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To Whom It May Concern:

Request for discontinuation of use of Red Yeast Rice related products and
notice of voluntary recall

KOBAYASHI Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Head office: Osaka, Japan; President: Akihiro Kobayashi) has received a report that kidney problems have occurred in those who consumed "Beni-koji Choleste-Help", a foods with functional claims marketed by us. In response, we conducted an ingredient analysis of this product and the Red Yeast Rice ingredients used in it (manufactured by us) where we found that some of the Red Yeast Rice ingredients may contain components that we did not anticipate.

At this point in time, we have not been able to identify the exact ingredient nor have we been able to clearly identify the causal relationship between this product and experiencing kidney problems. However, as a precautionary measure to prevent the spread of health hazards to our customers, we have decided to voluntarily recall the Red Yeast Rice related products listed below as Subject Products.

We deeply apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to our customers and other concerned parties. We consider this to be a serious matter and will continue to investigate.

<Request to our Customers>

For customers who have any of the Subject Products listed, we ask that you please discontinue the use of the product and refrain from consuming it in the future.

<Subject Products>

Product Name	Beni-koji Choleste-Help (45 tablets) *Exclusive for KOBAYASHI mail order	Beni-koji Choleste-Help (90 tablets) *Exclusive for KOBAYASHI mail order	Beni-koji Choleste-Help (60 tablets)
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Barcode	4987072086421	4987072086414	4987072059708

Product Name	Naishi-Help + Cholesterol
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Barcode	4987072088739

Product Name	Nattou-Kinaze SaraSara tablet GOLD
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Barcode	4987072091807

Red Yeast Rice ingredients sold to B-to-B customers (distributor: Kobayashi Pharmaceutical Value Support Co., Ltd.) are also subject to this voluntary recall, and the distributor is contacting suppliers to address the voluntary recall on an individual basis.