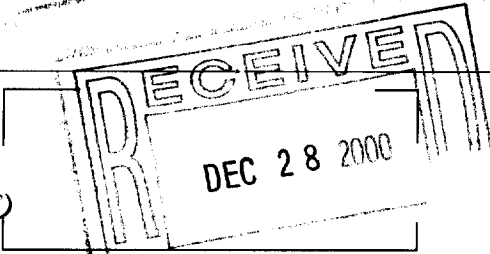


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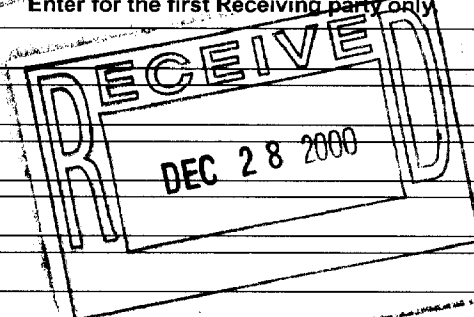
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U.S. TRADEMARK AND SERVICE MARK ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, BESTFOODS, a Delaware corporation, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, having its principal office and place of business at 700 Sylvan Avenue, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632, has agreed to transfer its entire right, title, and interest in and to the United States trademarks and service marks listed on the attached Exhibit A ("Trademark and Service Mark Rights") pursuant to that certain Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") dated as of October 4, 2000 by and between Assignor and American Italian Pasta Corporation, hereinafter referred to Assignee..

WHEREAS, Assignee, having its principal office and place of business at 4100 N. Mulberry, Suite 200, Kansas City, Missouri 64116, desires to acquire Assignor's entire right, title, and interest in and to the Trademark and Service Mark Rights pursuant to the Purchase Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in view of the consideration exchanged in the Asset Purchase Agreement, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, transfers, and sets over unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, its entire right, title, and interest in and to the Trademark and Service Mark Rights, together with that portion of the good will of the business of Assignor connected with the use of and symbolized by the trademarks and service marks included in the Trademark and Service Mark Rights and the know how associated with and necessary to control the nature and quality of the goods and services associated with the Trademark and Service Mark Rights, and all causes of action, past, present, and future for infringement of the Trademark and Service Mark Rights. Assignee agrees to reimburse Assignor, consistent with the Asset Purchase Agreement, for employee compensation and reasonable travel expenses for assisting Assignee in any action for claims to profits and damages by reason of infringement of the trademarks.

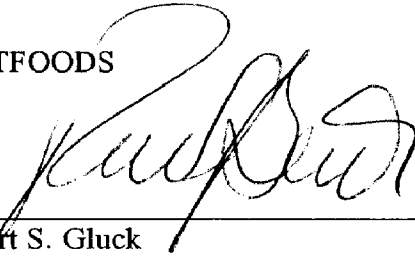
Upon request, Assignor agrees to promptly execute and deliver any and all additional and further instruments as may be necessary to effect, record, and implement this Assignment.

Assignor further covenants and agrees that it will, at any time upon request and at Assignee's expense, execute and deliver any and all documents that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title

to the Trademark Rights in Assignee, its successors, and assigns and that it will, at any time upon request, communicate to Assignee, its successors, and assigns such facts relating to the Trademark and Service Mark Rights or the history thereof as may be known to it. This covenant includes execution of documents for completion of the chain of title from CPC International, Inc. to Assignor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignor has executed this Trademark and Service Mark Assignment as of November 13, 2000.

BESTFOODS



Robert S. Gluck
Vice President and Treasurer

STATE OF New Jersey)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Bergen)

On this 13 day of November, 2000, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Robert S. Gluck to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

Beatrice J. Fasulo
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
10/12/04

BEATRICE J. FASULO
A Notary Public of New Jersey
My Commission Expires 10/12/2004

US REGISTRATIONS

TRADEMARK	REGISTRATION (APPLICATION) NO.	GOODS	REGISTRATION/ APPLICATION DATE	RENEWAL DATE
MUELLER'S	516,167	NOODLES, MACARONI, SPAGHETTI, AND ANALOGOUS ALIMENTARY PASTES - CLASS 46 (INT. CLASS 30)	OCTOBER 11, 1949	OCTOBER 11, 2009
MUELLER'S	1,292,490	PREPARED PASTA MIXTURE CONSISTING OF PASTA AND DRY SAUCE MIX, IN CLASS 30 (US CLASS 46)	AUGUST 28, 1984	AUGUST 28, 2004
MÜNCHEN	866,510	EGG NOODLES, CLASS 46 (INT. CLASS 30)	MARCH 11, 1969	MARCH 11, 2009
HEARTY	1,146,761	EGG NOODLE - INT. CLAS 30 (U.S. CLASS 46)	FEBRUARY 3, 1981	FEBRUARY 3, 2001
NESTED GEOMETRIC DES. WITH BLOSSOMS	974,095	ALIMENTARY PASTE - CLASS 46 (INT. CLASS 30)	NOVEMBER 27, 1973	NOVEMBER 27, 2003
KLOPS	893,824	EGG NOODLES - CLASS 46 (INT. CL. 30)	JUNE 30, 1970	JUNE 30, 2010
MUELLER'S PASTA QUICK	2,076,412	NOODLES, MACARONI, SPAGHETTI - CLASS 30 (U.S. CLASS 46)	JULY 1, 1997	JULY 1, 2007
PASTA QUICK	2,078,070	NOODLES, MACARONI, SPAGHETTI - CLASS 30 (US CLASS 46)	JULY 8, 1997	JULY 8, 2007
PASTA FRILLS	1,520,032	ENRICHED MACARONI - INT. CLASS 30 (U.S. CLASS 46)	JANUARY 10, 1989	JANUARY 10, 2009
MUELLER'S ESSENTIALS	(751785880)	PASTA - CLASS 30	AUGUST 26, 1999*	
IN TWO MINUTES YOU'VE GOT IT MADE	2,235,354	NOODLES, MACARONI, SPAGHETTI - CLASS 30	MARCH 23, 1999	MARCH 23, 2009

*Statement of Use due November 16, 2000; filed November 6, 2000.

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TWIST TRIO	1,452,369	PASTA - INT. CLASS 30 (US CLASS 46)	AUGUST 11, 1987	AUGUST 11, 2007
MUELLER'S MICROWAVE	(74/019,317)	030-MICROWAVEABLE SIDE DISH MIXES CONSISTING OF NOODLES, SAUCES, POTATO AND RICE	ABANDONED IN 1991	
SAVORY COLLECTION	(75/502828)	PASTA	ABANDONED ON 4/6/00	
SAVORY SELECTIONS	(75/463011)	PASTA	ABANDONED ON 2/12/99	