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Quantum-leap in Food-processing
Innovative, sustainable and ecological technology
in food processing
"Made in Germany" - Thuringia

IRD-TECHNOLOGY



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Quality improvement by infrared light

Light is extremely diverse:

Sunlight drives the biosphere.

Light allows us to see objects and a great variety of colors. Light even affects our feelings.

Light reveals the distances and dimensions in the universe, shows how stars and galaxies are moving and of which elements they are consisting.

Light gave the physicists revolutionary concepts such as quantum physics or the Wave-particle duality.

Light Transmits information and processes materials.

With the help of sunlight plants transform carbon dioxide and water into carbohydrates, which serve as food for humans and animals. And light does a whole lot more!

Rolf Heilmann: Licht „Die faszinierende Geschichte eines Phänomens“

By using infrared light we have succeeded to drastically reduce microbial germs and even partially dissolve and evaporate pollutants from food bulk goods, such as tea, dried herbs and vegetables, nuts and seeds. As I was able to present you before, this is a quantum leap in terms of food safety and an absolute novelty in food technology!



FoodSafe-IRD
FS-IRD



- ★ Germ reduction
- ★ Decontaminating
- ★ Drying
- ★ Stock protection

- ★ Disinfest
- ★ Opening flavors
- ★ Roasting
- ★ Toasting

Machine Examples



Operation mode



Cleaning mode

IRD-Technology Example of use



FoodSafety-IRD - Your advantages

Easy cleaning

- ★ Good access to all components allows for easy and fast cleaning.

Low maintenance costs

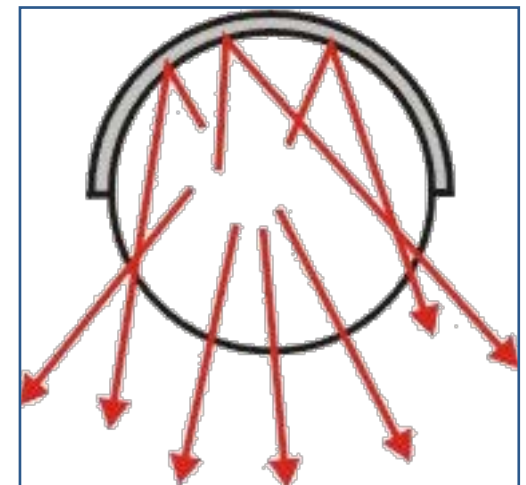
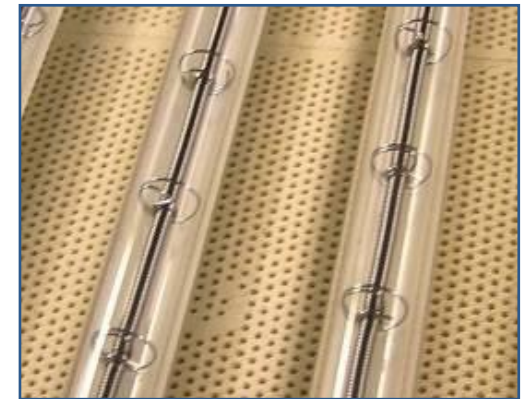
- ★ Low wear-and-tear on parts ensures low maintenance- and spare-parts costs.

Automated

- ★ High level of Automation reduces personnel costs.
- ★ Easy-to-operate machine.
- ★ User-friendly control panel.

IRD-module

- ★ Our own infrared module developed specifically for dusty environments with air-shield results in long life of the infrared lamps.
- ★ Built-in reflectors provide excellent energy efficiency in the infrared lamps.



