

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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In re: Vitamins Antitrust Litigation)

This Document Relates to:)

Blue Seal Feeds, Inc., et al. v. Akzo Nobel Inc., et)
al., Case No. 99-2683,)

and)

ALL CLASS ACTIONS)
_____)

Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

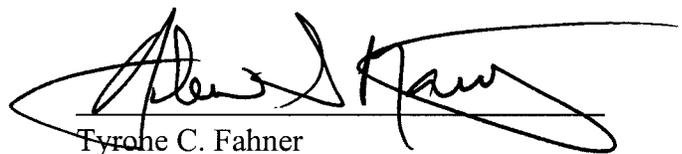
MDL No. 1285

**STIPULATION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR SETTling
DEFENDANTS TO RESPOND TO PLAINTIFF VITAQUEST'S MOTION
FOR CONFIRMATION OF OPT-OUT STATUS**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between counsel for the undersigned, that whereas the parties are currently making progress toward resolving the issues presented by Plaintiff's Motion to Confirm Opt-Out Status of Vitaquest International, Inc. (the "Motion) without judicial intervention, the time in which the settling defendants shall have to respond to the Motion is extended up to and including December 29, 2000.

Dated: December 15, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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SO ORDERED:



THOMAS F. HOGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: 12/20/00