

TYSON FOODS INC

FORM S-3

(Securities Registration Statement (simplified form))

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

TYSON FOODS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

71-0225165

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

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(Address, including zip
code, and telephone number,
including area code, of
registrant's principal
executive offices)

(Name, address, including zip Code
and telephone number, including
area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public:

From time to time after the effective date of the Registration Statement, as determined in light of market conditions.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement for the same offering. []

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. []

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, please check the following box. [x]

Calculation of Registration Fee

Title of each class of Securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering price per unit	Proposed Maximum Aggregate offering price (1)	Amount of Registration Fee
Debt Securities	\$500,000,000 (2) (3)	100%	\$500,000,000	\$147,500

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

(2) Or, if any Debt Securities are issued at original discount, such greater principal amount as shall result in aggregate proceeds of \$500,000,000.

(3) Or, if any Debt Securities are issued with a principal amount denominated in a foreign currency or composite currencies, such principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price which is the equivalent of \$500,000,000 at the time of the initial offering.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO COMPLETION OR AMENDMENT. A REGISTRATION STATEMENT RELATING TO THESE SECURITIES HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. THESE SECURITIES MAY NOT BE SOLD NOR MAY OFFERS TO BUY BE ACCEPTED PRIOR TO THE TIME THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE. THIS PROSPECTUS SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY NOR SHALL THERE BE ANY SALE OF THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE IN WHICH SUCH OFFER, SOLICITATION OR SALE WOULD BE UNLAWFUL PRIOR TO REGISTRATION OR QUALIFICATION UNDER THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY SUCH STATE.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED DECEMBER 17, 1997

PROSPECTUS

\$500,000,000
TYSON FOODS, INC.
Debt Securities

Tyson Foods, Inc. (the "Company") intends to issue from time to time debt securities (the "Debt Securities"), which will be direct, unsecured obligations of the Company and offered to the public on terms determined by market conditions at the time of sale. The Company may sell Debt Securities for proceeds of up to \$500,000,000, or the equivalent thereof in one or more foreign currencies or composite currencies, (i) directly to purchasers, (ii) through agents designated from time to time, (iii) to dealers, or (iv) through underwriters or a group of underwriters.

The Debt Securities may be issued in one or more series with the same or various maturities at or above par or with an original issue discount. The specific designation, aggregate principal amount, authorized denominations, purchase price, maturity, rate (or method of calculation) and time of payment of any interest, any terms for redemption or repurchase or conversion, the currency or composite currency in which the Debt Securities shall be denominated or payable, any listing on a securities exchange, whether the Debt Securities will be issued in the form of a Global Security (as hereafter defined) or securities, or other specific terms of the Debt Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is being delivered ("Offered Securities") are set forth in the accompanying supplement to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplement"), together with the terms of offering of the Offered Securities. Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company does not intend to list any of the Debt Securities on a national securities exchange. See "Plan of Distribution."

THESE SECURITIES HAVE NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS OR ANY SUPPLEMENT HERETO. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

The date of this Prospectus is January __, 1997.

No person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus or the accompanying Prospectus Supplement and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorized by the Company or any agent, dealer or underwriter. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus or the accompanying Prospectus Supplement nor any sale made hereunder or thereunder shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the information contained herein or in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement is correct as of any date subsequent to the date hereof or thereof or that there has been no change in the affairs of the Company since the date hereof or thereof. Neither this Prospectus nor the accompanying Prospectus Supplement constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy Debt Securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation is not authorized or in which the person making such offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company is subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). Such reports, proxy statements and other information can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Room 1024, Washington, D.C. 20549 and at the following regional offices of the Commission: Seven World Trade Center, Suite 1300, New York, New York 10048, and Citicorp Center, 500 West Madison Street, Suite 1400, Chicago, Illinois 60661. Copies of such material can be obtained by mail at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the Commission at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. The Commission also maintains a Web Site at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy statements and other information. Reports and other information concerning the Company can also be inspected at the offices of the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005, on which certain of the Company's securities are listed.

This Prospectus constitutes a part of a Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (the "Registration Statement") filed by the Company with the Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). This Prospectus and the accompanying Prospectus Supplement omit certain of the information contained in the Registration Statement in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission. Reference is hereby made to the Registration Statement and related exhibits for further information with respect to the Company and the Debt Securities. Statements contained herein concerning the provisions of any document are not necessarily complete and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement or otherwise filed with the Commission. Each such statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The following documents previously filed by the Company with the Commission are incorporated by reference in this Prospectus:

1. The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 27, 1997; and
2. The Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 16, 1997.

All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the date of this Prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering hereunder shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Prospectus and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents.

Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of the Registration Statement and this Prospectus to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of the Registration Statement or this Prospectus.

