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U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: May 8, 2008 Letter regarding Food Safety

Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

This letter is in response to the requests for information set forth in the Committee's letter dated May 8, 2008. For purposes of our response, Land O'Lakes has assumed that the Committee's requests were limited to food for human consumption, that the requests were limited to Land O'Lakes and the subsidiaries that it controls and that Land O'Lakes responses are limited to the January 2000 to present time period specified by the Committee. On the basis of retained records and the recollections of appropriate individuals, Land O'Lakes has the following responses to the Committee's requests for information:

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: Land O'Lakes has issued eight product recalls. Relevant information regarding such recalls is set forth in the Attachment.

2. **For each brand or kind of product, please list all instances when internal microbiological testing was found to be positive for the presence of *E. coli*, *Salmonella*, *Cyclospora cayetanensis*, *Cryptosporidium*, hepatitis A, *Clostridium botulinum* or *Listeria* in excess of the highest limit acceptable to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any State regulatory authority.**

RESPONSE: The Attachment sets forth Land O'Lakes practices relating to microbiological testing.

3. **For each brand or kind of product, please list the instances when internal testing was found to be positive for the presence of a chemical contaminant at levels in excess of the highest limit acceptable to FDA or any State regulatory authority.**

RESPONSE: The Attachment sets forth Land O'Lakes practices relating to microbiological testing.

4. **For products imported into the United States of handling or processing by any facility operated by your firm, please list the instances when internal or outside laboratory testing was positive for the presence of either a chemical or microbiological contaminant in excess of FDA or State regulatory limits.**

RESPONSE: The Attachment sets forth Land O'Lakes practices relating to testing of products imported into the United States for handling or processing by a facility operated by Land O'Lakes.

5. **For each of the above items, please specify whether FDA was notified, and if not, why not.**

RESPONSE: The response to this Request is included in the responses to Request Nos. 1 through 3 above.

6. **Please supply a list of all instances where FDA or any State regulatory authority was denied entrance to any facility, foreign or domestic, or denied access to any records regarding microbiological or chemical testing performed on products processed at the facility. This request encompasses denials of initial requests for entry or any such testing record regardless of whether the plant or its records were to be made available for inspection at a later date.**

RESPONSE: A summary of Land O'Lakes policy and practices relating to governmental inspections and requests for records is set forth in the Attachment.

As a farmer owned cooperative, Land O'Lakes is committed to the principles of food safety and the production and sale of quality food products. This commitment was re-affirmed by our farmer-members at our March 2008 Annual Meeting when they adopted a resolution that included the following statement: "Land O'Lakes is committed to working with federal and state agencies to establish a clear direction for food plants and farms to assure the safety of our food system".

Respectfully,



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