



May 21, 2008

Honorable John Dingle and Honorable Bart Stupak
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Rayburn HOB, Room 2125
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Dingle and Subcommittee Chairman Stupak:

Red Gold, Inc. of Elwood, Indiana is one of the food processors in America that is in receipt of an Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee letter dated May 8, 2008. The letter requests information regarding microbiological and/or chemical contamination that may have occurred during food processing stages.

Red Gold strictly follows and practices *all* HACCP practices and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs). Red Gold's highly trained quality assurance staff applies all appropriate quality assurance testing, which exceeds industry standards. Red Gold is recognized within the tomato processing industry as a producer and supplier that adheres to the highest food safety standards. Additionally, as a producer of high acid food (Red Gold produces only tomato products) many of the naturally occurring microbiological contaminants that have been the subject of recent food recalls are not present in the products we produce.

The Red Gold Quality Assurance Department researched our production and food safety records and found the following results to the six questions contained in the letter of request.

Request #1 List of all food recalls and food safety alerts issued.

Response: Red Gold has not issued any food recalls or food safety alerts.

Request #2 List for each brand instances when internal testing found positive E. coli, Salmonella, Cyclospora cayetanensis, Cryptosporidium, hepatitis A, Clostridium botulinum, or Listeria in excess of highest limit acceptable to FDA or any State authority.

Response: Red Gold has had no instances of being in excess of such limits..

Request #3 For each brand list instance when internal testing found positive presence of chemical contaminant in excess of highest FDA limit or State authority.

Response: There have been no instances.

Request #4 For products imported list testing positive for chemical or microbiological contaminant.

Response: Not applicable, all Red Gold products are produced in the United States.

Request #5 For each above was FDA notified

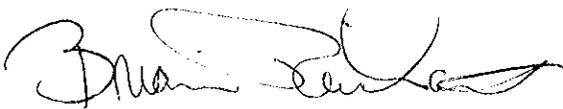
Response: No instances.

Request #6 List instances when FDA or State authority was denied entrance to any facility or records,

Response: Red Gold has never denied access to FDA or State authority.

Red Gold appreciates the opportunity to be of assistance to the Subcommittee in its efforts to assure that the American food system operates to the highest standards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Reichart", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Brian L. Reichart
President and CEO

cc: Tina Reichart Anderson
Vice President of Quality Assurance and Research & Development