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To the FDA regarding Docket # 98N-130:

Dear ~~SIRS~~, '99 MAY -7 P12:50

I understand your office is planning to remove all current labeling requirements for irradiated food. I would hate to see you make such a move.

I submit that all irradiated foods should be required to show prominent labels which use the words "irradiation" or "irradiated", and the radura symbol should be used. I also feel that alternative wording like "cold pasteurization" are misleading and unacceptable.

Moreover, the absence of a radiation statement would be misleading because irradiation destroys vitamins and causes changes in sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer.

Sincerely,
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