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Dear FSANZ,

I wish to object to the current, above proposal to increase the irradiation of fresh fruit and vegetables by an unconscionable 50%. Where is the scientific evidence for this massive increase to irradiation of foods for human consumption? I see none in the literature that meets the spurious claims that dosage is the key to the reduction of food nutrition and that such an increase on top of existing levels means no reduction in food value and quality from a nutritive perspective.

This industrialisation of the food supply is also hidden from the public as no reportage in Mainstream Media will be evident and no proper labelling of such foods seems to be provided by Steritech or any authority, despite this being a legal requirement for irradiated foods.

This is outright denial of people's rights to proper disclosure from producers as to the products they are likely to put into their bodies believing them safe and nutritious when the evidence for this is either missing or misleading. The company, Steritech produced around 9000 tonnes of food from its facilities last year and I wish to know how much was labelled, where did it go (what outlets sold it) and what explanation can FSANZ provide as assurance to consumers that the law was followed in relation to labelling and indeed the safety of those products.

I look forward to having my objection noted formally and to the reply to the issues raised.

Thank you for your consideration

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