No ionizing radiation



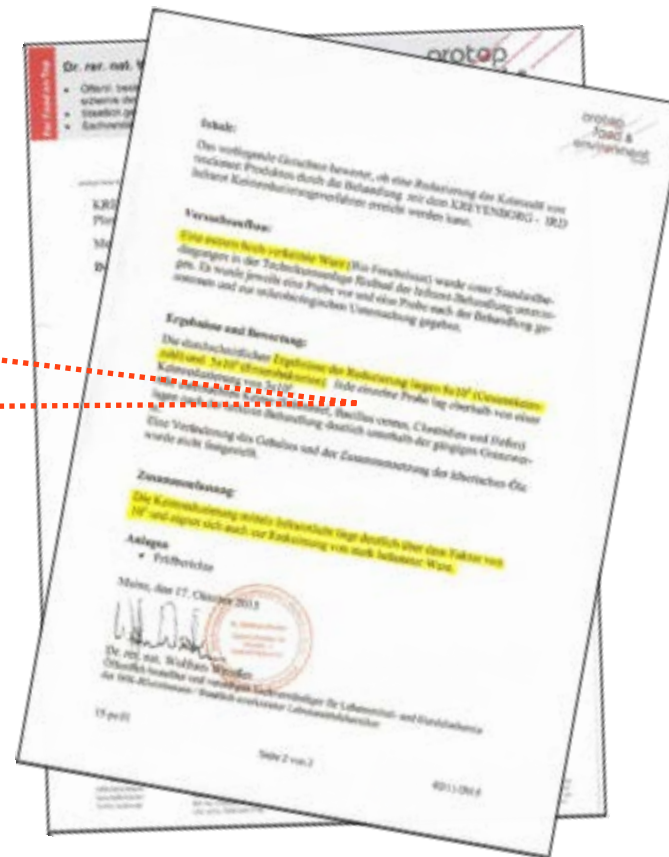
The good news:

Ionizing radiation = describes any radiation of particles or electromagnetic radiation, that is capable of removing electrons from atoms or molecules and thereby producing positively charged ions or molecules.

Certificate-Validation procedures

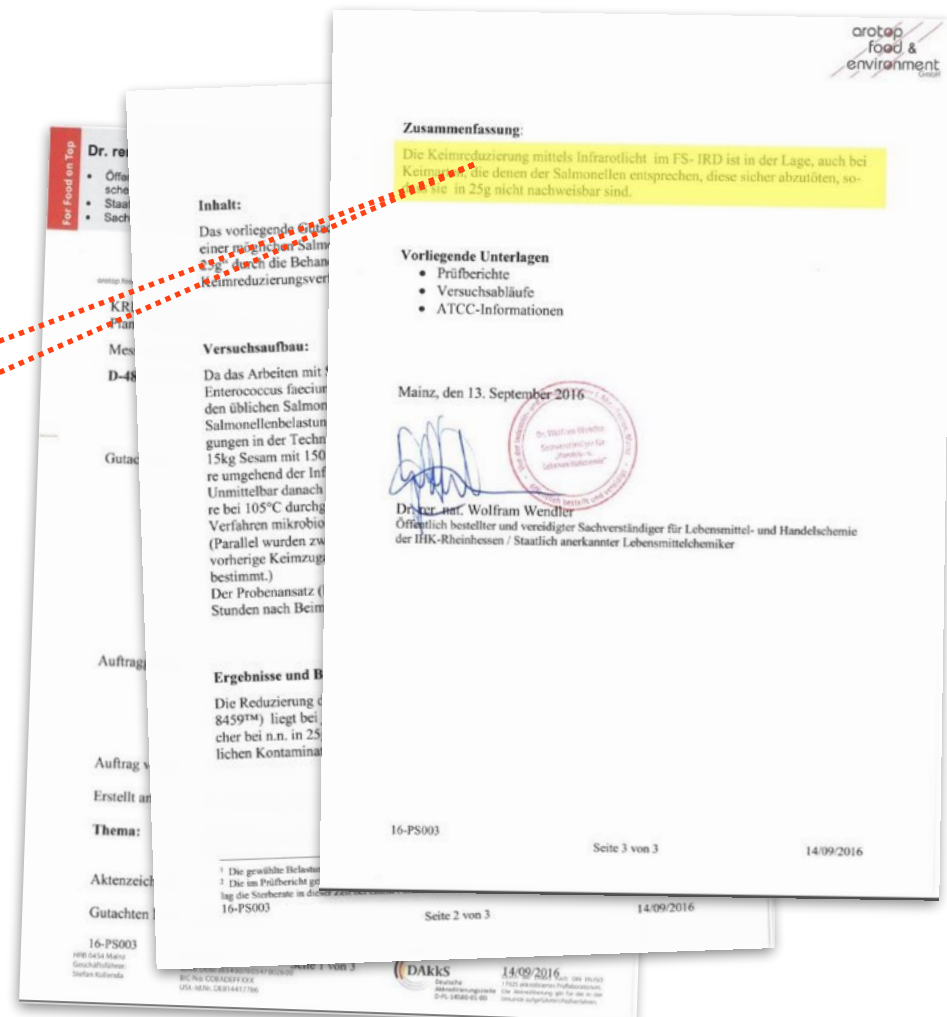
Germ reduction higher than the factor of 10^5

The germ reduction by means of infrared light is significantly higher than the factor of 10^5 and is also suitable for disinfecting heavily loaded goods.



