

# Experts promote food irradiation

The controversial process could cut down on bacterial illnesses such as E. coli and salmonella

By Curt Anderson  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Irradiation of food should become a national priority to reduce illness caused by dangerous microbes, despite some consumer skepticism, a top food industry executive and a leading health advocate said Tuesday.

Dr. David Kessler, former head of the Food and Drug Administration, and ConAgra Inc. chief Bruce Rohde told an irradiation conference that consumers must overcome unfounded fears that the process might harm them.

"Not to do something at this point is to condemn us as a country to suffer the consequences of these foodborne illnesses again

and again," said Kessler, now dean of the Yale University School of Medicine. "Food irradiation is a food safety tool that we as consumers should not ignore."

Rohde is one of the first major food executives willing to publicly outline plans to install irradiation in meat processing plants when the technology becomes feasible on a large scale.

"We're ready to make those investments," Rohde said in an interview. "The investment in food safety is a priority for us." His Omaha, Neb.-based Fortune 500 conglomerate is among the top four beef packers and includes brands such as Butterball turkeys, Armour meats and Eckrich cold cuts.

Irradiation has been used for years on limited amounts of produce, spices and other foods.

However, last year's FDA approval of the process for red meat has sparked new interest as the

food industry tries to tackle problems with bacteria such as E. coli, salmonella and campylobacter.

Those bacteria and others cause some 33 million gastrointestinal illnesses and 9,000 deaths a year, although some researchers believe the true number could be far higher.

Most scientists agree that low-level doses of gamma ray or electron beam irradiation to kill bacteria are safe in food. But anti-nuclear groups have been vocally opposed, and some health advocates worry that use of irradiation might reduce other safety techniques such as proper handling and plant sanitation.

Threats of protest and worries about consumer views have prompted many large meat processors to take a wait-and-see attitude. Grocery chains say that attitude itself could slow consumer acceptance of products once they do reach the market.

# IRS audit reveals easy access to records

Anyone can get access to sensitive tax records with just a few key pieces of information

By Rob Wells  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a phone call to the Internal Revenue Service, a government investigator was able to get confidential taxpayer records of prominent people including a mayor and a sports announcer by providing little more than their names, addresses and Social Security numbers.

"Under current procedures, an impostor who knows a taxpayer's name, address and Social Security number can find out tax and income information from the Internal Revenue

Service with a simple phone call," according to a 1997 internal IRS audit of agency practices.

A copy of the audit, dated Sept. 30, 1997, was obtained by The Associated Press. In response to the findings, the IRS said it quickly strengthened its procedures last fall by requiring taxpayers to provide more detailed information from their tax returns in order to receive sensitive records.

"I am extremely confident that what we require exceeds what very well might be required in private industry," said Ron Watson, the IRS executive officer for customer service. "We have put far more stringent requirements in place now."

"Is it an absolutely foolproof

system?" Watson continued. "I don't think any system is foolproof." Watson said he welcomed the report's scrutiny because it enabled the agency to improve its systems.

IRS is required to guard against unauthorized disclosure of taxpayer records while allowing taxpayers access to their own files. "We take these kinds of reports very, very seriously," Watson said.

IRS internal auditors conducted 109 test calls from 17 offices in the Northeast and West between July 1996 and February 1997. They posed as local taxpayers, including — with their permission — some prominent business people, a mayor and a sports announcer. They were not identified in the report.

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