



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
Rockville MD 20857

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The Honorable John D. Dingell, Jr.
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6115

Dear Mr. Chairman:


This is in further response to your request for information and documents from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) relating to the foodborne illness outbreak associated with *Salmonella* in peanut butter.

Please be advised that these documents contain trade secret, commercial confidential, or other information protected from public disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (Title 5, United States Code [U.S.C.] section 552), the Trade Secrets Act (Title 18, U.S.C. section 1905), and/or FDA regulations. The Committee should not publish or otherwise make public such information. We would be glad to discuss with the Committee staff the protected status of any specific information. We have made just a few redactions to protect personal privacy and passwords for conference calls.

We have provided copies of correspondence, meeting notes, and electronic communications between Con Agra and FDA since February 13, 2007, related to the outbreak in peanut butter. In Tab A, we have provided responsive documents from FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition. In Tab B, we have provided responsive documents from FDA's Office of Public Affairs. In Tab C, we have provided responsive documents from FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs.

Thank you again for your request. If you have further questions or concerns, please let us know.

Sincerely,


Stephen R. Mason
Acting Assistant Commissioner
for Legislation

Enclosures