

**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

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ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. PATENT

WHEREAS, Hormel Foods, LLC, a Minnesota limited liability company, having an office and place of business at 1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota, is the owner of all rights and goodwill associated with respect to the following patent:

Patent	Patent No.	Issue Date
METHOD FOR VACUUM TREATMENT OF MEAT CONTAINING SODIUM BICARBONATE TO REDUCE THE APPEARANCE OF HOLES IN SUBSEQUENTLY COOKED MEAT	7,060,309	June 13, 2006

WHEREAS, Hormel Foods Corporation, a Delaware corporation, having an office and place of business at 1 Hormel Place, Austin, Minnesota, is desirous of acquiring any and all rights which Hormel Foods, LLC has in said patent and said registration, and all right thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound, Hormel Foods, LLC does hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto Hormel Foods Corporation and it successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and its registration, together with the goodwill of the business connected with the use of the patent; and Hormel Foods, LLC agrees that it shall render all reasonable assistance to Hormel Foods Corporation to maintain, preserve, or protect the patent and registration thereof, and to perfect the record title of Hormel Foods Corporation in and to said patent and the registration thereof.

EXECUTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

HORMEL FOODS, LLC

By: [Signature]

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF MOWER )

Subscribed and sworn to me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2007.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

