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Re: Docket #98N-1038 Irradiation in the production, processing and handling of food.

Gentlemen:

I definitely want any food I buy to be prominently labeled with the use of the terms "irradiation" or "irradiated" and want the label to contain the use of the radura symbol. The alternative terms such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and should not be used. The absence of a 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.

Thank you.

Sincerely

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