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AFF and Japan's Earthquake/Tsunami March 11, 2011

Based on current information, there is no radiation or other risk to the U.S. food supply as a result of the unfortunate events in Japan on March 11, 2011. We are aware that the FDA is closely monitoring the situation and is working with the Japanese government and other U.S. agencies to continue to ensure that imported food remains safe. The FDA has a very robust screening process for imports and has staff in place at the ports to monitor incoming products.

With that said, we do not have concerns about the safety of imported food products that were received by AFF prior to March 11, 2011 and/or those that were obtained from an area not directly affected by the earthquake and tsunami. Currently AFF does not have any products sourced from the affected area(s). If the FDA determines that there is a potential health risk associated with food products imported from other areas, we will take steps to ensure that the products we produce remain safe for human consumption.

Also, aside from FDA updates, we compile data from other sources and receive bulletins about radiation or other risks from industry organizations to which we belong. If the industry recommends further action or if we determine that it's necessary based on our own research, we may develop a monitoring strategy that would include increased and targeted product sampling from our suppliers in the area(s) affected. As always, our effort to produce safe, quality products is ongoing.

If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Frequently Asked Questions About American Fruits and Flavors (AFF) Products and Radiation

- 1. Question: Are any of the ingredients, raw materials or packaging materials that are supplied to AFF's customers sourced from Japan?**

AFF ingredients, raw materials and/or packaging materials are not sourced from Japan.

- 2. Question: Do any of the ingredients, raw materials or packaging materials that are supplied to AFF travel through Japan?**

AFF reasonably believes that the ingredients, raw materials and/or packaging materials it purchases do not travel through Japan.

- 3. Question: Are you sole sourced on any ingredients, raw materials or packaging materials from Japan? If so, what is your plan to ensure the product is safe or for finding alternate suppliers?**

As mentioned, we do not source any ingredients, raw materials or packaging materials from Japan. With that said, we do not foresee an impact on the raw materials we do use to create products for our customers. However, many external factors, aside from the earthquake and tsunami, may contribute to the availability of the resources we do utilize. We will continue to do our best to plan for changes in the market and notify our customers where necessary.

- 4. How are AFF sourced materials for customer products being monitored for radiation impact?**

At this time, AFF has determined that it is not necessary to test raw materials for radiation. According to the FDA's most recent update titled *Radiation*, "the FDA's screening at U.S. borders will remain vigilant and will be augmented with radiation screening of shipments." Please see the following link for more information: <http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/PublicHealthFocus/ucm247403.htm>

As we explain in our general statement, we receive the most current information on the topic from industry organizations to which we belong. As a result, we may change our raw material receiving procedure in the future, in order to continue providing safe, quality food.



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5. **Question: Any other important information to include?**

Considering that we do not purchase ingredients, raw materials and/or packaging materials from Japan, we believe that the products we produced before and after the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami are safe for human consumption.

6. **Question: Potassium Iodide usage and availability: Do you source Potassium Iodide? What is the status of your source of supply?**

Potassium Iodide is not currently used in products manufactured by AFF.