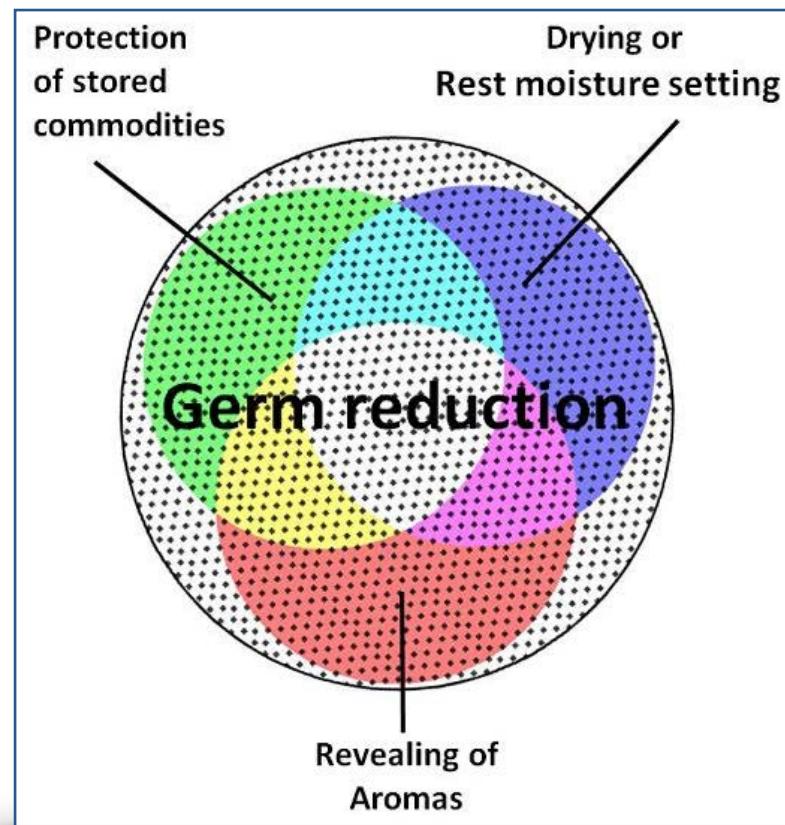
Safe germ killing by Salmonella (absent in 25g)

The germ reduction with infrared light at FS IRD is able even with seed types which correspond to those of Salmonella, this certainly kill so that they are not detectable in 25g



Multifunctional mode of action

Only one work step – several features :



Germ reduction – Examples



Parsley



Vanilla



Pumpkin seeds



Onion-Garlic-mixture



Rose flowers



Cornflowers

Germ reduction

Product shapes and sizes

- ★ For the first time, food in bulk form such as tea, leaves, herbs, dried vegetables and dried mushrooms, nuts, pits, seeds, grain, cereals, spices and cut-, chopped- and powdered food can be treated by means of infrared light in such a way that the microbiological load is drastically reduced and even contaminants are partially dissolved and evaporated.



Mushroom

Validated disinfection

- ★ Validated to reduce microbiological infestation up to $> 6\text{-log}$ (validated). This corresponds to a millions-fold germ reduction.

Protection of sensors

- ★ Maximum protection of the sensory properties of the product.

No steam

- ★ No steam is required; no condensation on the product.



Chilli

No chemicals

- ★ Germ reduction without any addition of chemicals.

Finished mixtures

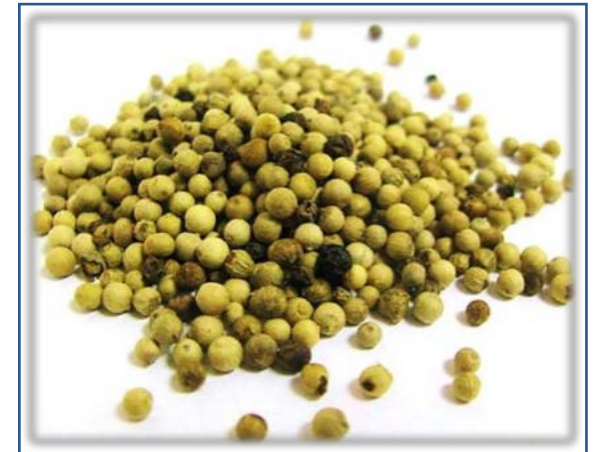
- ★ With salt and sugar added, finished mixtures are free-flowing and treatable.

