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# **ASSIGNMENT**

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Austin, MN, does hereby, effective August 30, 1998:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to Hormel Foods, LLC, a Minnesota corporation (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at Austin, MN, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the United States Letters Patent and in the applications for United States Letters Patent listed on Attachment "A" hereto, such applications and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States on any of such improvements; and all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States on such improvements.

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned, and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: August 28, 1998

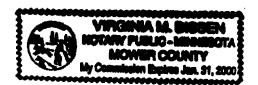
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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 28, 1998, by Don J. Hodapp, Executive Vice President of Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, on behalf of said Company.

Vigina M. Bissen Notary Public





# **ATTACHMENT "A"**

#### **PATENTS**

# CHEMICAL TREATMENT & PACKAGING PROCESS TO IMPROVE APPEARANCE & SHELF LIFE OF FRESH PORK

U.S. Patent No. 5,780,085 Issued: July 14, 1998 Expires: October 4, 2016

# CONTAINER FOR ACTIVE MICROWAVE HEATING

U.S. Patent No. 5,593,610 Issued: January 14, 1997 Expires: August 4, 2015

# LOIN SEPARATION APPARATUS & METHOD OF OPERATION

THEREFOR

U.S. Patent No. 5,580,306 issued: December 3, 1996 Expires: February 2, 2016

# LOIN SEPARATION APPARATUS & METHOD OF OPERATION

THEREFOR

U.S. Patent No. 5, 514,032

Issued: May 7, 1996

Expires: February 17, 2015

#### LOW FAT MEAT PROCESS

U.S. Patent No. 5,474,790 Issued: December 12, 1995

Expires: May 6, 2014

# FOOD CONTAINER

U.S. Patent No. D 366,828 Issued: February 6, 1996 Expires: February 6, 2010

# COMBINED BOTTLE AND BOWL PACKAGE

U.S. Patent No. D 364,341 Issued: November 21, 1995 Expires: November 21, 2009

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# SEALING THERMOPLASTIC MEMBER DEVOID OF CONDUCTIVE

MATERIAL

U.S. Patent No. 5,191,181 Issued: March 2, 1993 Expires: March 2, 2010

#### VACUUM CHILLING FOR PROCESSING MEAT

U.S. Patent No. 4,942,053

Issued: July 17, 1990 Expires: July 17, 2007

#### MICROWAVEABLE FOOD PACKAGE

U.S. Patent No. Des. 311,488 Issued: October 23, 1990 Expires: October 23, 2004

#### CONTAINER

U.S. Patent No. 307,716 Issued: May 8, 1990 Expires: May 8, 2004

# APPARATUS & METHOD FOR STRIPPING CASING FROM SAUSAGES

U.S. Patent No. 4,682,387 Issued: July 28, 1987 Expires: July 28, 2004

# PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR CUTTING HOG CARCASSES

U.S. Patent No. 4,662,029

Issued: May 5, 1987 Expires: May 5, 2004

#### CARCASS SPLITTING APPARATUS

U.S. Patent No. 4,653,150 Issued: March 31, 1987 Expires: March 31, 2004

#### **DECLIPPER APPARATUS**

U.S. Patent No. 4,592,112

Issued: June 3, 1986 Expires: June 3, 2003

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### SHOULDER SKINNING DEVICE

U.S. Patent No. 4,433,453 Issued: February 28, 1984 Expires: February 28, 2001

# MID-SECTION SKINNING APPARATUS

U.S. Patent No. 4, 417,367 Issued: November 29, 1983 Expires: November 29, 2000

# METHOD & APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SKIN FROM ANIMAL

CARCASSES

U.S. Patent No. 4,351,088 Issued: September 28, 1982 Expires: September 28, 1999

#### HAM SKINNING APPARATUS

U.S. Patent No. 4,327,633

Issued: May 4, 1982 Expires: May 4, 1999

# HIND LEG SKINNER

U.S. Patent No. 4,322,873

Issued: April 6, 1982 Expires: April 6, 1999

#### PALLET STORAGE RACK ATTACHMENT

U.S. Patent No. 4,291,812 Issued: September 29, 1981 Expires: September 29, 1998

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# PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

Patent Application		
Serial No.:	<u>Title</u> :	Filing Date:
09/114, 867	Packaging System to Improve the Appearance & Shelf Life of Fresh Pork (CIP extending to other animal proteins)	July 13, 1998
09/087,316	Method of Making Partially Split Slices of Bacon	May 29, 1998
09/072,947	Method of Reducing Leakage and Contamination During Processing Meat and Poultry	May 5, 1998
09/062,153	Packaging System to Improve the Appearance & Shelf Life of Fresh Pork (CIP for lactate & diacetate)	April 17, 1998
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08/866,519	Application of Spices to Food Items	May 30, 1997
08/839,234	Press Rack	April 24, 1997
08/730,927	Collagen or Gelatin Crumb Composition	October 18, 1996
09/062,265	Packaging System to Improve the Appearance & Shelf Life of Fresh Pork (CIP for other than display purposes)	April 17, 1998

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