The Company will provide, without charge, to each person to whom this Prospectus is delivered, on the written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the documents which have been incorporated herein by reference, other than exhibits to such documents (unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into such documents). Requests should be directed to Corporate Secretary, Tyson Foods, Inc., 2210 West Oaklawn Drive, Springdale, Arkansas 72762-6999, telephone: (501) 290-4000.

THE COMPANY

Tyson Foods, Inc. and its various subsidiaries produce, market and distribute a variety of food products consisting of value-enhanced poultry, fresh and frozen poultry, value-enhanced seafood products, fresh and frozen seafood products, prepared foods, and other products such as flour and corn tortillas and chips. Additionally, the Company has live swine, animal feed and pet food ingredient operations. The Company's integrated operations consist of breeding and rearing chickens, and harvesting seafood, as well as the processing, further processing and marketing of these food products. The Company's products are marketed and sold to national and regional grocery chains, regional grocery wholesalers, clubs and warehouse stores, military commissaries, industrial food processing companies, national and regional chain restaurants and their distributors, international export companies and domestic distributors who service restaurants, food service operations such as plant and school cafeterias, convenience stores, hospitals and other vendors.

As of September 27, 1997, Don Tyson, Senior Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Company, directly and through the Tyson Limited Partnership, of which he is the managing general partner, beneficially owned 0.5% and 99.9% of the Company's Class A Common Stock, \$.10 par value per share, and Class B Common Stock, \$.10 par value per share, respectively which represented approximately 90.2% of the combined voting power of the shares of such Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock on such date.

The Company commenced business in 1935, was incorporated in Arkansas in 1947, and was reincorporated in Delaware in 1986. The Company's executive offices are located at 2210 West Oaklawn Drive, Springdale, Arkansas 72762-6999 and its telephone number is (501) 290-4000.

RATIOS OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

The following table sets forth the ratio of earnings to fixed charges for the Company for each year in the five year period ended September 27, 1997. For the purposes of calculating the ratio of earnings to fixed charges, "earnings" consist of income from continuing operations before income taxes and fixed charges (excluding capitalized interest). "Fixed charges" consist of (i) interest on indebtedness, whether expensed or capitalized, but excluding interest to fifty-percent-owned subsidiaries (ii) the Company's proportionate share of interest of fifty-percent-owned subsidiaries, (iii) that portion of rental expense the Company believes to be representative of interest (one-third of rental expense) and (iv) amortization of debt discount and expense.

Fiscal Year Ended

1997 1996 1995 1994 1993

3.37 1.84 3.59 2.14 4.48

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of the Debt Securities to refinance existing indebtedness (including but not limited to indebtedness of Hudson Foods, Inc. to be assumed pursuant to the acquisition thereof), to finance acquisitions as opportunities may arise, and for other general corporate purposes. Further details relating to the uses of the net proceeds of any such offering will be set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The Company expects to engage in additional financing as needs arise.

DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The Debt Securities will be issued under an Indenture dated as of June 1, 1995, as supplemented, (hereinafter referred to as the "Indenture"), between the Company and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as Trustee (hereinafter referred to as the "Trustee"). The following statements are subject to the detailed provisions of the Indenture, a copy of which is filed as an exhibit to the

Registration Statement and which is also available for inspection at the office of the Trustee. Section references are to the Indenture. The following summarizes the material terms of the Indenture; however, the following summaries of certain provisions of the Indenture do not purport to be complete, and wherever particular provisions of the Indenture are referred to, such provisions, including definitions of certain terms, are incorporated by reference as part of such summaries or terms, which are qualified in their entirety by such reference to the provisions of the Indenture.

GENERAL

The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Debt Securities which may be issued thereunder and provides that the Debt Securities may be issued from time to time in one or more series. The Debt Securities will be direct, unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company. Except as described under "Certain Covenants," the Indenture does not limit other indebtedness or securities which may be incurred or issued by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or contain financial or similar restrictions on the Company or any of its subsidiaries. The Company's rights and the rights of its creditors, including holders of Debt Securities, to participate in any distribution of assets of any subsidiary upon the latter's liquidation or reorganization or otherwise are effectively subordinated to the claims of the subsidiary's creditors, except to the extent that the Company or any of its creditors may itself be a creditor of that subsidiary.

