

American Medical Association

It is the policy of the AMA to: (1) affirm food irradiation as a safe and effective process that increases the safety of food when applied according to governing regulations; (2) consider the value of food irradiation to be diminished unless it is incorporated into a comprehensive food safety program based on good manufacturing practices and proper food handling, processing, storage, and preparation techniques; (3) encourage the FDA and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to continue the requirement that all irradiated fruits, vegetables, meats, and seafood carry the international logo that has become recognized as indicating that the food has been subjected to gamma irradiation; and (4) affirm the principle that the demonstration of safety requires evidence of a reasonable certainty that no harm will result but does not require proof beyond any possible doubt (i.e., "zero" risk does not exist). (CSA Rep. 4, I-93; Reaffirmed: CSA Rep. 8, A-05)