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

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**NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

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Misc. No. 99-0197

MDL No. 1285

This Document relates to:

BLUE SEAL FEEDS, INC., et al. v. BASF AG,)
et al., Civil Action No. 99-CV-3326 (C.D. Ill.))

Docket No. 99-2683 (TFH)

TYSON FOODS, INC., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.,)
Civil Action No. 99-5134 (W.D. Ark.))

Docket No. 99-2681 (TFH)

THE QUAKER OATS COMPANY, et al v.)
BASF AG, et al., Civil Action No. 99 CV 01972)
(D.C.))

Docket No. 99-1972 (TFH)

MARSHALL DURBIN FARMS, INC., et al.)
v. BASF AG, et al., Civil Action No. 99-CV 0152)
(G.D. Ga.))

Docket No. 99-2682 (TFH)

COUNTRYMARK COOPERATIVE, INC. v.)
BASF AG, et al., Civil Action No. 99-1941)
(S.D. Ind.))

Docket No. 99-234 (TFH)

CACTUS OPERATING, LTD., et al. v. BASF)
AG, et al., Civil Action No. 99-288j (N.D. Tex.))

Docket No. 99-2684 (TFH)

SOUTHERN STATES COOPERATIVE, INC.,)
et al. v. BASF AG, et al., Civil Action No.)
99-00070 (W.D. Va.))
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Docket No. 99-2685 (TFH)

ORDER: Granting Plaintiff's
Motion for Leave to Supplement and
Amend Complaints and to Dismiss Complaint

For the reasons stated in the accompanying Memorandum Opinion, it is hereby

ORDERED that plaintiffs' motion is **GRANTED**; it is further hereby

ORDERED that plaintiffs in the above captioned cases are granted leave to follow the following Amended Complaints, as set forth in plaintiffs' Motion for Leave to Supplement and Amend Complaints and to Dismiss Complaint filed on July 2, 2001 and as ultimately substituted on March 4, 2002:

1. Second Amended Complaint in Blue Seal Feeds, Inc., et al v. BASF AG, et al.;
2. First Amended Complaint in Tyson Foods, Inc., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.;
3. First Amended Complaint in Marshall Durbin Farms, Inc., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.;
4. First Amended Complaint in Countrymark Cooperative, Inc., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.;
5. First Amended Complaint in Cactus Operating, Ltd., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.;
6. First Amended Complaint in Southern States Cooperative, Inc., et al. v. BASF AG, et al.

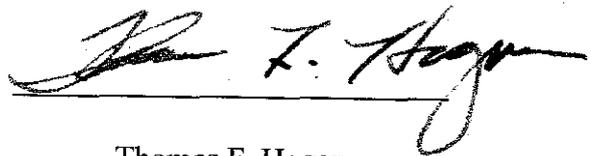
It is further hereby

ORDERED that pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(i), the Amended Complaints are deemed filed and served on all parties as of this date, except that plaintiffs must serve any defendant added by the Amended Complaints in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Hague Convention, or any applicable foreign treaty. Defendants shall respond to the Amended Complaints within the time provided for in the Federal Rules or as otherwise agreed by the parties. It is further hereby

ORDERED that plaintiffs are granted leave pursuant to Rule 41(a)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to dismiss without prejudice all claims in the action entitled The Quaker Oats Company, et al. v. BASF AG, et al.

SO ORDERED.

March 18, 2002

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas F. Hogan", written over a horizontal line.

Thomas F. Hogan
Chief Judge