The Prospectus Supplement which accompanies this Prospectus sets forth where applicable the following terms of and information relating to the Offered Securities offered thereby:

- (i) the designation of the Offered Securities; (ii) the aggregate principal amount of the Offered Securities; (iii) the date or dates on which principal of, and premium, if any, on the Offered Securities is payable; (iv) the rate or rates at which the Offered Securities shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate shall be determined, and the basis on which interest shall be calculated if other than a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months, the date or dates from which such interest will accrue and on which such interest will be payable and the related record dates; (v) if other than the offices of the Trustee, the place where the principal of and any premium or interest on the Offered Securities will be payable;
- (vi) any redemption, repayment or sinking fund provisions; (vii) if other than denominations of \$1,000 or multiples thereof, the denominations in which the Offered Securities will be issuable;
- (viii) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount due upon acceleration; (ix) if other than U.S. dollars, the currency or currencies (including composite currencies) in which the Offered Securities are denominated or payable; (x) whether the Offered Securities shall be issued in the form of a Global Security or securities; (xi) any other specific terms of the Offered Securities; and
- (xii) the identity of any trustees, depositories, authenticating or paying agents, transfer agents or registrars with respect to the Offered Securities. (Section 2.3)

The Debt Securities will be issued either in certificated, fully registered form, without coupons, or as global securities under a book-entry system, as specified in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement. See "--Book-Entry System."

Unless otherwise specified in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, principal and premium, if any, will be payable, and the Debt Securities will be transferable and exchangeable without any service charge, at the office of the Trustee. However, the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with any such transfer or exchange. (Sections 2.7, 4.1 and 4.2)

Unless otherwise specified in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, interest on any series of Debt Securities will be payable on the interest payment dates set forth in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement to the persons in whose names the Debt Securities are registered at the close of business on the related record date and will be paid, at the option of the Company, by wire transfer or by checks mailed to such persons. (Sections 2.7, 4.1 and 4.2)

If the Debt Securities are issued as Original Issue Discount Securities (bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates) to be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, the federal income tax consequences and other special considerations applicable to such Original Issue Discount Securities will be generally described in the Prospectus Supplement.

Unless otherwise described in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, there are no covenants or provisions contained in the Indenture which afford the holders of the Debt Securities Protection in the event of a highly leveraged transaction involving the Company.

BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM

If so specified in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, Debt Securities of any series may be issued under a book-entry system in the form of one or more global securities (each a "Global Security"). Each Global Security will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depository, which, unless otherwise specified in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, will be The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York (the "Depository"). The Global Securities will be registered in the name of the Depository or its nominee.

The Depository has advised the Company that the Depository is a limited purpose trust company organized under the laws of the State of New York, a "banking organization" within the meaning of the New York banking law, a member of the Federal Reserve system, a "clearing corporation" within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a "clearing agency" registered pursuant to the provisions of section 17A of the Exchange Act. The Depository was created to hold securities of its participants and to facilitate the clearance and settlement

of securities transactions among its participants through electronic book-entry changes in accounts of the participants, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. The Depository's participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations, and certain other organizations, some of whom (and/or their representatives) own the Depository. Access to the Depository's book-entry system is also available to others, such as banks, brokers, dealers and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a participant, either directly or indirectly.

Upon the issuance of a Global Security in registered form, the Depository will credit, on its book-entry registration and transfer system, the respective principal amounts of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security to the accounts of participants. The accounts to be credited will be designated by the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, or by the Company, if such Debt Securities are offered and sold directly by the Company. Ownership of beneficial interests in the Global Security will be limited to participants or persons that may hold interests through participants. Ownership of beneficial interests by participants in the Global Security will be shown on, and the transfer of that ownership interest will be effected only through, records maintained by such participants. The laws of some jurisdictions may require that certain purchasers of securities take physical delivery of such securities in definitive form. Such laws may impair the ability to transfer beneficial interest in a Global Security.

So long as the Depository or its nominee is the registered Owner of a Global Security, it will be considered the sole owner or holder of the Debt Securities represented by such Global Security for all purposes under the Indenture. Except as set forth below, owners of beneficial interests in such Global Security will not be entitled to have the Debt Securities represented thereby registered in their names, will not receive or be entitled to receive physical delivery of certificates representing the Debt Securities and will not be considered the owners or holders thereof under the Indenture. Accordingly, each person owning a beneficial interest in such Global Security must rely on the procedures of the Depository and, if such person is not a participant, on the procedures of the participant through which such person owns its interest, to exercise any rights of a holder under the Indenture. The Company understands that under existing practice, in the event that the Company requests any action of the holders or a beneficial owner desires to take any action a holder is entitled to take, the Depository would act upon the instructions of, or authorize, the participant to take such action.

Payment of principal of, premium, if any, and interest on Debt Securities represented by a Global Security will be made to the Depository or its nominee, as the case may be, as the registered owner and holder of the Global Security representing such Debt securities. None of the Company, the Trustee, any paying agent or registrar for such Debt Securities will have any responsibility or liability for any aspect of the records

relating to or payments made on account of beneficial ownership interests in the Global Security or for maintaining, supervising or reviewing any records relating to such beneficial ownership interests.

The Company has been advised by the Depositary that the Depositary will credit participants' accounts with payments of principal, premium, if any, or interest on the payment date thereof in amounts proportionate to their respective beneficial interests in the principal amount of the Global Security as shown on the records of the Depositary. The Company expects that payments by participants to owners of beneficial interests in the Global Security held through such participants will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices, as is now the case with securities held for the accounts of customers registered in "street name," and will be the responsibility of such participants.

A Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee or successor of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to another nominee of the Depositary. A Global Security representing all but not part of the Debt Securities being offered hereby is exchangeable for Debt Securities in definitive form of like tenor and terms if (i) the Depositary notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depositary for such Global Security or if at any time the Depositary is no longer eligible to be or in good standing as a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and in either case, a successor depositary is not appointed by the Company within 90 days of receipt by the Company of such notice or of the Company becoming aware of such ineligibility, or (ii) the Company in its sole discretion at any time determines not to have all of the Debt Securities represented by a Global Security and notifies the Trustee thereof. A Global Security exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Debt Securities registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Global Security shall direct. (Section 2.7)

CERTAIN COVENANTS

Restrictions on Liens. The Indenture provides that the Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary (as hereinafter defined) to, create, incur or suffer to exist any mortgage or pledge, as security for any indebtedness, on or of any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary (as hereinafter defined) or any Principal Property (as hereinafter defined) of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, whether such shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or Principal Property is owned at the date of the Indenture or thereafter acquired, unless the Company secures or causes such Restricted Subsidiary to secure the outstanding Debt equally and ratably with all indebtedness secured by such mortgage or pledge, so long as such indebtedness shall be so secured. This covenant will not apply in the case of: (i) the creation of any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of

stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the date of the Indenture (including acquisitions by way of merger or consolidation) by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary contemporaneously with such acquisition, or within 180 days thereafter, to secure or provide for the payment or financing of any part of the purchase price thereof, or the assumption of any mortgage, pledge or other lien upon any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property acquired after the date of the Indenture existing at the time of such acquisition, or the acquisition of any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property subject to any mortgage, pledge or other lien without the assumption thereof, provided that every such mortgage, pledge or lien referred to in this clause (i) will attach only to the shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property so acquired and fixed improvements thereon;

(ii) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property existing at the date of this Indenture; (iii) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property in favor of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; (iv) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on Principal Property being constructed or improved securing loans to finance such construction or improvements; (v) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property incurred in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt governmental obligations; and

(vi) any renewal of or substitution for any mortgage, pledge or other lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses (i) through (v), provided, in the case of a mortgage, pledge or other lien permitted under clause (i), (ii) or (iv), the indebtedness secured is not increased nor the lien extended to any additional shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any additional Principal Property.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume liens in addition to those permitted by this paragraph, and renew, extend or replace such liens, provided that at the time of such creation, assumption, renewal, extension or replacement, and after giving effect thereto, Exempted Debt (as hereinafter defined) does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets (as hereinafter defined) (Section 4.3)

Restrictions on Sale and Lease-Back Transactions. The Indenture provides that the Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, except to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, any Principal Property as an entirety, or any substantial portion thereof, with the intention of taking back a lease of such property, except a lease for a period of three years or less at the end of which it is intended that the use of such property by the lessee will be discontinued; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may sell any such Principal Property and lease it back for a longer period

(i) if the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary would be

entitled, pursuant to the provisions described above under "Restrictions on Liens," to create a mortgage on the property to be leased securing Funded Debt (as hereinafter defined) in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt (as hereinafter defined) with respect to such sale and lease-back transaction without equally and ratably securing the outstanding Debt Securities or

(ii) if (A) the Company promptly informs the Trustee of such transaction, (B) the net proceeds of such transaction are at least equal to the fair value (as determined by board resolution of the Company) of such property and (C) the Company causes an amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale to be applied to the retirement, within 180 days after receipt of such proceeds, of Funded Debt incurred or assumed by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (including the Debt Securities); provided further that, in lieu of applying all of or any part of such net proceeds to such retirement, the Company may, within 75 days after such sale, deliver or cause to be delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation either debentures or notes evidencing Funded Debt of the Company (which may include the outstanding Debt Securities) or of a Restricted Subsidiary previously authenticated and delivered by the applicable trustee, and not theretofore tendered for sinking fund purposes or called for a sinking fund or otherwise applied as a credit against an obligation to redeem or retire such notes or debentures, and an officers' certificate (which will be delivered to the Trustee and each paying agent and which need not contain the statements prescribed by the second paragraph of Section 10.4 of the Indenture) stating that the Company elects to deliver or cause to be delivered such debentures or notes in lieu of retiring Funded Debt as hereinabove provided. If the Company shall so deliver Debentures or notes to the applicable trustee and the Company shall duly deliver such officers' certificate, the amount of cash which the Company will be required to apply to the retirement of Funded Debt under this provision of the Indenture shall be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the then applicable optional redemption prices (not including any optional sinking fund redemption prices) if such debentures or notes or, if there are no such redemption prices, the principal amount of such debentures or notes; provided, that in the case of debentures or notes which provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of the maturity thereof, such amount of cash shall be reduced by the amount of principal of such debentures or notes that would be due and payable as of the date of such application upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to the terms of the Indenture pursuant to which such debentures or notes were issued. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may enter into sale and lease-back transactions in addition to those permitted by this paragraph and without any obligation to retire any outstanding Debt Securities or other Funded Debt, provided that at the time of entering into such sale and lease-back transactions and after giving effect thereto, Exempted Debt does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets. (Section 4.4)

