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The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman  
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U.S. House of Representatives  
2125 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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  
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Subject: ***Second Response to May 8, 2008 Letter***

Dear Chairman Dingell and Chairman Stupak:

This letter further responds to your letter of May 8, 2008 in which you request certain safety-related information for food processed and sold by H.J. Heinz Company and its subsidiaries ("Heinz" or the "Company"). We previously submitted, on May 30, 2008, our response to the first question in your letter regarding product recalls and food safety alerts. This second response addresses questions two through six in your May 8 letter concerning product testing and related information.

This response includes information in the possession of our domestic facilities for products manufactured by Heinz in the United States. We will respond with information relating to our international facilities on June 26, 2008, and we appreciate the additional time that you have provided for international data collection. As with our prior letter, with respect to any acquisitions, we have included information for actions that occurred prior to the time Heinz acquired the product or business, where available, but have not included information for divested products or businesses. We have also included information for our meat and poultry products that are regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Heinz manufactures food products at 24 different facilities in the United States and at numerous facilities around the world. To prepare the most accurate response possible, we have assembled a Company-wide team to identify and review the relevant Company records. The enclosed information is based on the results of this process. We have included information from records for the period from January 1, 2000 through May 8, 2008. For laboratory testing results, we have included all test results in our possession, whether conducted by a Heinz laboratory or by an outside laboratory at the request of Heinz.

We have set forth each question in your May 8, 2008 letter followed by our response, to the best of our knowledge based on our search of Company records, with details provided in attachments.

Question #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), [USDA] or any State regulatory authority.*

Question #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, [USDA] or any State regulatory authority.*

Attachment A contains a chart identifying those instances where finished product testing revealed positive microbiological or chemical test results that are in excess of the highest limit acceptable to the FDA, USDA, or any state regulatory authority.

Question #4: *For products imported into the United States for 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, [USDA] or State regulatory limits.*

Attachment B contains information regarding positive microbiological or chemical test results for imported products or ingredients used by domestic Heinz plants that are in excess of the highest limit acceptable to the FDA, USDA, or any state regulatory authority.

Question #5: *For each of the above items, please specify whether FDA [or USDA] was notified, and if not, why not.*

Heinz notified FDA or USDA of each recall that it initiated listed in Attachment 1 to our May 30, 2008 letter. With respect to results of positive laboratory tests for questions two through four, Attachment C provides information concerning notification of USDA or FDA.

Question #6: *Please supply a list of all instances where FDA, [USDA] 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 regarding of whether the plant or its records were to be made available for inspection at a later date.*

Attachment D contains information regarding access provided to FDA or USDA to facilities and testing records.

Please let us know if you need any additional information or clarification of the information provided in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

  
William R. Johnson

Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton  
Ranking Member  
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The Honorable John Shimkus  
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