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I will keep this very short and sweet. The non labelling of food is not an option in a truly transparent and open democracy. Any process that alters the ingredients of a product should be clearly labelled. As an environmental educator spending many hours informing our youth and children about the growing, harvesting and preparation of food, the very essence behind my responsibility to our next generation is to tell the truth. Non labelling is a deception and it is the responsibility of every producer to tell the truth about their products.

We can not and should not allow loopholes for individuals and equally more importantly businesses and corporations to hide behind policy and guidelines that breed a subculture of deceit.

As adults with the responsibility of caring for the health of this planet, labelling is the simplest and easiest way to allow individuals to decide the future of food. It is not the responsibility of government or government endorsed bodies to decide on behalf of the individual what they should or should not know is in their food. It is their responsibility to simply mandate that labelling requires the exact ingredients and treatments that any product has had prior to purchase to be publicly stated. And the labelling must make a clear explanation and not be a logo ie : product has been "treated with irradiation"

This is a no brainer. Clear and transparent labelling is not an option. It is a RESPONSIBILITY. Irradiated food labelling is not a question. It must remain in place. No options, no discretion.

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