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Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

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

Dear FDA:

The wording of the
current radiation
disclosure statements
should be revised.
Irradiated foods
should be required to
show prominent labeling
the use of the terms
"irradiation" or irradiated
and the use of the radura
symbol.

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- I feel the alternative terms such as "cold 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.
- Labeling requirements should not expire at a specific date in the future.
- Sincerely yours,

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