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U.S. TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

Trademark Description	U.S. Serial/Registration No.	Date Registered
100% Pure and Design	1,665,516	19-Nov-1991
100% Pure and Maple	1,726,020	20-Oct-1992
Leaf Design	,	
Cary's	1,473,400	19-Jan-1988
Cary's	740,285	06-Nov-1962
Cary's	831,170	27-Jun-1967
Dixie Fry	722,057	26-Sept-1961
Eclipse	1,493,391	21-Jun-1988
Happy Jack	523,786	11-Apr-1950
Hunterdon Farms	1,186,048	12-Jan-1982
Maple Orchards	1,688,448	19-May-1992
New York Flatbreads	1,852,524	06-Sep-1994
O.T.C.	206,118	24-Nov-1925
The Original Trenton	1,507,410	04-Oct-1988
Cracker		
Trenton	200,061	23-Jun-1925
Vermont Maple	1,685,806	05-May-2002
Orchards		•
Spring Tree (margarine)	2,229,064	02-Mar-1999
Albero	2,205,836	24-Nov-1998
Red Leaf Farms	2,013,499	05-Nov-1996
Design Only (maple	1,891,269	25-Apr-1995
syrup)		•
BonJour (processed	1,883,073	07-Mar-1995
edible nuts)		
BonJour (maple syrup)	1,840,755	21-Jun-1994
Spring Tree (cocoa	1,847,810	02-Aug-1994
powder, carob powder		-
and maple syrup)		
Design Only (processed	1,917,385	05-Sep-1995
edible nuts)	1.050.510	0.60
Canoleo (margarine)	1,852,510	06-Sep-1994
Northern Nectar	1,843,100	05-Jul-1994

TRADEMARK MORTGAGE

THIS TRADEMARK MORTGAGE (this "Mortgage"), made as of the <u>2</u> day of December, 1999 by and between Specialty Brands of America, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation (together with its successors, the "Company") and Banc of America Commercial Finance Corporation, as Agent ("Agent") for the Lenders referred to below.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Credit Agreement of even date herewith among the Company, certain lenders (the "Lenders") and the Agent (as the same may hereafter be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"), Agent and the Lenders have agreed to make certain loans to the Company, and to extend certain other financial accommodations to or for the benefit of the Company; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain Security Agreement of even date herewith among the Agent and the Company (as the same may hereafter be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Security Agreement") the Company has granted to the Agent, for the ratable benefit of the Agent and the Lenders, a continuing security interest in certain of the Company's assets, including, without limitation, the Trademarks (as defined below);

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Agent agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Incorporation of Security Agreement; Credit Agreement Definitions</u>. The Security Agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein in their entirety by this reference thereto. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings given thereto in the Credit Agreement.
- 2. Grant and Reaffirmation of Grant of Security Interest. To secure the complete and timely payment and satisfaction of the Secured Obligations (as such term is defined in the Security Agreement), the Company hereby grants to the Agent, and hereby reaffirms its prior grant pursuant to the Security Agreement of, a continuing security interest in the Company's entire right, title and interest in and to all of its now owned or existing and hereafter acquired or arising trademarks, trademark licenses, rights in intellectual property, goodwill, trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, service marks, logos, other business identifiers, prints and labels on which any of the foregoing have appeared or appear, all registrations and recordings thereof, all General Intangibles (as such term is defined in the Security Agreement) related thereto, and all applications (other than "intent to use" applications until a verified statement of use is filed with respect to such applications) in connection therewith, including, without limitation,

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the trademarks and applications listed on <u>Schedule A</u> attached hereto and made a part hereof and renewals thereof, and all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due and/or payable under or with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to any of the foregoing, including, without limitation, damages and payments for past, present and future infringements of any of the foregoing and the right to sue for past, present and future infringements of any of the foregoing (all of the foregoing are sometimes hereinafter individually and/or collectively referred to as the "Trademarks"), all rights corresponding to any of the foregoing throughout the world and the goodwill of the Company's business connected with the use of and symbolized by the Trademarks.

