

SMITHFIELD FOODS INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
FRIBOURG PAUL J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SMITHFIELD FOODS INC [SFD]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O 200 COMMERCE STREET
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
10/08/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

SMITHFIELD, VA 23430

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
common stock, par value \$.50	10/08/2008		P	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 12.37 (1) (2)	50,200 (4)	I	see footnote below (4)
common stock, par value \$.50	10/08/2008		P	V Amount (A) or (D) Price \$ 13.11 (1) (3)	73,300 (4)	I	see footnote below (4)
common stock, par value \$.50					10,356,585 (5)	I	see below footnote (5)
common stock, par value \$.50					78,556	D	

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- (5) The shares listed as indirectly owned on this line are shares owned directly by CGC. The Reporting Person may be deemed to share voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock owned directly by CGC by virtue of being the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of CGC. In addition, the Reporting Person is one of the co-trustees and in one case, a beneficiary, of various trusts established for the benefit of certain members of the Reporting Person's family that collectively control a majority interest in CGC. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership with respect to all of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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