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RE: DOCKET # 98N-1038

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOODS: "ANY FOODS, OR ANY FOODS CONTAINING INGREDIENTS THAT HAVE BEEN TREATED BY IRRADIATION, SHOULD BE LABELED WITH A WRITTEN STATEMENT ON THE PRINCIPLE DISPLAY PANEL INDICATING SUCH TREATMENT. STATEMENT SHOULD BE EASY TO READ AND PLACED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE NAME OF THE FOOD AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE INTERNATIONAL SYMBOL. IF THE FOOD IS UNPACKAGED, THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED ON A POSTER IN PLAIN VIEW AND ADJACENT TO WHERE THE PRODUCT IS DISPLAYED FOR SALE." (AS PER CENTER FOR SCIENCE IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST REGARDING LABELING OF IRRADIATED FOODS)

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I BELIEVE THAT THE TERMS "TREATED WITH RADIATION" OR "TREATED BY IRRADIATION" SHOULD BE RETAINED. ANY PHRASE INVOLVING THE WORD "PASTEURIZATION" IS MISLEADING BECAUSE PASTEURIZATION IS AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT PROCESS OF RAPID HEATING + COOLING.

THE REQUIREMENT FOR IRRADIATION DISCLOSURE (BOTH LABEL + RADURA) SHOULD NOT EXPIRE AT ANY TIME IN THE FUTURE. THE SYMBOL SHOULD BE CLEARLY UNDERSTANDABLE AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE FOR EVERY ONE. IF THERE IS NO LABEL, CONSUMERS WILL BE MISLEAD INTO BELIEVING THE FOOD HAS NOT BEEN IRRADIATED.

I URGE YOU TO PUT THE COMMENTS RECEIVED ON THE INTERNET SO THE PUBLIC CAN BE INFORMED ABOUT WHO IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS COMMENT PROCESS.

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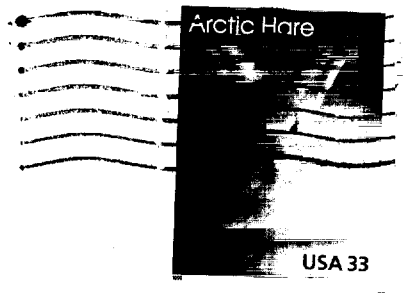

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