- 3. <u>Warranties and Representations</u>. The Company warrants and represents to Agent that:
- i. no Trademark has been adjudged invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction nor has any such Trademark been cancelled, in whole or in part and each such Trademark is presently subsisting;
 - ii. each Trademark is valid and enforceable;
- iii. the Company is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire and unencumbered right, title and interest in and to each Trademark, free and clear of any liens, charges and encumbrances, including without limitation licenses, shop rights and covenants by the Company not to sue third persons;
- iv. the Company has no notice of any suits or actions commenced or threatened with reference to any Trademark; and
- v. the Company has the unqualified right to execute and deliver this Mortgage and perform its terms.
- 4. <u>Restrictions on Future Agreements</u>. The Company agrees that until the Secured Obligations shall have been satisfied in full and the Security Agreement shall have been terminated, the Company shall not, without the prior written consent of Agent, sell or assign its interest in, or grant any license under, any Trademark or enter into any other agreement with respect to any Trademark, and the Company further agrees that it shall not take any action or permit any action to be taken by others subject to its control, including licensees, or fail to take any action which would adversely affect the validity or enforcement of the rights transferred to Agent under this Mortgage.
- 5. New Trademarks. The Company represents and warrants that the Trademarks listed on Schedule A constitute all of the federally registered Trademarks now owned by the Company. If, before the Secured Obligations shall have been satisfied in full and the Security Agreement has been terminated, the Company shall (i) become aware of any existing Trademarks of which the Company has not been previously informed or (ii) become entitled to the benefit of any Trademarks, which benefit is not in existence on the date hereof,

the provisions of this Mortgage above shall automatically apply thereto and the Company shall give the Agent prompt written notice thereof. The Company hereby agrees that, upon the Agent's written request, the Company will execute and deliver to the Agent one or more supplements to this Mortgage, each in form and content substantially similar to this Mortgage, in respect of any and all newly created or acquired federally registered Trademarks owned by the Company.

- 6. Royalties; Term. The term of the security interests granted herein shall extend until the earlier of (i) the expiration of each of the Trademarks and (ii) the payment in full of the Secured Obligations and the termination of the Security Agreement in accordance with its terms. The Company agrees that upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the use by the Agent of all Trademarks shall be worldwide, except as limited by their terms, and without any liability for royalties or other related charges from Agent to the Company.
- 7. Product Quality. The Company agrees (i) to maintain the quality of any and all products in connection with which the Trademarks are used, consistent with commercially reasonable business practices, and (ii) to provide Agent, upon Agent's request from time to time, with a certificate of an officer of the Company certifying the Company's compliance with the foregoing. Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Company agrees that Agent, or a conservator appointed by Agent, shall have the right to establish such additional product quality controls as Agent, or said conservator, in its reasonable judgment, may deem necessary to assure maintenance of the quality of products sold by the Company under the Trademarks.
- 8. Release of Mortgage. This Mortgage is made for collateral purposes only. Upon payment in full of the Secured Obligations and termination of the Security Agreement, Agent shall take such actions as may be necessary or proper to terminate the security interests created hereby and pursuant to the Financing Documents.
- 9. Expenses. All expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the performance of any of the agreements set forth herein shall be borne by the Company. All fees, costs and expenses, of whatever kind or nature, including reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses, incurred by Agent in connection with the filing or recording of any documents (including all taxes in connection therewith) in public offices, the payment or discharge of any taxes, reasonable counsel fees, maintenance fees, encumbrances or otherwise in protecting, maintaining or preserving the Trademarks or in defending or prosecuting any actions or proceedings arising out of or related to the Trademarks shall be borne by and paid by the Company and shall be charged against the Secured Obligations.
- 10. <u>Duties of Companies</u>. The Company shall have the duty (i) to file and prosecute diligently any trademark applications pending as of the date hereof or hereafter until the Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full and the Security Agreement has been terminated, (ii) to preserve and maintain all rights in the Trademarks, as commercially

