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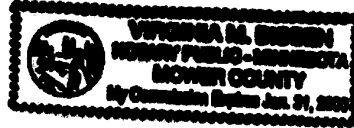
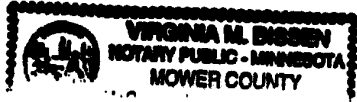
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**ATTACHMENT "A"**

**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**

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**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**

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**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  
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PENDING U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

<b>Patent Application Serial No.:</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Filing Date:</b>
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