

Dear FSANZ & Food Forum Ministers:

I want you to keep labels on all irradiated foods so I am informed and can decide between fresh and irradiated food when shopping. For clarity, the words "irradiated" "or "treated with irradiation" should be required on the label. My comments and answers to FSANZ questions follow:

- Are you aware of, do you understand, and how do you respond to food irradiation labels?
- Do you buy, or would you consider buying, irradiated food? Yes/No? Why?
- Should required labels on all irradiated foods be removed? Yes/No? Why?
- Should the wording of irradiation labels be optional instead of required?
- Should irradiated ingredients in restaurant meals still be labelled?
- Should irradiated ingredients in processed food still be labelled?
- Should information on the 'safety and benefits' of food irradiation be on food labels?
- Should food irradiation's 'safety and benefits' be publicised in other ways, without labels?
- FSANZ now only requires a very general statement: "to the effect that the food, ingredient or component has been treated with ionising radiation". Would requiring words such as 'irradiated' or 'treated with irradiation' be clearer?

Please send a reply to my comments.

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