- reasonable and (iii) to ensure that the Trademarks are and remain enforceable, as commercially reasonable, in each case unless the board of directors of the Company determines in good faith that any such Trademark is no longer used or useful in the business of the Company. Any expenses incurred in connection with the Company's obligations under this Section 10 shall be borne by the Company.
- Agent's Right to Sue. During the continuance of an Event of Default, each Agent shall have the right, but shall in no way be obligated, to bring suit in its own name to enforce the Trademarks and, if Agent shall commence any such suit, the Company shall, at the request of Agent, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all proper documents required by Agent in aid of such enforcement and the Company shall promptly, upon demand, reimburse and indemnify Agent for all costs and expenses incurred by Agent in the exercise of its rights under this Section 11.
- 12. <u>Waivers</u>. No course of dealing between the Company and Agent, nor any failure to exercise, nor any delay in exercising, on the part of Agent, any right, power or privilege hereunder or under the Financing Documents shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege hereunder or thereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.
- 13. Severability. The provisions of this Mortgage are severable, and if any clause or provision shall be held invalid and unenforceable in whole or in part in any jurisdiction, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall affect only such clause or provision, or part thereof, in such jurisdiction, and shall not in any manner affect such clause or provision in any other jurisdiction, or any other clause or provision of this Mortgage in any jurisdiction.
- 14. <u>Modification</u>. This Mortgage cannot be altered, amended or modified in any way, except as specifically provided in Section 5 hereof or by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Effect on Other Agreements; Power of Attorney; Cumulative Remedies. The Company acknowledges and agrees that this Mortgage is not intended to limit or restrict in any way the rights and remedies of the Agent or any Lender under the Credit Agreement or the Security Agreement but rather is intended to supplement and facilitate the exercise of such rights and remedies. The Company hereby authorizes Agent during the continuation of an Event of Default, to make, constitute and appoint any officer or agent of Agent, as Agent may select in its sole discretion, as the Company's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with power to (i) endorse the Company's name on all applications, documents, papers and instruments necessary or desirable for Agent in the use of the Trademarks, or (ii) take any other actions with respect to the Trademarks as Agent deems to be in the best interest of Agent, or (iii) grant or issue any exclusive or non-exclusive license under the Trademarks to anyone, or (iv) assign, pledge, convey or otherwise transfer title in or dispose of the Trademarks to anyone. The

Company hereby ratifies all that such attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney shall be irrevocable until the Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full and the Security Agreement has been terminated. All of the rights and remedies of the Agent and each Lender with respect to the Trademarks, whether established hereby, by the Credit Agreement or the Security Agreement, by any other agreements, or by law, shall be cumulative and may be exercised singularly or concurrently. Agent shall have, in addition to all other rights and remedies given it by the terms of this Mortgage and the Financing Documents, all rights and remedies allowed by law and the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in New York.

- 16. <u>Binding Effect</u>; <u>Benefits</u>. This Mortgage shall be binding upon the Company and its respective successors and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the Agent and its successors and assigns.
- 17. APPLICABLE LAW: SEVERABILITY. THIS MORTGAGE SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (OTHER THAN CONFLICT OF LAWS), EXCEPT FOR THE PERFECTION AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTERESTS AND LIENS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS, WHICH SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THOSE JURISDICTIONS OR, AS APPLICABLE, BY THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF WHENEVER POSSIBLE, EACH PROVISION OF THIS MORTGAGE SHALL BE INTERPRETED IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO BE EFFECTIVE AND VALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, BUT IF ANY PROVISION OF THIS MORTGAGE SHALL BE PROHIBITED BY OR INVALID UNDER APPLICABLE LAW, SUCH PROVISION SHALL BE INEFFECTIVE ONLY TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH PROHIBITION OR WITHOUT INVALIDATING THE REMAINDER SUCH INVALIDITY. OF PROVISIONS OR THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS MORTGAGE.
- 18. <u>Headings</u>. Paragraph headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not modify the provisions which they precede.
- 19. <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Company agrees to execute and deliver such further agreements, instruments and documents, and to perform such further acts, as Agent shall reasonably request from time to time in order to carry out the purpose of this Mortgage and agreements set forth herein.
- 20. <u>Survival of Representations</u>. All representations and warranties of the Company contained in this Mortgage shall survive the execution and delivery of this Mortgage and shall be remade on the date of each borrowing under the Financing Documents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Mortgage as of the date first above written.

SPECIALTY	BRANDS	OF A	WERICA,	INC.

