

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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IN RE: VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION)
This Document Relates to:) Misc. No. 99-197 (TFH)
Hormel Foods Corporation, et al. v. BASF A.G., et) MDL No. 1285
al., Civil Action No. 99-CV-1780 (MN))

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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

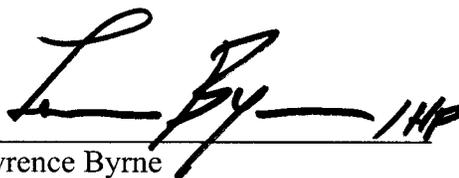
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SO ORDERED:



THOMAS F. HOGAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

May 10, 2001

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that on the 12th day of April 2001, he caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing STIPULATION CONCERNING RESPONSES TO HORMEL FOODS PLAINTIFFS' THIRD AMENDED COMPLAINT to be served on all counsel of record by electronic service pursuant to the Court's Order Regarding Electronic Service, dated May 17, 2000, utilizing the Verilaw electronic service procedure.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Protass', is written over a horizontal line.

Harlan J. Protass