IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE: VITAMIN ANTITRUST LITIGATION :

This document relates to: :

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

Marshall Durbin Farm, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2785 (TFH), :

Tyson Food, Inc., et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2681 (TFH), :

Southern States, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2685 (TFH), :

Cactus Operating, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2684 (TFH), :

Countrymark Coop., Inc. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-234 (TFH), :

Hormel Foods Corp., et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-1780 (TFH), and :

Quaker Oats, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-1972 (TFH). :

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STIPULATED ORDER CONCERNING ANSWERS TO COMPLAINTS

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between plaintiffs in each of the above captioned cases and defendants BASF AG, Eisai Co., Ltd., F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., Lonza Inc., and Lonza AG as follows:

1. Any defendant joining in this stipulation may, at each defendant's option, file an answer or other response in each of the following cases that incorporates that

defendant's answer or other responses in Blue Seal Feeds, Inc. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc., et al., C.A. No. 99-CV-99-3226 ("Blue Seal Feeds"):

(1) Marshall Durbin Farm, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2785 (TFH)

(2) Tyson Food, Inc., et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2681 (TFH)

(3) Southern States, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2685 (TFH)

(4) Cactus Operating, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-2684 (TFH)

(5) Countrymark Cooperative, Inc. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-234 (TFH)

(6) Hormel Foods Corp., et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-1780 (TFH)

(7) Quaker Oats, et al. v. Akzo Nobel, Inc. et al., Case No. 99-CV-1972 (TFH)

2. This Stipulation and Order is not intended to waive and does not waive any rights of plaintiffs or defendants, or any defense that the defendants may have, including, without limitation, the defense of insufficiency of process or lack of personal jurisdiction.

Dated: March 19, 2001

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SO ORDERED:

THOMAS F. HOGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DATED: March 20, 2001