Residual moisture setting

- ★ The product can be treated by a water-spraying system.
- ★ The product can be cooled if necessary and offers maximum protection.
- ★ It allows - in addition to germ reduction - an accurate and optimal residual moisture setting of the end product. This is a unique advantage in the germ reduction process.

Storage protection

- ★ Due to the heating of the product, it is safe-storage protected at the same time.



Pepper



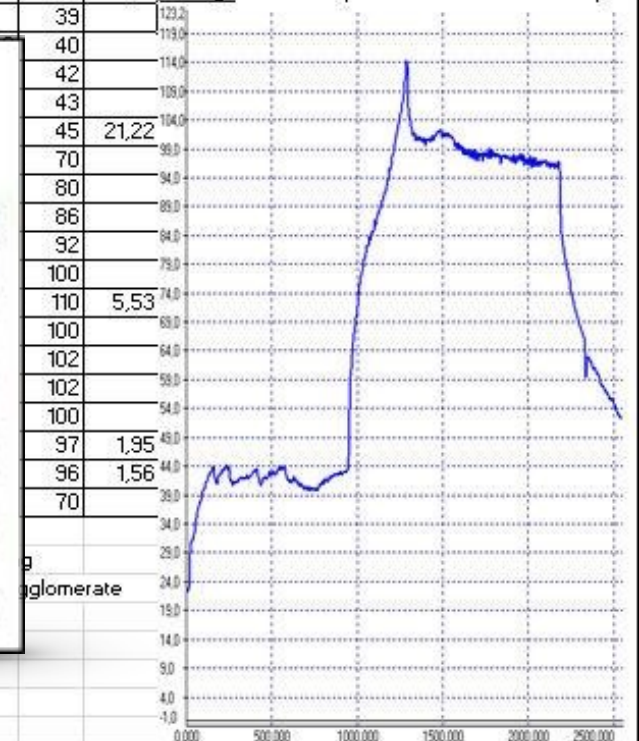
Fruit tea

Germreducing

1	60				39				
2	120				43		20 sek Wasser		
3	180		2	40	43		20 sek Wasser		
4	240				40		Agglomerate bis 1cm		
5	300		2	45	41				
6	360				43		20S H2O		
7	420				40				
8	480				43				
9	540				45	30s H2	30 sek		
10	600		2	30	41	24,15	fließt gut		
11					39				

Melisse Blätter

Gesamtkeimzahl	8.800.000	->	390.000 KBE/g
E-Coli	210	->	< 10 KBE/g
Schimmel	42.000	->	30 KBE/g
Enteros	300.000	->	1.100 KBE/g
Bac. cerreus	4.900	->	< 10 KBE/g
Sulf.red. Clostr.	23	->	< 3 KBE/g



Roasting

Principle

- ★ In contrast to conventional convective treatments, this new procedure is not controlled by means of the temperature of the heat transfer medium, but rather by very fast and precise control of product temperature. Focused infrared light penetrates below the surface of the product particles and is thereby converted into heat in the interior. In a very short time and with maximum protection of the product the desired degree of roasting is achieved.

Perfect roast

- ★ Absolutely uniform roasting is produced through the continuous mixing of roasting material.

Gentle movement

- ★ The product is mixed and conveyed gently, continuously and with at low speed. Even moderately fragile products, such as cashews and peanuts, are treated without damage.

Different degrees of roasting

- ★ Various roasting levels, and thus taste and color variations, can be realized by simply setting the temperature and residence time.



