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PRESS INFORMATION

Dole España and Portugal now ISO 22000-certified

Paris – February 16 2010 - Dole Europe today announced that both Dole Food España and Dole Food SASU -the Portuguese branch of Dole Food España- received the ISO 22000 certification. The certification involves the trading, ripening, repacking and distribution of fruit and vegetables, and its scope includes the five distribution centres Dole operates in Spain, and the one in Portugal.

ISO 22000:2005 certification is an internationally recognized standard, which specifies and defines the requirements for an effective food safety management system. It demonstrates the commitment of the company to food safety and customer satisfaction.

The standard combines generally recognised key elements to ensure food safety along the entire food chain including interactive communication, system management, good manufacturing practices, control of food safety hazards through pre-requisite programmes and HACCP plans, as well as continuous improvement and updating of the management system.

“Achieving this certification is a result of Dole’s ongoing investment in employees’ training and improvement to offer products of a consistently high quality”, says Félix Montals, General Manager of Dole Food España and Portugal.

About Dole España and Portugal: *Dole Food España was created in 1994 after Dole expanded into Spain by purchasing well-positioned fresh fruit distribution companies and merging them into a single operating company. Today the company employs 111 people. In 2005, a Portuguese branch was created in order to offer Dole’s products and services to the whole Iberian Peninsula. More information at www.dolefood.es and www.dole.pt*

About Dole Europe: *Dole Europe is one of the largest marketers of fresh produce on the continent, where it has been operating since 1992. It imports a wide range of fresh fruit and vegetables from both Dole Food Company’s own farms and independent growers situated all over the world. Dole Europe also provides retailers with innovative solutions in terms of services and products. The company focuses on four core values: competence, responsibility, integrity and enthusiasm. Its network stretches from Scandinavia to South Africa, from Portugal to Russia, and includes 1,550 employees, working at 40 locations. More information at www.dole.eu*

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