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Dear Commissioner Henney:

This letter is in regard to Docket No. 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food." I am writing this letter due to my deep concern about the possibility of weakening or eliminating the strict labeling requirements for irradiated food. Any foods and/or any foods containing ingredients that have been irradiated should be clearly labeled with a written statement on the display panel indicating such treatment. This statement should be clear and concise and must be situated in close proximity to the name of the treated food and accompanied by the radura, "The international symbol of irradiated food." If the food is sold in bulk, this information should be prominently displayed on a poster in plain view and next to where the product is displayed for sale. The terms "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" should be retained because they best describe the irradiation process. The radura symbol without written disclosure is clearly inadequate.

Consumers have a right to know how their food has been processed. Please make sure that radiation labeling requirements are strengthened, not weakened.

Thankyou for your attention.

Sincerely,

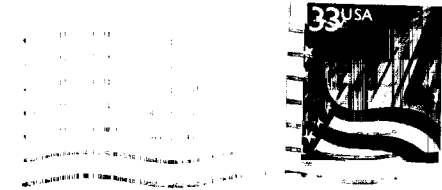
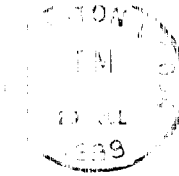
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