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Accepted and Agreed to as of the date first written above:

BANC OF AMERICA COMMERCIAL FINANCE CORPORATION, AS AGENT

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CANADIAN. TRADEMARK REGISTRATIONS

Trademark Description	Canadian Serial/Registration No.	Date Registered
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Bromont	TMA167,965	27-Feb-1970
Dixie Fry	TMA383,284	19-Apr-1991
Grove Brand	UCA008401	27-May-1937
Pride of Canada	TMA270,808	02-Jul-1982
A Woodland Scene In .	UCA023825	01-Apr-1946
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Square		
Maple Grove & Design	TMA387,312	02-Aug-1991
Canoleo & Design	TMA448,875	13-Oct-1995
Old Fashion Maple Crest	TMA461,934	25-Aug-1995*

^{*}Date licensed by Spring Tree Corporation

TRADEMARK APPLICATIONS

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FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION

NO. <u>04-3135785</u>

Fee: \$250.00

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin

Secretary of the Commonwealth One Ashburton Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02108-1512

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF PARENT AND SUBSIDIARY CORPORATIONS (General Laws, Chapter 156B, Section 82)

Wc, Dominique Bastien		, *President / *Vice President,
and Edwin L. Miller, Jr.		, *Clcrk / *Assistant Clerk,
of Specialty Brands of America, Inc.		
	(Exact name of corporation)	
organized under the laws of Massachu	ısettş	and herein called the parent corporation,
certify as follows:		
I. That the subsidiary corporation(s) t	o be merged into the parent corp	ooration is/are:
NAME	STATE OF ORGANIZATION	DATE OF ORGANIZATION
Spring Tree Corporation	Vermont	April 9, 1976
		SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH 99 DEC -3 PM 12: 03 CORPORATION DIVISION

2. The parent corporation, at the date of the vote, owned not less than ninety percent (90%) of the outstanding shares of each class of stock of the subsidiary corporation or corporations with which it has voted to merge.

Item 3 below may be deleted if all the corporations are organized under the laws of Massachusetts and if General Laws, Chapter 156B is applicable to them.

3. That in the case of each of the above named corporations, the laws of the state of its organization, if other than Massachusetts, permit the merger herein described, and that all action required under the laws of each such state in connection with this merger has been duly taken.

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4. That at a meeting of the directors of the parent corporation, the following vote, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 156B, Section 82, Subsection (a) was duly adopted:

RESOLVED: That, effective upon the date of filing the Articles of Merger, Spring Tree Corporation ("Spring Tree"), a Vermont corporation, shall merge with and into Specialty Brands of America, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation and the parent corporation of its wholly owned subsidiary Spring Tree.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

ARTICLES OF MERGER OF PARENT AND SUBSIDIARY CORPORATIONS

(General Laws, Chapter 156B, Section 82)

I hereby app	prove the within A	uticles of Merger	of Parent and Subsidiary
Corporation	is and, the filing fo	ee in the amount	of \$
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WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION Photocopy of document to be sent to:

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STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE



Certificate of Merger

I. Deborah L. Markowitz, Secretary of State of the State of Vermont, do hereby certify that the merger of

SPRING TREE CORPORATION

a Vermont domestic corporation

into

SPECIALTY BRANDS OF AMERICA, INC.

a Massachusetts domestic corporation

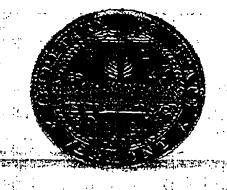
was filed in this office effective on December 3, 1999.

The name of the surviving corporation is:

SPECIALTY BRANDS OF AMERICA, INC.

December 3, 1999

Given under my hand and the seal of the State of Vermont, at Montpeller, the State Capital



Deborah L. Markowitz

Secretary of State

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Pursuant to Chapter 11.04 of the Vermont Business Corporation Act (the "VBCA"), Spring Tree Corporation, a Vermont corporation ("Spring Tree") and Specialty Brands of America, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation ("SBA"), hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger.

- 1. <u>Plan of Merger</u>. The Plan of Merger is attached to theses Articles and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 2. <u>Shareholder Approval</u>. Pursuant to Chapter 11.04 of the VBCA, because Spring Tree is a wholly-owned subsidiary of SBA, neither the approval of the shareholders of Spring Tree Corporation nor the approval of the shareholders of SBA is required to effect the Merger pursuant to VBCA Chapter 11.04.
 - 3. Effective Date. The effective date of the Merger shall be December 2, 1999.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these Articles of Merger to be executed as of the 2 st day of December, 1999.

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