

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
March 9, 2012**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Dole Food Company, Inc.  
File No. 001-04455 - CF#27662**

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Dole Food Company, Inc. submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 8-K filed on November 18, 2011 and amended on February 24, 2012.

Based on representations by Dole Food Company, Inc. that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1	through April 15, 2014
Exhibit 10.2	through April 15, 2014
Exhibit 99.1	through July 8, 2018
Exhibit 99.2	through July 8, 2016
Exhibit 99.3	through July 8, 2018
Exhibit 99.4	through July 8, 2016

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

John Reynolds  
Assistant Director