

## FDA Food Safety

### Letters

May 8, 2008

Letter to 49 Multinational Food Processors about Contamination

Responses »

May 1, 2008

Letter to the presidents and CEOs of 10 private laboratories regarding to the role of the these labs in ensuring the safety of our Nation's food supply

April 30, 2008

Letter to Malt-O-Meal Company President and CEO Neugent in regard to the recall of its cereal due to the risk of potential Salmonella poisoning

April 30, 2008

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to petitions before the FDA to utilize irradiation technology which could improve the safety of the food supply

April 30, 2008

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the recent outbreak of Salmonella associated with cantaloupe from Honduras

March 12, 2008

Letter to Humane Society President and CEO Pacelle requesting any further information the organization might contribute to the Committee's investigation of food safety issues

Feb. 27, 2008

Letter to HHS Secretary Leavitt in regard to the Agency's refusal to comply with a recently issued subpoena requesting documents

Feb. 21, 2008

Letter to Christopher Ranch in regard to the recent detection of a dangerous pesticide in imported Chinese ginger

Feb. 15, 2008

Letter to GAO Comptroller General Walker requesting information about the Agency's oversight study of the FDA

Feb. 14, 2008

Letter to Office of Management and Budget Director Nussle in regard to findings by the FDA's Science Board as reported in the January 29, 2008 hearing

March 18, 2008 response »

Feb. 11, 2008

Letter to New Era Canning Company in regard to a recent recall of the company's canned bean products due to the potential risk of botulism poisoning

February 26, 2008 response »

Feb. 7, 2008

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach requesting further information regarding findings by the Science Board

Jan. 18, 2008

Letter to Soma Beverage Company, LLC President and CEO Lowe in regard to the recent recall of Metromint bottled water

Dec. 13, 2007

Letter to HHS Secretary Leavitt in regard to the recently signed Memorandum of Agreements between China and the United States

Dec. 21, 2007

Letter to Department of Agriculture Acting Secretary Conner in regard to additional questions for the record from the Nov. 13, 2007 Food Safety hearing

January 16, 2007 response »

Dec. 18, 2007

Letter to Government Accountability Office Comptroller General Walker in regard to the irradiation of food

January 9, 2008 response »

Oct. 30, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to four cases of potential botulism poisoning from Castleberry's Food Company products

January 14, 2008 response »

Oct. 30, 2007

Letter to HHS Secretary Leavitt requesting records related to the decision not to adopt mandatory regulations on the handling of fresh produce

Oct. 4, 2007

Letter to GAO Comptroller General Walker in regard to an investigation into the efficiency of the agencies within the Committee's jurisdiction

Oct. 4, 2007

Letter to Navy General Counsel Jimenez requesting financial disclosure documents

Sept. 13, 2007

Letter to Giant Food, Inc. Chairman and CEO Alvarez in regard to meat that is packaged using in an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

Oct. 11, 2007 response »

Sept. 13, 2007

Letter to Target Corporation Chairman and CEO Ulrich in regard to meat that is packaged using in an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

Oct. 4, 2007 response »

Aug. 24, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to reports of a plan to outsource FDA jobs to private companies

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Aug. 13, 2007

Letter to Robert's American Gourmet Food, Inc. Chair Ehrlich in regard to a recent outbreak of Salmonella in the company's Veggie Booty Snack Food

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July 31, 2007

Letter to The American Spice Trade Association Executive Director Deem in regard to concerns about the FDA contracting out surveillance and food sampling to private laboratories

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July 31, 2007

Letter to Cheese Importers Association of America, Inc. President Lynch in regard to concerns about the FDA contracting out surveillance and food sampling to private laboratories

July 31, 2007

Letter to the National Fisheries Institute President Connelly in regard to concerns about the FDA contracting out surveillance and food sampling to private laboratories

[Aug. 27, 2007 response »](#)

[Aug. 14, 2007 response »](#)

July 31, 2007

Letter to Association of Food Industries, Inc. Chair Harloe in regard to concerns about the FDA contracting out surveillance and food sampling to private laboratories

