

## Report from Ireland on Food Irradiation for the Year 2011

### 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

Foods are sampled by the Environmental Health Services and analysed by the Public Analysts' Laboratories in Ireland. A total of 110 food samples were analysed in 2011 but none were found to have been irradiated.

| Food analysed              | Number of analysed samples |                                     | CEN method                                           |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|                            | Non-irradiated             | Irradiated,<br>incorrectly labelled |                                                      |
| Spices                     | 13                         | 0                                   | Screening:<br>EN13751<br><br>Confirmation:<br>EN1788 |
| Herbs & Spices             | 26                         | 0                                   |                                                      |
| Seasonings                 | 6                          | 0                                   |                                                      |
| Seeds                      | 8                          | 0                                   |                                                      |
| Pasta                      | 2                          | 0                                   |                                                      |
| Noodles                    | 7                          | 0                                   |                                                      |
| Teas                       | 48                         | 0                                   |                                                      |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>110</b>                 | <b>0</b>                            |                                                      |
| <b>% of total analysed</b> | <b>100%</b>                | <b>0%</b>                           |                                                      |