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Re: Labeling of Irradiated Food

Dear Sirs:

I am a consumer and I want to be informed about the food I buy. I want to know if food has been irradiated.

Irradiation can diminish nutritional value of food and it can alter characteristics such as taste, texture, smell.

Hence, I want the labeling to be prominent, not hidden in small type. And, signs should identify food in bins which have been irradiated. Signage and labeling of irradiated food should be permanent, not temporary.

Consumers want to make intelligent choices and it is your job to provide adequate labeling for this purpose.

Thank you.

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