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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
Committee on Energy and Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2328 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bart Stupak  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Oversight and  
Investigations  
Committee on Energy & Commerce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2352 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington D.C. 20515

Subject: *Initial Response to May 8 Letter*

Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

This responds to your letter of May 8, 2008 in which you request food safety-related information. H.J. Heinz Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Heinz" or the "Company") manufacture and distribute a wide range of food products globally. I want to assure you that we take the Committee's request seriously and wish to cooperate fully with the Committee in its investigation of the Nation's food supply.

Most of the information you have requested is located at our 24 separate manufacturing plants throughout the country and additional facilities throughout the world. Accordingly, this letter constitutes our initial response, and we are today answering Question # 1 in your letter. We have assembled a Company-wide team, including personnel at all relevant facilities in the U.S. and globally, and will collect the additional information as rapidly as possible. We plan to have a response for domestic facilities for the remainder of the Committee's questions completed by June 12. We appreciate the Committee's patience in this regard.

The information provided below is for products sold or distributed by Heinz in the United States, regardless of where manufactured or sourced. With respect to any acquisitions, we have included information for actions that occurred prior to the time Heinz acquired the affected product but have not included information for divested products or businesses.

***Question # 1:*** *A list of all food recalls and food safety alerts issued by your company. For each recall or safety alert, please provide the date of the recall or alert, the product and brand affected, and the reason for the recall or alert. If the food was affected by microbial or chemical contamination, please identify the contaminant.*

***Response:*** Attached is a list of the five product recalls or food safety alerts conducted by Heinz from January 1, 2000 through May 8, 2008. Three additional recalls are listed which were conducted for products before acquisition of such products by Heinz. The information being provided is to the best of our knowledge and belief, based on our search of company records.

Please let us know if you need additional information or clarification as to the information provided in response to Question #1. As noted, our goal is to provide responses to your other questions for our domestic facilities by June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely yours,

  
William R. Johnson

Enclosure

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

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