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Hi all  
**Deadline 6pm Canberra time Dec 24, 2020**  
**To:** Food Standards Australia New Zealand

Submission RE: A1193: Irradiation as a phytosanitary measure for all fresh fruit and vegetables

I oppose the blanket approval of irradiation of irradiation for all fresh fruit and vegetables.

While the income of farmers is important, I have concerns about the wholesomeness of irradiated food. I believe it is incontestable that irradiation will destroy valuable vitamins and other nutrients along with pathogens. As food security is an important issue which only increases in importance, the healthiness of food is part of such food security.

In the area of the environment, we should be encouraging the consumption of local sustainable foods to decrease the use of fossil fuels in production and distribution. Irradiated fruit and vegetables killing the pathogens rather than using sustainable production, and transport over great distances could encourage the use of fossil fuels in production and transport.

Finally, I am not confident that these fruits will be adequately labelled. This will lead to foods being marketed as “fresh” though they are processed. Irradiated food and their packages must be individually labelled “treated with radiation” or “irradiated.” A1092 does not assure me that this will be the case.

For these reasons, I call on you to reject A1193 and to rescind all previous irradiation approvals. I look forward to hearing your response to my concerns.

Labelling is an important issue, and as an older consumer, I know how much labelling is difficult to read. I consume blueberries and only recently found some were irradiated. Irradiated foods including herbs and spices need to be clearly labelled. Background colours should not interfere with readability.

Thank you,

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