Coffee



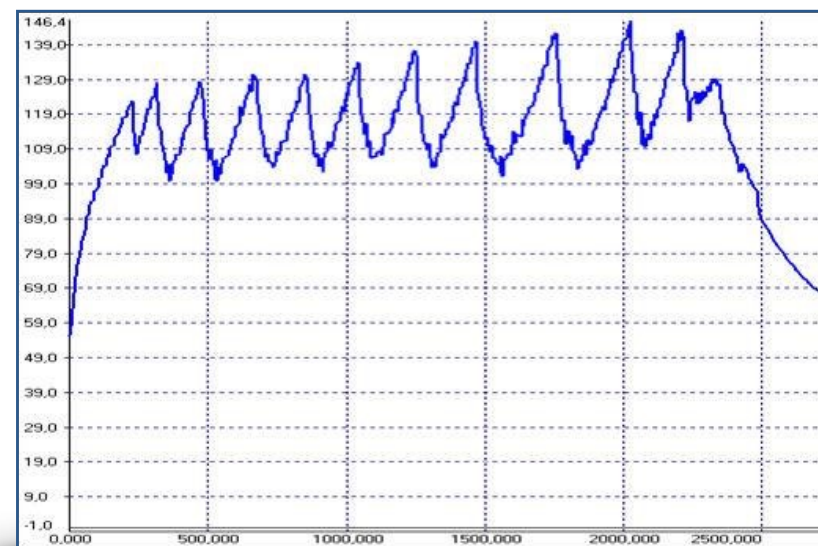
Nuts

Decontamination

Sample

IR- Trocknungstest				Nr:	IRDK116	Datum	04.12.2013
Versuchsablauf							
Produkt		Süßholzwurzel nat FS, RW_Muster IRX 113					
Ziel des Versuches:		Reduktion OTA- Gehalt 30min halten					
Startzeit		12.06 Uhr		Menge Charge		3 kg	
						RF fast 105	
Zeit	Zeit	Tromm	Strahler	Temp.	RF	SG	Bemerkung
min	sek	%	Anz.	%	°C	%	g/l
		20	5	100	50	9,05	210
3					100		
4	15sek	Wasser			123		T runter auf 110°C
5	60sek	Wasser			125		riecht kräftig
7					105		Anhaftungen am Mantel >>Schalen schwarz
8	60sek	Wasser			126		fließt gut, keine Agglomerate oder
9					100		Anbackungen
11	1min	Wasser			130		
14	1min	Wasser					
17	1min	Wasser					
18					103	7,68	Meßwert nach einsprühen
21	1min	Wasser				4,13	vor einsprühen
24	1min	Wasser			135		
30	80sek	Wasser			140		
31					100	9,05	nach Einsprühen
34	1min	Wasser			142		
37	1min	Wasser			140		
38			4	65	125		nicht antistatisch!!!
39	Strahler aus				128	2,71	

Ochratoxin A
reduced 40 %



Disinsectisation Stock protection

Examples Grain beetles

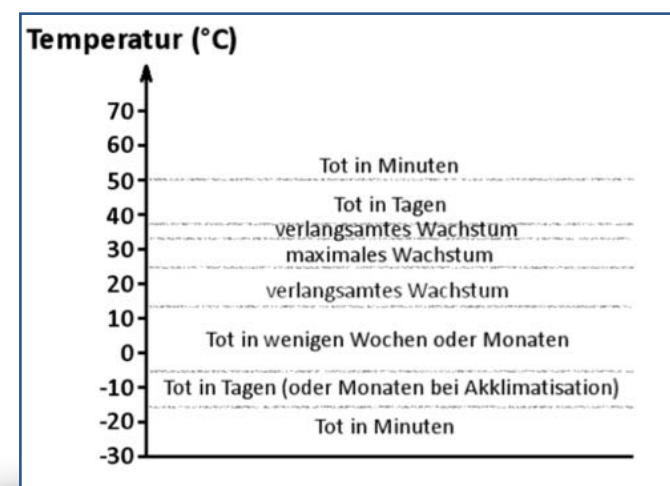
Grain beetles. The granary weevil attacks grains, including wheat, rye, oats, barley, maize (corn), millet, rice, pasta, buckwheat, flour, bran, grist, almonds, peanuts, peas, beans, soy.

Grinding products.

- ★ It doesn't grow in ground products.

Development

- ★ From egg to pupa the granary weevil evolves in the cereal grain that it consumes almost completely. After about 5 weeks at 25°C, the young beetles hatch. Mating takes place within a few days. The females lay an egg per day for about 200 days. Development from egg to beetle takes 29 to 34 days at 27°C. Lifespan: 6 months at 29°C and 75% relative humidity; 2.5 years at approximately 10°C. Cold stasis occurs at 5°C, heat rigidity at 38.4°C. Death from freezing occurs below -10°C; death from excess heat occurs above 40°C.



Grain moisture

- ★ The beetle does not propagate in wheat with a grain moisture less than 9%.

from: Reichmuth, Ch. (1997) Vorratsschädlinge im Getreide, Mann Verlag Reichmuth, 23th February 2011

Our test facility in Rohr in Thuringia

