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Re: Docket 98N-1038 JUL 23 8:10:12
Irradiation ... Food

Dear Mr. Hubbard:

As a citizen of the USA, I imagine that you are proud and grateful for the freedoms you enjoy & the choices that go along with them. I know I am.

Most Americans, when polled, have expressed a desire for choice regarding consuming irradiated foods. To change the labelling terms to an unfamiliar euphemism like "cold pasteurization" could only confuse & disempower consumers. To eliminate the labelling entirely is to destroy a choice that citizens consistently report as very valuable to us. Please don't do this to us!

It's clear that the majority of us wish to see results of further research before making a final irrevocable decision re irradiated foods. That means that we depend on honest clear labelling. People I've checked with are shocked to hear we're in danger of losing our clear honest labelling re irradiated foods. Like you, these concerned citizens are busy and often a bit overwhelmed in our lives — or you would be hearing from many more of us. Surely, the public polls make that evident.

Citizen to citizen — I request that you do the right thing: preserve the current labelling, as the American people want & deserve.

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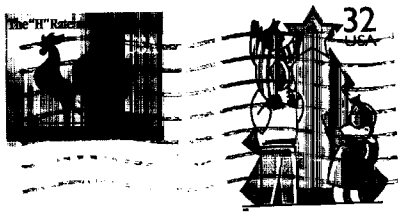

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