

DOLE FOOD CO INC
Form 8-K
December 24, 2008

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C.**

**FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
Date of Report: December 24, 2008
DOLE FOOD COMPANY, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

Delaware

1-4455

99-0035300

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**One Dole Drive
Westlake Village, California 91362**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices and Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(818) 879-6600**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425).
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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On December 24, 2008, Dole filed an application with the Court of First Instance of the European Communities requesting it to annul the European Commission Decision of October 15, 2008 finding that Dole infringed Article 81 of the EC Treaty and imposing a fine on Dole of 45.6 million.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

December 24, 2008

Dole Food Company, Inc.

Registrant

By: /s/ C. Michael Carter
 C. Michael Carter
 *Executive Vice President, General
 Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

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