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Resumption of Operations at the Tokyo Plant

Itoham Foods Inc. has put systems into place to validate safety and embed a system of management controls at its Tokyo Plant, where shipments are currently halted and trial operations have been under inspection since December 8, 2008. These measures are in line with advice from regulatory agencies and the recommendations of the report filed by the Investigative Committee, a body comprised of observers from outside the Company. Now that the confirmation of systems at the Tokyo Plant by regulatory agencies has been completed, commercial operations are set to resume at the plant on January 20, 2009.

Itoham would like to offer its sincerest apologies for the tremendous inconvenience that this incident has caused for all of those affected by it. Going forward, the Company will make every effort to regain public trust by taking resolute action in the areas advised by the Investigative Committee.

[Process Leading to Resumption of Operations]

October 29, 2008

Operations halted at the Tokyo Plant

November 4

First meeting of Investigative Committee

November 11

Second meeting of Investigative Committee

November 18
Third meeting of Investigative Committee

November 27
Fourth meeting of Investigative Committee

December 5
Fifth meeting of Investigative Committee
Announcement of “Results of Inspection of Water Quality in Dedicated Water Mains for Tokyo Plant of Itoham Foods Inc.”

December 8
Commencement of trial operations to validate safety and embed a system of management controls

December 19
Tap water mains opened

December 25
Sixth meeting of Investigative Committee
Announcement of Committee report

December 26
Use of tap water begun (passed water sample inspection)

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Plant’s meat products passed qualifying inspection performed by Kashiwa Public Health Center; no cyanogens detected

January 20
Resumption of operations