

Report from Ireland on Food Irradiation for the Year 2009

1. Results of checks carried out on irradiation facilities in Ireland

There are no facilities in Ireland that have been approved for the irradiation of food.

2. Results of checks carried out at the product marketing stage and the methods used to detect irradiated foods

Checks on food that may have been irradiated are carried out by the Environmental Health Services and Public Analysts' Laboratories of the Health Service Executive under Service Contract to the Food Safety Authority of Ireland (FSAI). In addition, the FSAI may also carry out sampling and analysis of specific food types where there are grounds to believe that certain foods may have been irradiated but not labelled appropriately. Analysis of 294 food samples in 2009 identified 4 foods that had been irradiated but were not carrying the required labelling.

Food analysed	Number of analysed samples		CEN method used
	Result: non-irradiated	Result: irradiated, not correctly labelled	
Dried Herbs	58	0	EN13751 for screening, confirmation by EN1788
PARNUTS	7	0	
Fruit/veg	4	0	
Herbal Supplements	3	0	
Herbal tea/tea/coffee	23	2	
Herbs/Spices	58	1	
Others	5	0	
Seasoning	3	0	
Seasonings/stocks	10	1	
Seeds	1	0	
Rice & Rice Flour	2	0	
Prawns & Fried Snacks	2	0	
Soup	1	0	
Spices	101	0	
Vitamins & Supplements	12	0	
Total	290	4	
% of total analysed	98.6%	1.4%	