

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST)
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This document relates to:) **Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)**
Cargill, Inc. et al. v. F. Hoffman-LaRoche)
Ltd, et al. Civil Action No. 99-5167)
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ORDER

Pending before the Court is Defendants' request for clarification in light of Cargill Plaintiffs' Motion for leave to file a second amended complaint. It is hereby

ORDERED that, with regard to the Cargill action¹, the March 16, 2000 hearing will cover the issue of personal jurisdiction of the foreign defendants. Arguments will be heard on all issues relating to personal jurisdiction of these defendants; this may include the issue of national versus local contacts under the Clayton Act, the Illinois long-arm statute, Rule 4(k)(2), and any other potential bases for establishing jurisdiction over the foreign defendants in this action.

March _____, 2000

Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge

¹ The Court will also hear argument on two issues raised by Degussa-Huls Corporation's Motion to Dismiss in the niacin class action: (1) the standing of brokers to sue in this action, and (2) the adequacy of the pleadings with regard to "substitute products."