July 31, 2007

Letter to Cocoa Merchants' Association of America, Inc. Director Day in regard to concerns about the FDA contracting out surveillance and food sampling to private laboratories

Aug. 28, 2007 response »

July 31, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the Agency's proposed reorganization

Sept. 6, 2007 response »

July 27, 2007

Letter to Bumble Bee Foods, LLC President and CEO Lischewski a recall of canned food products and dog food

Aug. 31, 2007 response »

Aug. 17, 2007 response »

July 27, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the use of carbon monoxide in treating meat which gives it the appearance of freshness after its date of expiration

Nov. 8, 2007 response »

Nov. 6, 2007 response »

Sept. 28, 2007 response »

July 16, 2007

Letter to Safeway, Inc. Vice President McGinnis regarding the company's decision to cease sale of carbon monoxide treated meat

July 2, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to FDA inspections of foreign manufacturing facilities in China and India

June 26, 2007

Letter to Tyson Foods, Inc. President and CEO Bond in regard to meat that is packaged using in an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

Aug. 9, 2007 response »

June 26, 2007

Letter to Safeway, Inc. Chairman and CEO Burd in regard to meat that is packaged using in an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

July 16, 2007 response »

June 26, 2007

Letter to Pactiv Corporation Chairman and CEO Wambold in regard to meat that is packaged using in an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

July 24, 2007 response »

June 26, 2007

Letter to Hormel Foods Corporation and Cargill, Inc. in regard to the sale of meat that is packaged using an atmosphere containing carbon monoxide

Aug. 10, 2007 response »

June 21, 2007

Letter to Menu Foods Income Fund CEO Henderson in regard to additional questions for the record from the April 24, 2007 FDA Food Safety hearing

[July 6, 2007 response »](#)

June 21, 2007

Letter to GAO Acting Director Shames in regard to additional questions for the record from the April 24, 2007 FDA Food Safety hearing

[July 6, 2007 response »](#)

June 20, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the proposed closure of FDA laboratories

[Aug. 29, 2007 response »](#)

June 14, 2007

Letter to GAO Comptroller General Walker in regard to the contamination of pet-food containing the Chinese-imported "wheat-gluten"

June 6, 2007

Letter to Agriculture Under Secretary for Food Safety requesting more information regarding the safety of food imports from China

[October 9, 2007 response »](#)

June 5, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the increase of food imports from China and the safety of the

imported products

[July 9, 2007 response »](#)

March 30, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach in regard to the deaths of thousands of dogs and cats as a result of consuming contaminated pet food

[Aug. 7, 2007 response »](#)

[June 7, 2007 response »](#)

May 25, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach requesting FDA documents pertaining to the investigation of the safety of food imported from China

[Feb. 25, 2008 response »](#)

[Nov. 2, 2007 response »](#)

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[June 27, 2007 response »](#)

May 10, 2007

Letter to U.S. Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Basham in regard to the importation of wheat gluten, soy gluten, rice gluten, rice protein and soy protein

March 6, 2007

Letter to ConAgra Foods, Inc. CEO Rodkin in regard to the outbreak of salmonella in peanut butter produced by the company

[April 23, 2007 response »](#)

Feb. 21, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach requesting all information pertaining to outbreaks of salmonella in peanut

butter and cantaloupes as well as botulism in baby food

Feb. 15, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach regarding the Agency's efforts pertaining to E. Coli found in vegetables

April 20, 2007 response »

Jan. 29, 2007

Letter to FDA Commissioner von Eschenbach regarding the outbreaks of produce-related, food-borne illnesses

May 8, 2007 response »

April 18, 2007 response »

## News Releases

"Dingell, Stupak ask Multinational Food Processors about Contamination" -- May 8, 2008

"Energy and Commerce Committee Subpoenas Hallmark/Westland Chief" -- March 5, 2008

