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I am totally against the irradiation of food...any food. Irradiating foods leads to health problems, like it did in cats when in 2008/09 up to one hundred Australian cats had neurological disorders linked to eating irradiated cat food.

- Blueberries and raspberries are considered superfoods for their naturally high levels of antioxidants and nutrients.
- Irradiation produces free radicals while reducing vitamins and anti-oxidants such as vitamin C.
- The safety of irradiated food is disputed as numerous scientific studies identify unresolved risks from eating irradiated foods.
- Fruits and their natural goodness will be highly processed but may appear fresh.
- Many more benign alternatives are available for insect control - effective radiation-free and chemical-free options exist.
- FSANZ is reviewing irradiated food labelling, with a view to removing the present requirement, so we will be unable to tell irradiated from fresh fruit.
- Reject A1115 as it is against the public interest.

I kindly urge you to halt all plans to irradiate blueberries and raspberries, and to please continue with labelling.

Kind Regards,

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