

**Shionogi Files Patent Infringement Actions against
a Bulk Powder Import Company and Files Suspension of Import
with Customs for Flomox[®] (Oral cephem antibiotic agent)**

Osaka, February 19, 2009 -- Shionogi & Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Osaka; President: Isao Teshirogi) today announced the filing of patent infringement actions and provisional disposition order in Osaka District Court against ITOCHU CHEMICAL FRONTIER Corporation (Head Office: Minato-ku, Tokyo, "ITOCHU CHEMICAL") for the crystal patent of Flomox[®] (Oral cephem antibiotic agent) on February 19. The Company also filed suspension of import of its bulk powder by ITOCHU CHEMICAL and other import companies with the chief inspector of Osaka Customs.

Flomox[®] was originally created by Shionogi and launched as Flomox[®] 75mg Tablet, Flomox[®] 100mg Tablet and Flomox[®] Fine Granules 100mg for children in June 1997, after the marketing and manufacturing approval in April 1997. Each product has the indications in various infectious diseases including adenoiditis, laryngitis and cystitis.

The expiration date of crystal patent of Flomox[®] (Patent number: 2960790) is March 25, 2011, though the substance patent expired on October 23, 2008.

The Company sees intellectual property including its crystal patent above-described as very important management resources and intends to take legal responses at new infringements or at the risk of infringements of intellectual property in the future.

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