40 years ago proved fats subjected to high temperatures are carcinogenic.

Salmonella comes from overcrowded and dirty factory farms. The issue is about regulating and cleaning up the dirty factory farms, not about treating food. Overcrowding and mistreating animals in unsanitary spaces can only breed distressed animals and disease.

Please continue to require that irradiated products are clearly labeled so I can be given the chance to avoid them at the grocery store.

I respectfully submit a request that the FDA holds a public hearing and stop the implementation of this harmful rule.

Sincerely,

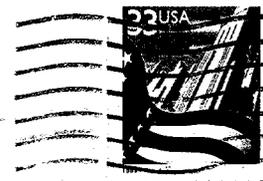
  
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