

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Hormel Foods Corporation, et al. v. BASF A.G., et)
al., Civil Action No. 99-CV-1780 (MN))
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Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)

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**STIPULATION CONCERNING RESPONSES
TO HORMEL FOODS PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, that the time in which each defendant joining in this stipulation shall have to answer, move against, or otherwise respond to the Third Amended Complaint in the above-captioned matter shall be extended up to and including May 1, 2001.

All defenses, including specifically the defenses of lack of jurisdiction and insufficiency of service of process, are preserved.

Dated: April 12, 2001

Respectfully submitted,



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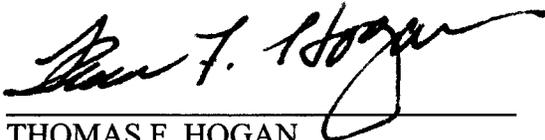
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SO ORDERED:



THOMAS F. HOGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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