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Method for producing tagatose crystals,

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VENTORS SIGNED
DECLARATION:

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on 17 January 2003

(Application No. 10/344,151, filed February 10, 2003), and

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WHEREAS, Nihon Shokuhin Kako Co., Ltd.

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