

**HENRY SCHEIN, INC.**  
**135 Duryea Road**  
**Melville, New York 11747**

April 7, 2011

**VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

John Reynolds  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
Division of Corporation Finance  
100 F Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20549-1004

Re: Henry Schein, Inc.  
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 25, 2010  
Filed February 22, 2011  
File No. 000-27078

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Reference is made to the comments of the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission with respect to the Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 25, 2010 of Henry Schein, Inc. (the "Company") in your letter dated April 5, 2011 (the "Comment Letter").

By virtue of this letter, the Company hereby requests an extension to May 3, 2011 to respond to the Comment Letter.

Please contact me at (631) 843-5993 should you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

HENRY SCHEIN, INC.

By: /s/ Michael S. Ettinger

Name: Michael S. Ettinger

Title: SVP & General Counsel