CERTAIN DEFINITIONS

The term "Attributable Debt" as defined in the Indenture means, as to any particular lease under which any Person is at the time liable, other than a capital lease, and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the total net amount of rent required to be paid by such Person under such lease during the initial term thereof as determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, discounted from the last date of such initial term to the date of determination at a rate per annum equal to the discount rate which would be applicable to a capital lease with like term in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The net amount of rent required to be paid under any such lease for any such period shall be the aggregate amount of rent payable by the lessee with respect to such period after excluding amounts required to be paid on account of insurance, taxes, assessments, utility, operating and labor costs and similar charges. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty, such net amount shall also include the amount of such penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated. "Attributable Debt" means, as to a capital lease under which any Person is at the time liable and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

The term "Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" as defined in the Indenture means the excess over the current liabilities of the Company of all of its assets as determined by the Company and as would be set forth in a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as of a date within 90 days of the date of such determination, after deducting goodwill, trademarks, patents, other like intangibles and minority interests of others.

The term "Exempted Debt" as defined in the Indenture means the sum, without duplication, of the following items outstanding of the date Exempted Debt is being determined: indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the date of the Indenture and secured by liens created, assumed or otherwise incurred or permitted to exist pursuant to the provision described in the last sentence under "Certain Covenants- Restrictions on Liens" and (ii) Attributable Debt of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of all sale and lease-back transactions with regard to any Principal Property entered into pursuant to the provision described in the last sentence under "-- Certain Covenants--Restrictions on Sale and Lease-Back Transactions."

The term "Funded Debt" as defined in the Indenture means all indebtedness for money borrowed, including purchase money indebtedness, having a maturity of more than one year from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than one year

but by its terms being renewable or extendible, at the option of the obligor in respect thereof, beyond one year from its creation.

The term "Principal Property" as defined in the Indenture means (i) land, land improvements, buildings and associated factory and laboratory equipment owned or leased pursuant to a capital lease and used by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary primarily for processing, producing, packaging or storing its products, raw materials, inventories or other materials and supplies and located within the United States of America and having an acquisition cost plus capitalized improvements in excess of 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets as of the date of such determination, (ii) certain property referred to in the Indenture and (iii) any asset held by Tyson Holding Company, but shall not include any such property or assets described in clauses (i), (ii) or (iii) that is financed through the issuance of tax exempt governmental obligations, or any such property or assets that has been determined by board resolution of the Company not to be of material importance to the respective businesses conducted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, effective as of the date such resolution is adopted.

The term "Restricted Subsidiary" as defined in the Indenture means any Subsidiary organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and the principal business of which is carried on within the United States of America which owns or is a lessee pursuant to a capital lease of any Principal Property or owns shares of capital stock or indebtedness of another Restricted Subsidiary other than: (i) each Subsidiary the major part of whose business consists of finance, banking, credit, leasing, insurance, financial services or other similar operations, or any combination thereof; and (ii) each Subsidiary formed or acquired after the date of the Indenture for the purpose of acquiring the business or assets of another person and which does not acquire all or any substantial part of the business or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; provided, however, the Board of Directors of the Company may declare any such Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary effective as of the date such resolution is adopted.

The term "Subsidiary" as defined in the Indenture means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock (as defined in the Indenture) is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person.

RESTRICTIONS ON CONSOLIDATIONS, MERGERS AND SALES OF ASSETS

The Indenture provides that the Company will not consolidate with, merge with or into, or sell, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its property and assets (as an entirety or substantially an entirety in one transaction or a series of related transactions) to, any Person (other than a consolidation with or merger with or into a Subsidiary) or permit any Person to merge with or into the

Company unless: (a) either (i) the Company will be the continuing Person or (ii) the Person (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or that acquired or leased such property and assets of the Company shall be a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America or any jurisdiction thereof and shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee, all of the obligations of the Company on all of the Debt Securities and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture complies with this provision and that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to such transaction have been complied with; and (b) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default (as defined in the Indenture) shall have occurred and be continuing. (Section 5.1)

EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An Event of Default, as defined in the Indenture and applicable to Debt Securities, will occur with respect to the Debt Securities of any series if: (a) the Company defaults in the payment of the principal of any Debt Security of such series when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, mandatory repurchase or otherwise; (b) the Company defaults in the payment of interest on any Debt Security of such series when the same becomes due and payable, and such default continues for a period of 30 days; (c) the Company defaults in the performance of or breaches any other covenant or agreement of the Company in the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series and such default or breach continues for a period of 30 consecutive days after written notice to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders (as defined in the Indenture) of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of such series; (d) an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Company with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, and such involuntary case or other proceeding shall remain undismissed and unstayed for a period of 60 days; or an order for relief shall be entered against the Company under the federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect; (e) the Company (i) commences a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law or hereafter in effect, or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, (ii) consents to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or (iii) effects any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (f) any other Events of Default set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement occurs. (Section 6.1)

The Indenture provides that if an Event of Default described in clauses (a), (b), (c) or (f) above (if such Event of Default

under clause (c) or (f) is with respect to one or more but not all series of Debt Securities then outstanding) occurs and is continuing, then, and in each and every such case, except for any series of Debt Securities the principal of which shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Debt Securities of each such series then outstanding under the Indenture (each such series voting as a separate class) by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), may declare the entire principal (or, if the Debt Securities of any such series are Original Issue Discount Securities (as defined in the Indenture), such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such series and set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement) of all Debt Securities of all such series, and the interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default described in clause (c) or (f) occurs and is continuing with respect to all series of Debt Securities then outstanding, then and in each and every such case, unless the principal of all the Debt Securities shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of all the Debt Securities then outstanding under the Indenture (treated as one class), by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), may declare the entire principal (or, if any Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof and set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement) of all the Debt Securities then outstanding and interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (e) occurs and is continuing, then the principal amount (or, if any Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof and set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement) of all the Debt Securities then outstanding and interest accrued thereon, if any shall be and become immediately due and payable, without any notice or other action by any Holder or the Trustee, to the full extent permitted by applicable law.

The provisions described in the paragraph above, however, are subject to the condition that if, at any time after the principal (or, if the Debt Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof and set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement) of the Debt Securities of any series (or of all the Debt Securities, as the case may be) shall have been so declared due and payable, and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered as hereinafter provided, the Company will pay or will deposit with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all the Debt Securities of each such series (or of all the Debt Securities, as the case may be) and the principal of any and all Debt Securities of each such series (or of all the Debt Securities, as the case may be) which shall have become due

otherwise than by acceleration (with interest upon such principal and, to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law, on overdue installments of interest, at the same rate as the rate of interest or yield to maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified in the Debt Securities of each such series and set forth in the applicable Prospectus Supplement to the date of such payment or deposit) and such amount as shall be sufficient to cover reasonable compensation to the Trustee and each predecessor Trustee, their respective agents, attorneys and counsel, and all other expenses and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and each predecessor Trustee except as a result of negligence or bad faith, and if any and all Events of Default under the Indenture, other than the non-payment of the principal of Debt Securities which shall have become due by acceleration, shall have been cured, waived or otherwise remedied as provided in the Indenture, then and in every such case the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of all the Debt Securities of each such series, or of all the Debt Securities, in each case voting as a single class, then outstanding, by written notice to the Company and to the Trustee, may waive all defaults with respect to each such series (or with respect to all the Debt Securities, as the case may be) and rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences, but no such waiver or rescission and annulment will extend to or shall affect an subsequent default or shall impair any right consequent thereon. For all purposes under the Indenture, if a portion of the principal of any Original Issue Discount Securities shall have been accelerated and declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions described above, then, from and after such declaration, unless such declaration has been rescinded and annulled, the principal amount of such Original Issue Discount Securities will be deemed, for all purposes under the Indenture, to be such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, and payment of such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, together with interest, if any, thereon and all other amounts owing thereunder, shall constitute payment in full of such Original Issue Discount Securities. (Section 6.2)

The Indenture contains a provision under which, subject to the duty of the Trustee during a default to act with the standard of care required by law, (i) the Trustee may rely and will be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person, and the Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit; (ii) before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an officers' certificate or an opinion of counsel, and the Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such certificate or opinion; (iii) the Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible

for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care; (iv) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by the Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(v) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers or for any action it takes or omits to take in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under the Indenture; and (vi) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the written advice of such counsel or any opinion of counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon. (Section 7.2)

Subject to such provisions in the Indenture for the indemnification of the Trustee and certain other limitations, the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of each series affected (each such series voting as a separate class) may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee; provided, that the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or the Indenture, that may involve the Trustee in personal liability, or that the Trustee determines in good faith may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of Holders not joining in the giving of such direction; and provided further, that the Trustee may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any directions received from Holders of Debt Securities pursuant to this Paragraph. (Section 6.5)

The Indenture provides that no Holder of any Debt Security of any series may institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the Indenture or the Debt Securities of such series, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy under the Indenture, unless: (i) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series; (ii) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities of such series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee under the Indenture; (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any costs, liabilities or expenses to be incurred in compliance with such request; (iv) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and (v) during such 60- day period, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of such series have not

given the Trustee a direction that is inconsistent with such written request. A Holder may not use the Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over such other Holder. (Section 6.6)

