

87.18IC Irradiation of Foods

Concerned that there is no compelling evidence to show that foods treated with ionizing energy (or ionizing radiation) are wholesome

and completely safe for human consumption;

Realizing that the international logo designed to be a distinctive identification mark on all pre-packaged or bulk containers of

irradiated foods, fails to suggest or imply any association with the irradiation process;

Desirous that the means to distinguish and the freedom to choose between irradiated and non-irradiated foods should be available

to consumers of all nations;

Recommends that the International Council of Women urge the National Councils within its Member Nations:

1. To urge their respective governments to restrict the irradiation of foods until definitive information is available on

the risks and benefits that food irradiation may have on human health and environmental quality;

2. To urge their respective governments to make mandatory the clear labelling of all foods treated with radiation,

either produced in the country or imported into the country, by use of the word 'irradiation' and by an original

and/or unique logo which symbolizes irradiation;

3. To study and become informed about the critical issues involved in the irradiation of foods.