



**Kraft Foods**

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**By Messenger Delivery**

The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

The Honorable Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Re: Response to May 8, 2008 Request

Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

Kraft Foods respectfully responds to your letter of May 8, 2008, to Irene B. Rosenfeld requesting information related to your investigation regarding the safety of our food supply ("the Request Letter"). Ms. Rosenfeld asked me to respond on her behalf.

Kraft Foods is one of the world's largest food and beverage companies. Kraft products can be found in more than 99% of all U.S. households. We do business in more than 155 countries and our revenues exceeded \$37 billion in 2007. Nine Kraft brands had revenues greater than \$1 billion. These include *Kraft* cheeses, dinners and dressings; *Oscar Mayer* meats; *Philadelphia* cream cheese; *Maxwell House* coffee; *Nabisco* cookies and crackers and its *Oreo* brand.

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Kraft Foods shares your commitment to the integrity of our nation's food supply. The safety and quality of our products are of the highest importance to us, as are the trust and confidence of the people who enjoy the foods we make. We strive to deliver quality products day in and day out. We have developed and implemented robust food safety and quality systems that support compliance with our legal and regulatory obligations for all our ingredients and products. We work to continually improve our systems so that we deliver the safe, high quality foods our consumers expect.

Our initial response to the Request Letter is set out below. We have provided information responsive to Request number 1 regarding recalls issued by Kraft since 2000. We made every effort to provide complete and accurate information. We respectfully note, however, the volume of material that we had to review to prepare this response. Kraft has more than 180 manufacturing and processing facilities worldwide, including 49 in the United States. We also contract with 285 co-manufacturers. Kraft produces approximately 33,000 products containing some 23,000 ingredients. Each year, consumers purchase 13 billion packages of Kraft products.

Attachment 1 lists all recalls of Kraft products, wherever manufactured, that were distributed in the United States during the relevant time period. (The company has not issued any "alerts".) When we detect a potential problem in a product that has already entered into commerce, we move quickly to address the situation and recall the product. We strive for perfection regarding food safety, and we respectfully point out to the Committee that recalls affected just a tiny fraction of our products over the past eight years.

In preparing this response, we relied primarily on company databases. We believe that these databases are complete and accurate. We note, however, that this request seeks data regarding product recalls since January 1, 2000. Our domestic database contains information from 2000 to the present. Our international database contains information from 2003 to present. We do not have a systematic way to retrieve information about events that may have occurred before the databases were created. We therefore confined our response to the periods covered by the databases. With respect to any business or brands acquired during the relevant time period, we included information from the date of the acquisition forward. With respect to any divested businesses or brands, we included information up to the date of divestiture.

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We are still reviewing information to prepare accurate and complete responses to Requests 2 through 6. As discussed with Committee Staff, we will do our best to respond to the remaining requests by May 30, 2008.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Kelly Spear". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kathleen Kelly Spear  
Senior Vice President & Chief Compliance Officer

cc:           The Honorable Joe Barton  
              Ranking Member, Committee on Energy and Commerce

              The Honorable John M. Shimkus  
              Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations