RE: Docket No. 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the production, processing & Handling of Food"

To Who it may concern:

I am extremely concerned about the prospect of weakening or eliminating the labeling requirements for irradiated food. Any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation should be CLEARLY labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment. The statement should be easy to read & placed in close proximity to the name of the food and accompanied by RADURA, the international symbol of irradiated food. If the food isn't packaged, this information should be clearly displayed on a poster in PLAIN VIEW and ADJACENT to where the product is displayed for sale.

Like other labels required by federal law, irradiation labels must be truthful & not misleading. Proposals to use euphemistic phrases like "cold pasteurization" are inappropriate because pasteurization is an entirely

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different process involving rapid heating & cooling. The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained because they accurately portray the irradiation process. The RADURA symbol, without written disclosure is not adequate.

We, the CONSUMERS, have a right-to-know how our food has been processed. Please ensure that labeling requirements are STRENGTHENED NOT weakened!

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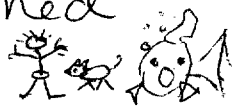
P.S. It blows me away that ANYONE would consider this as a possibility to treat any food being consumed by any being!



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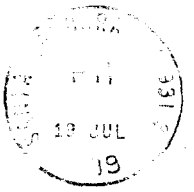

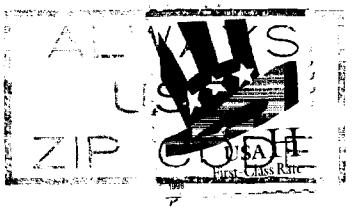

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