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<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies):  <b>Pie-yi Wang, James Costelloe,          Gary L. Moore and Christopher P. Salm</b></p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached: No</p> <p><i>08/16/01</i></p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):          Name: <b>ConAgra Refrigerated Prepared Foods</b>          Street Address:  <b>2001 Butterfield Road          Downers Grove, Illinois 60515-1049</b></p> <p>Additional name(s) &amp; address(es) attached? No</p>
<p>3. Name of conveyance:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment      <input type="checkbox"/> Merger  <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement      <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name  <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p>Execution Date: <b>August 7, 2001; August 14, 2001;          August 6, 2001; and August 6, 2001</b></p>	<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): <i>09/931364</i></p> <p>If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: August 7, 2001; August 14, 2001; August 6, 2001; and August 6, 2001.</p> <p>A. Patent Application No.(s)</p> <p>B. Patent No.(s)</p> <p>Additional numbers attached? No</p>
<p>5. Please return the recorded document and address all correspondence to:</p> <p><b>CHRISTIE, PARKER &amp; HALE, LLP</b>          P.O. Box 7068          Pasadena, CA 91109-7068</p> <p>Attention: <b>Kathleen M. Olster</b></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved..... <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">1</span></p> <p>7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Total fee enclosed (37 CFR 3.41):      \$ 40.00</p> <p>8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any deficiency or overpayment of fees should be charged or credited to <b>Deposit Account No. 03-1728</b>, except for payment of issue fees required under 37 CFR § 1.18. Please show our docket number with any credit or charge to our Deposit Account.</p>
<p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> Explanatory letter is enclosed.</p>	<p>9. Statement and signature.          To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</p> <p>Date: August 16, 2001</p> <p>By <i>Kathleen M. Olster</i></p> <p>Name: <b>Kathleen M. Olster</b>          626/795-9900</p> <p><b>Express Mail No. <i>EL 117376381US</i></b></p> <p>08/29/2001 TDI/1 00000012 09931364          01 FC:581 40.00 OP</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7</span></p>

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Pie-yi Wang, James Costelloe, Gary L. Moore, and Christopher P. Salm, residing at 1967 Richton Drive, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; 4120 Schillinger Drive, Naperville, Illinois 60564; 1502 West Wright Drive, Sandwich, Illinois 60548; and 195 West Elm Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187; respectively, have invented a new and useful invention entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING SAUSAGE for which an application for United States Letters Patent is being filed concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, Assignors believe themselves to be the original, first and sole inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in the application for Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, ConAgra Refrigerated Prepared Foods, an Illinois corporation, having a place of business at 2001 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, Illinois, 60515-1049, Assignee, desires to acquire by formal, recordable assignment the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors hereby sells, assigns and transfers to Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent that might be granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of Assignee and to claim for any such foreign applications any priority rights to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties or otherwise.

Further, Assignors agree that, upon request and without further compensation, but at no expense to Assignors, they and their legal representatives and assigns will perform all lawful acts, including the execution of papers and the giving of testimony, that might be necessary or desirable for obtaining, sustaining, reissuing or enforcing Letters Patent in the United States and throughout the world for the invention, and for perfecting, recording or maintaining the title of Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the invention, the application, and any Letters Patent granted for the invention in the United States and throughout the world.

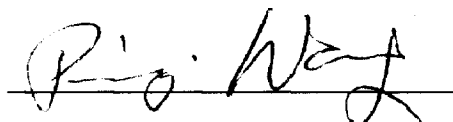
Assignors represent and warrant that they have not granted and will not grant to others any rights inconsistent with the rights granted by this Assignment.

Assignors authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and of all foreign countries to issue any Letters Patent granted for the invention, whether on the application or on any subsequently filed division, continuation, continuation-in-part of reissue application, to Assignee, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire interest in the invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignors have executed this Assignment.

Assignors:

Date: 8/7/01



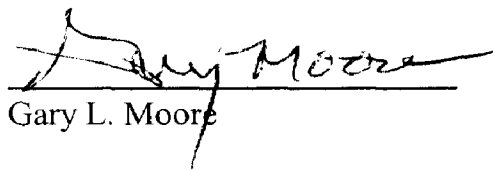
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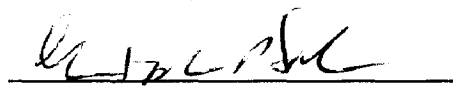
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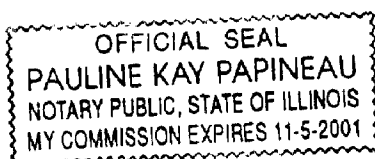


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On August 7, 2001, before me, Pauline K. Papineau, personally appeared Pie-Yi Wang, personally known to me -OR- proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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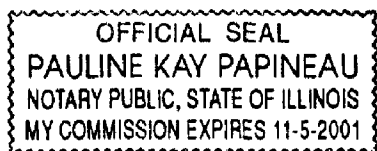


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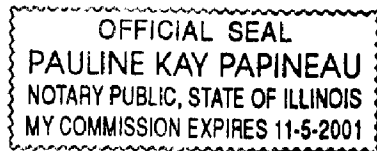


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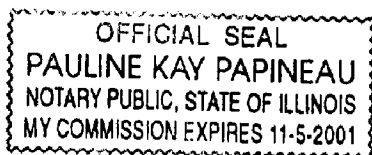


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