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RE: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing & Handling of Food"

① The FDA should retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation", and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated whole foods.

② The FDA's labeling requirement for irradiated foods should not be allowed to expire. This is a new technology with no long-term feeding studies. Irradiation causes chemical changes in food that are not evident & are potentially hazardous. Consumers have a right to know if this

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process has been used on their food, & this information should be presented boldly on the label.

(3) Please place comments received on this question on the Internet, so that the public can be informed who is participating in the comment process.

(4) Alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" or "electronic pasteurization" are highly misleading and should not be used.

(5) The absence of a clear statement on the label of irradiation would be misleading, since irradiation destroys vitamins & causes changes in sensory & spoilage qualities that are not obvious & expected by the consumer.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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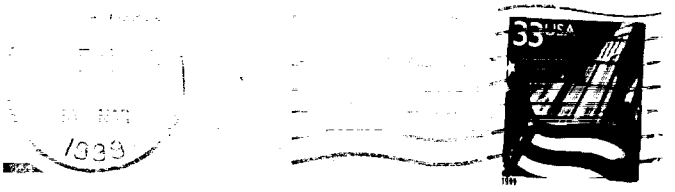

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