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Irradiation in production, processing + handling of food

We strongly urge and support, the clear labeling of irradiation of food, and/or ingredients of food products.
It is not acceptabe to use obscure or misleading terms, like cold or electronic pasturization.
It is not acceptable to approve labeling requirements that will simply be allowed to expire
Only the clear and continuing labeling of irradiated food will guarantee the publics freedom of choice. In an issue as controversial as irradiation, freedom of choice through labeling remains the greatest safety that the FDA can provide. If the public will not accept irradiated foods that are labeled, the FDA has no business in participating in subversive tactics to get those products sold anyway. Let the informed consumer decide!

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