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## SUBMISSION

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Attention: **Project Manager – A1092**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand  
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ACT, Australia, 2610.

### Re: Irradiation of Specific Fruits & Vegetables

FTA Australia has reviewed this [Application](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

The Committee agreed with Option 1 – to develop a draft variation to Standard 1.5.3 to permit the use of irradiation on the requested fruits and vegetables and added the following comments:

1. Modify the vegetable description for ‘Scallopini’ as this name is not the common or well-known name in Australia and New Zealand. Perhaps add in following brackets ‘squash’ or if this is may be confusing with other vegetables, then add the specific botanical name for the varieties included in the term ‘Scallopini’.
2. Regarding enforcement of labelling of irradiated foods, there seems anecdotally that mandated labelling is very rarely used when required and there appears to have been very little breaches and subsequent enforcement reported.
3. The international symbol that may be added to irradiated food, the ‘Radura’, appears to be not well known and probably its meaning is not known to the public or the food industry who may use and apply this symbol.
4. As the mandated labelling in words appears to be lacking, perhaps the ‘Radura’ symbol might be considered by the food industry and consumers as a more acceptable manner of conveying the mandated message re irradiated food. An education program would also be required if this suggestion was adopted.

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We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Application](#).

Yours sincerely,

Del Teesdale,  
PRESIDENT – FTA AUSTRALIA