
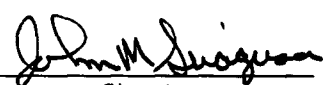


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WHEREAS, I, **MIGNONE GIUSEPPE** (deceased), (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), by: **MIGNONE ADRIANA** (Legal Rep.) residing at Frazione San Matteo Fondo N. 38 I-14010 Cisterna d' Asti (AT), Italian citizenship ITALY, have invented new and useful improvements in:

"ELASTIC BAND FOR TYING CHICKENS AND LIKE ANIMALS TO BE COOKED"

which is set forth in patent application number filed on
Attorney Docket No. 67042-003; claiming priority to PCT Application No. PCT/EP02/01651
filed on February 8, 2002.

AND WHEREAS, **FRA PRODUCTION SPA** (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of Frazione San Matteo Fondo N. 38 I-14010 Cisterna d' Asti (AT) ITALY is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assigns, sells and sets over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file and prosecute foreign patent applications corresponding to said application in foreign patent offices, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignor on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignor had this Assignment and sale not been made.

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3rd February 2004

Date



Giuseppe MIGNONE (deceased) by:
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