May 7 1999

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the recommendation by the Center for Science in the Public Interest regarding the 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 principal display indicating such treatment. This 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"

I believe the terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained. Any word involving the word "pasteurization" is misleading because pasturization is an entirely different process of rapid heating and cooling.

C1574

98N-1038 I recognize the radura as information regarding a material fact of food processing. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both label & radura) should not expire at any time in the future. The material fact of processing remains. Even if some consumers become familiar with the radura,

new consumers will not. The symbol should be clearly understandable at the point of purchase for everyone. If there is no label, consumers will be misled into believing the food has not been irradiated.

I urge you to extend the comment period past its current end date of May 18 '99, to allow more concerned citizens the time to write in about this issue.

Also, please place the comments recieved on the Internet so that the public can be informed about who is participating in this comment. The public has a right to choose the food they eat. Sincerely,

Juliette Hauer

J. Hanauer
5005 Pacific Ave
LA CA 90292

PM
10 MAY
1999

USA H
First-Class Rate

Dockets Mangement Branch HFA 305
Food & Drug Admin.
5630 Fishers Lane Rm 1061
Rockville MD 20852

20857/0001