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The Honorable John D. Dingell
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U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Bart Stupak
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
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Subject: *Third 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 and June 12, 2008, our responses to the questions in your letter concerning product recalls, testing, and related information for our domestic facilities. This third response addresses those questions on behalf of our international facilities selling product to the United States. We appreciate the additional time that you have provided for this response.

As with our prior letters, 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 numerous facilities around the world. The testing records for food products processed at these facilities are maintained at the local manufacturing plants. To prepare the most accurate response possible, we have assembled a Company-wide team to identify and review the relevant company records. The information provided below is based on the results of this process. We have included information from our international facilities for records identified since January 1, 2000. 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 questions one through six in your May 8, 2008 letter followed by our response, to the best of our knowledge based on our search of Company records, relating to our international facilities, with additional details being provided as appropriate in attachments.

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.

Heinz has not conducted any product recalls or food safety alerts during the reporting period for products manufactured at a Heinz international facility and sold in the United States.

*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.

We have included in Attachment A information in response to Question #2 and Question #3 from our international facilities. Several of the Company's international facilities that export products to the United States are canning facilities. For product to be sold in the United States, these facilities follow government regulations for low-acid canned foods, which require certain procedures and testing during the production process to ensure that the products are commercially sterile. Properly processed canned foods, therefore, are free of microbiological organisms that could present a public health or safety issue.

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.*

We have no additional information to report in response to this question from our international facilities, other than what is included in response to Question #2 and Question #3 in Attachment A.

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

We have included information regarding government notification of product testing in Attachment B.

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.*

We have no additional information to report in response to this question from our international facilities. We are not aware of any instance where an FDA, USDA or state regulatory official was denied entrance to one of our international facilities, nor denied access to microbiological or chemical testing records from one of our international facilities.

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

Sincerely yours,


William R. Johnson

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

The Honorable John Shimkus
 Ranking Member
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