"How Much Will it Cost to Adequately Fund FDA's Core Programs? Energy & Commerce Leaders Release Recommendations of Former Members and Advisors to FDA's Science Advisory Board" -- February 26, 2007

read the letter to Committee Chairmen »

read the FDA's Science Board Report »

"Dingell Blasts Bush's Health Care Cuts" -- February 4, 2008

"Key Lawmakers Seek Probe into Bottled Water, Drinking Water Issues" -- January 31, 2008

"Dingell, Stupak Comment on FDA Plan for Overseas Inspections" -- January 25, 2008

"FCC Chairman Martin Responds to Letter from Chairman Dingell on Commission Procedures" -- December 11, 2007

"Dingell Responds to Bush Administration Import Safety Proposal; Working Group Recommends Agency Expansions, Fails to Mention Funding" -- November 6, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Assert that FDA Letter to Sanofi-Aventis Vindicates Whistleblowers; 'Warning Letter' Shows FDA Knew Ketek Safety Study Was Compromised" -- October 25, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Praise Giant, Stop & Shop for Ceasing Sale of Meat Treated with Carbon Monoxide" -- October 16, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Release Report on Safety of Food Imported from China; Announce Series of Hearings" -- October 5, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Praise Tyson Foods for Ceasing Sale of Meat Treated with Carbon Monoxide" -- August 13, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Praise Safeway, Inc. for Ceasing Sale of Meat Treated with Carbon Monoxide" -- July 25, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Commend Increase of FDA Chinese Seafood Inspection, Demand Greater FDA Accountability in Protecting American Food Supply" -- June 29, 2007

"Dingell, Stupak Open Investigation into Safety of Meat Treated with Carbon Monoxide; Demand Answers from Safeway, Meat Packers" -- June 26, 2007

"Contamination of Chinese Wheat Gluten Widespread Dingell, Stupak Dispatch Investigators to West Coast Ports" --  
April 30, 2007

Hearing Materials

Feb. 26, 2008

Contaminated Food: Private Sector Accountability  
(Witness List & Testimony)

Jan. 29, 2008

Science and Mission at Risk: FDA's Self-Assessment  
(Witness List & Testimony)

Nov. 13, 2007

Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of Our Nation's Food Supply? &ndash; Part 4  
&ndash; Deception in Labeling

(Witness List & Testimony)

Oct. 11, 2007

Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of Our Nation's Food Supply? &ndash; Part 3

(Witness List & Testimony)

July 17, 2007

Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of Our Nation's Food Supply? - Part 2

(Witness List & Testimony)

April 24, 2007

Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?

(Witness List & Testimony)

May 24, 2007 ConAgra response »

May 11, 2007 ConAgra response »

May 3, 2007 Aero Environmental response »

## Statements

Feb. 26, 2008 - Chairman Stupak at the Hearing entitled, "Contaminated Food: Private Sector Accountability"

Jan. 29, 2008

- Chairman Stupak at the Hearing entitled, "Science and Mission at Risk: FDA's Self-Assessment"

Oct. 11, 2007

- Chairman

Stupak at the Hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply? - Part III"

July 17, 2007

- Chairman

Stupak at the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply? - Part 2"

April 24, 2007

-Chairman

Stupak at the hearing entitled "Diminished Capacity: Can the FDA Assure the Safety and Security of the Nation's Food Supply?"

## Other Documents

- Food Recall Lists

- Cheap Meat Humane Society Video of Slaughterhouse Conditions

- The Science Board Report (Appendix A and Appendix L)
- Action Plan for Import Safety
- HHS/FDA Food Protection Plan - November 2007
- "2007: The Year of the Food and Product Recall" -- Consumers Union Report
- Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations Staff Trip Report entitled, "Food from China: Can We Import Safely?" -- October 4, 2007
- American Society for Quality Statement -- August 2007
- "U.S. Food Safety Strained by Imports" -- April 23, 2007 Associated Press Article
- FDA Letter to California Firms that Grow, Pack, Process or Ship Fresh-Cut Lettuce -- Nov. 4, 2005
- ORA Laboratory Support for the CFSAN's Radiological Programs

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