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FDA  
ATTN: Irradiated Food, Labeling  
5630 Fishers Lane  
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Dear FDA,

Please require labeling on all irradiated food to contain the word "irradiated." Replacing the word "irradiated" with "cold pasteurization" does not adequately describe the irradiation procedure.

As consumers we have the right to know if the foods we are purchasing have been irradiated. Although the FDA and other organizations have deemed irradiated food to be "safe" there are many, including us, who feel there has not been adequate long-term studies to determine if irradiated foods are "safe." In fact, many studies which the FDA excluded in its decision approving irradiation, indicate that irradiated food can cause cancer and other maladies.

We ask for clear, concise labeling with the term "irradiation."

Sincerely,

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