

ANNEX I

CONDITIONS FOR AUTHORISING FOOD IRRADIATION

1. Food irradiation may be authorised only if:
 - there is a reasonable technological need,
 - it presents no health hazard and is carried out under the conditions proposed,
 - it is of benefit to the consumer,
 - it is not used as a substitute for hygiene and health practices or for good manufacturing or agricultural practice.
2. Food irradiation may be used only for the following purposes:
 - to reduce the incidence of food-borne disease by destroying pathogenic organisms,
 - to reduce spoilage of foodstuffs by retarding or arresting decay processes and destroying spoilage organisms,
 - to reduce loss of foodstuffs by premature ripening, germination or sprouting,
 - to rid foodstuffs of organisms harmful to plant or plant products.