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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket No. 98N-1038: Irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of food

Dear Sirs:

I understand that you are thinking about making changes to the symbol and/or wording related to identifying foods treated by irradiation.

I think such a change would do the food-buying public a great disservice. So far, you've made it quite easy to identify items that have been treated. That enables people such as myself - who are greatly concerned about all the sickness (and deaths) caused by tainted food - to choose safer, irradiated food in order to protect me and my family. If you go monkeying around with some other, indirect way to identify it, it'll make it all that much harder for us to find it in the store.

You've got a good thing going. Don't change it. Keep calling a spade a spade, and safety-conscious consumers like me will thank you for it.

Yours sincerely,



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