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Re: Rec 34: Review required labelling of irradiated foods

New Zealand Dear FSANZ & Food Forum Ministers:

Our members would like FSANZ to keep labels on all irradiated foods so they can be fully informed when deciding between fresh and irradiated food when shopping. For clarity, the words “irradiated” “or “treated with irradiation” should be required on the label.

- Our members do not want to eat or buy irradiated food.
- They want clear labelling of all products that are irradiated.
- Wording or a logo that is recognizable as irradiated, in font 12 or larger must be visible without glasses.
- All manufacturers products to be clearly labelled if irradiated ingredients are in their processed food and from third party sources.
- Our members require any foods or ingredients that contain or have been irradiated sold or served in restaurants, and point of sale are labelled “irradiated” in the menu.
- As FSANZ is required under the act to fully inform consumers as to the health of foods, we recommend that a directive be made to all supermarkets and retail outlets that sell irradiated food to have clear posters detailing the use, benefits and risks of this technology.
- We ask if FSANZ has conducted any testing on the safety of irradiation of genetically modified foods that contain pesticides, insecticides? has independent testing been done?
- Our members ask that until such testing is done and safety is shown, that no food for human consumption that has undergone genetic modification or contains high level of pesticide residues is irradiated.

We would like to be heard.

Yours sincerely,
Jon Muller
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