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

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Food and Drug Administration
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To whom it may concern,

I urge you to maintain labeling requirements on irradiated foods, including a written statement on the food package, or if un-packaged, on the display panel, saying "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation".

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Even though I live and shop in Canada, I'm concerned about labeling laws in the U.S., since changes in U.S. labels will have implications for our labeling laws. Irradiated foods must be labeled since consumers will not be able to detect changes caused by irradiation and may unknowingly buy irradiated foods if they are not labeled. Some consumers, including many friends and relatives I have in the U.S., do not want to consume irradiated foods due to the reduced nutritional quality and unknown health risks.

I urge you - please do not remove the labeling requirement for irradiated foods. In addition, please extend the public comment period on this matter - I only learned of this proposed rule change last week. The public needs additional time to register comments on this important matter. I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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