The Indenture contains a covenant that the Company will file annually, not more than 90 days after the end of its fiscal year, with the Trustee a certification from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer that a review has been conducted of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Company's and its Subsidiaries' performance under the Indenture and that the Company has complied with all conditions and covenants under the Indenture. (Section 4.6)

DISCHARGE, DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

The Indenture provides that, except as provided below, the Company may terminate its obligations under the Debt Securities of any series and the Indenture with respect to Debt Securities of such series if: (i) all Debt Securities of such series previously authenticated and delivered (other than destroyed, lost or stolen Debt Securities of such series that have been replaced or Debt Securities of such series that are fully repaid or Debt Securities of such series for whose payment money or Securities have theretofore been held in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, as provided in the Indenture) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and the Company has paid all sums payable by it hereunder; or (ii) (A) the Debt Securities of such series mature within one year or all of them are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for giving the notice of redemption, (B) the Company irrevocably deposits in trust with the Trustee, as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities for that purpose, money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee), without consideration of any reinvestment, to pay principal of and interest on the Debt Securities of such series to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and to pay all other sums payable by it under the Indenture, (C) no default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit, (D) such deposit does not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound and (E) the Company delivers to the Trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the Indenture have been complied with. With respect to the foregoing clause (i), only the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 of the Indenture in respect of the Debt Securities of such series shall survive. With respect to the foregoing clause (ii), only the Company's obligations in Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.11, 4.2, 7.7, 7.8, 8.5 and 8.6 of the Indenture in respect of the Debt

Securities of such series shall survive until the Debt Securities are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Company's obligations in Sections 7.7, 8.5 and 8.6 of the Indenture in respect of the Debt Securities of such series shall survive. After any such irrevocable deposit, the Trustee upon request shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of the Company's obligations under the Debt Securities of such series and this Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series except for those surviving obligations specified above. (Section 8.1)

The Indenture provides that, except as provided below, the Company will be deemed to have paid and will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Debt Securities of any series after the period specified in clause (D)(2)(z) of this paragraph, and the provisions of the Indenture will no longer be in effect with respect to the Debt Securities of such series, and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same; provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied: (A) the Company has irrevocably deposited in trust with the Trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders for payment of the principal of and interest on the Debt Securities of such series, money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee) without consideration of any reinvestment and after payment of all federal, state and local taxes or other charges and assessments in respect thereof payable by the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and accrued interest on the outstanding Debt Securities of such series to maturity or earlier redemption (irrevocably provided for under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee), as the case may be; (B) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; (C) no Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or at any time during the period specified in clause (D)(2)(z) below; (D) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee (1) either (x) a ruling directed to the Trustee received from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Holders of the Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the Company's exercise of its option under this provision of the Indenture and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such option had not been exercised or (y) an opinion of counsel to the same effect as the ruling described in clause (x) above and based on a change in law and (2) an opinion of counsel to the effect that (x) the creation of the defeasance trust does not violate the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (y) the Holders of the Securities of such series have a valid first priority security interest in the trust funds, and (z) after the passage of 123 days following the deposit (except after one year following the deposit, with respect to any trust funds for the

account of any Holder of the Securities of such series who may be deemed to be an "insider" as to an obligor on the Securities of such series for purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code), the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law in a case commenced by or against the Company under either such statute, and either (I) the trust funds will no longer remain the property of the Company (and therefore will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors, rights generally) or (II) if a court were to rule under any such law in any case or proceeding that the trust funds remained in the possession of the Company, to the extent not paid to such Holders, the Trustee will hold, for the benefit of such Holders, a valid and perfected first priority security interest in such trust funds that is not avoidable in bankruptcy or otherwise (except for the effect of Section 552(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code on interest on the trust funds accruing after the commencement of a case under such statute and the Holders of the Securities of such series will be entitled to receive adequate protection of their interests in such trust funds if such trust funds are used in such case or proceeding; (E) if the Debt Securities of such series are then listed on a national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the defeasance contemplated by this provision of the Indenture of the Debt Securities of such series will not cause the Debt Securities of such series to be delisted; and (F) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an officers, certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture relating to the defeasance contemplated by this provision of the Indenture of the Debt Securities of such series have been complied with. Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the end of the 123-day (or one year) period referred to in clause (D)(2)(z) of this paragraph, none of the Company's obligations under the Indenture with respect to such series shall be discharged. Subsequent to the end of such 123-day (or one year) period, the Company's obligations in Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.11, 4.1, 4.2, 7.7, 7.8, 8.5 and 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall survive until such Debt Securities are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Company's obligations in Sections 7.7, 8.5 and 8.6 of the Indenture with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall survive. If and when a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of counsel referred to in clause (D)(1) of this paragraph is able to be provided specifically without regard to, and not in reliance upon, the continuance of the Company's obligations under Section 4.1 of the Indenture, then the Company's obligations under such Section 4.1 of the Indenture shall cease upon delivery to the Trustee of such ruling or opinion of counsel and compliance with the other conditions precedent provided for in this provision of the Indenture relating to the defeasance contemplated by this provision of the Indenture. (Section 8.2)

