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DEAR FDA:

MY LOCAL HEALTH FOOD STORE POSTED YOUR ADDRESS ALONG WITH AN ARTICLE DISCUSSING LABELLING REGULATIONS FOR IRRADIATED FOODS. THIS, AS WELL AS THE LABELLING OF GENETICALLY ALTERED FOODS, CONCERNS ME.

ARE THERE ANY INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES PREPARED BY YOUR DEPT. THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME, THE CONSUMER, IN MY QUEST TO TRACK SUCH FOODS IN A RETAIL ENVIRONMENT? AT PRESENT, THERE ARE NO SIGNS OR LABELS ANYWHERE IN THE 2 LARGE CHAIN STORES WHERE I SHOP, AND CALLS TO MANAGEMENT ARE NOT RESPONDED TO IN A HELPFUL MANNER. MOST SPOKES PEOPLE PROFESS IGNORANCE + REFER ME TO OTHERS. (IT'S CALLED GOOSECHASING WHERE WE LIVE...) WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS AND RECOURSES IN SUCH SITUATIONS? AS THE AGENCY ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY + ENFORCEMENT IN SUCH MATTERS, WHAT DO YOU DO TO MAKE RETAILERS COMPLY WITH MY INFORMATION REQUESTS?

ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN RENDER WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

I THINK FROM THIS LETTER + OTHERS YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED, IT IS OBVIOUS THAT ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN TO FACILITATE OPEN + COMPLETE DISCLOSURE IN SUCH MATTERS.

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RESPECTFULLY,
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