

*“Achieving consensus on the science of food regulations and legislation to ensure the global availability of safe and wholesome food products for all consumers.*”

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**Global Harmonization Initiative Consensus Document on Food Irradiation**

The Global Harmonization Initiative (GHI) has released a global science-based consensus document about the application of irradiation of food. This consensus is needed because of the current confusion around safety of food that has been irradiated to prevent spoilage.

After consultation with the GHI membership, the authors (Tatiana Koutchma, Larry Keener and Heidi Kotilainen) summarised the state-of-affairs and the consensus document can be [downloaded](#) from the GHI website.

GHI recommends that international regulatory bodies accept the finding of the Joint FAO/ IAEA/ WHO Expert Committee on Food Irradiation (JECFI) first published in 1981 and adopted by the FAO/ IAEA/ WHO Joint Study Group High-Dose Irradiation in 1999.

More information about [GHI](#) and the [global scientific consensus process](#) can be found on the GHI website.

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