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City: Austin State: MN ZIP: 55912

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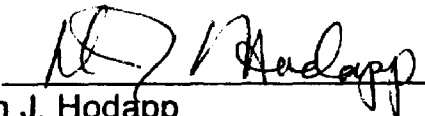
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HORMEL FOODS CORPORATION

Signature:   
Name: Don J. Hodapp  
Title: Executive Vice President

Date: August 28, 1998

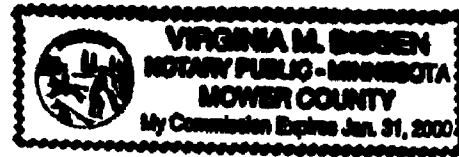
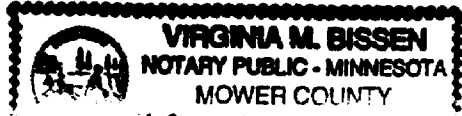
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 28, 1998, by Don J. Hodapp, Executive Vice President of Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, on behalf of said Company.

Virginia 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

**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

**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**

# PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

Patent Application Serial No.:	Title:	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
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