The Indenture provides that the Company may omit to comply with any term, provision or condition described under "--Certain Covenants," and such omission shall be deemed not to be an Event of Default, with respect to the outstanding Debt Securities of any series if: (i) the Company has irrevocably deposited in trust with the Trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series for payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on the Debt Securities of such series money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof in an amount sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee) without consideration of any reinvestment and after payment of all federal, state and local taxes or other charges and assessments in respect thereof payable by the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and interest on the outstanding Debt Securities of such series to maturity or earlier redemption (irrevocably provided for under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee), as the case may be; (ii) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, the Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound; (iii) no Default with respect to the Debt Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit; (iv) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that (A) the creation of the defeasance trust does not violate the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (B) the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series have a valid first-priority security interest in the trust funds, (C) such Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred and (D) after the passage of 123 days following the deposit (except, with respect to any trust funds for the account of any Holder of the Debt Securities of such series who may be deemed to be an "insider" as to an obligor on the Debt Securities of such series for purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law in a case commenced by or against the Company under either such statute, and either (1) the trust funds will no longer remain the property of the Company (and therefore will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors, rights generally) or (2) if a court were to rule under any such law in any case or proceeding that the trust funds remained property of the Company, to the extent not paid to such Holders, the Trustee will hold, for the benefit of such Holders, a valid and perfected first priority security interest in such trust funds that is not avoidable in bankruptcy or otherwise (except for the effect of Section 552(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code on interest on the trust funds accruing after the commencement of a case under such statute), and the Holders of the Debt Securities of such series entitled to receive adequate protection of their interests in such trust funds if such trust funds are used in such case or

proceeding; (v) if the Debt Securities of such series are then listed on a national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the covenant defeasance contemplated by this provision of the Indenture of the Debt Securities of such series will not cause the Debt Securities of such series to be delisted; and (vi) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an officers, certificate and an opinion of counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for in the Indenture relating to the covenant defeasance contemplated by this provision of the Indenture of the Debt Securities of such series have been complied with. (Section 8.3)

MODIFICATION OF THE INDENTURE

The Indenture provides that the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement the Indenture or the Debt Securities of any series without notice to or the consent of any Holder: (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the Indenture; provided that such amendments or supplements shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect; (2) to comply with Article 5 of the Indenture; (3) to comply with any requirements of the Commission in connection with the qualification of the Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended; (4) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee; (5) to establish the form or forms or terms of Debt Securities of any series or of the coupons appertaining to such Debt Securities as permitted by the Indenture; (6) to provide for uncertificated Debt Securities and to make all appropriate changes for such purpose; and (7) to make any change that does not materially and adversely affect the rights of any Holder. (Section 9.1)

The Indenture also provides that, without prior notice to any Holders, the Company and the Trustee may amend the Indenture and the Debt Securities of any series outstanding thereunder with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of all series affected by such supplemental indenture (all such series voting as one class), and the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Debt Securities of all series affected thereby (all such series voting as one class) by written notice to the Trustee may waive future compliance by the Company with any provision of the Indenture or the Debt Securities of such series. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, without the consent of each Holder of the Debt Securities of each series affected each thereby, an amendment or waiver, including a waiver pursuant to Section 6.4 of the Indenture, may not: (i) extend the stated maturity of the principal of, or any installment of interest on, such Holder's Debt Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate of interest thereon (including any amount in respect of original issue discount), or any premium payable with respect thereto, or adversely affect the rights of such Holder under any mandatory repurchase provision or any right of repurchase at the option of such Holder, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon an acceleration of the maturity thereof

pursuant to the Indenture or the amount thereof provable in bankruptcy, or change any place of payment where, or the currency in which, any Debt Security of such series or any premium or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the stated maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date or, in the case of mandatory repurchase, the date therefor); (ii) reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding Debt Security of such series the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of the Indenture or certain Defaults and their consequences provided for in the Indenture; (iii) waive a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on, any Debt Security of such series; (iv) cause any Debt Security of such series to be subordinated in right of payment to any obligation of the Company; (v) modify any of the provisions of this section of the Indenture, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of the Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Debt Security of any series affected thereby. A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of the Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Debt Securities, or which modifies the rights of Holders of Debt Security of such series with respect to such covenant or provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under the Indenture of the Holders of Debt Securities of any other series or of the coupons appertaining to such Debt Securities. It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this section of the Indenture to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this section of the Indenture becomes effective, the Company shall give to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. The Company will mail supplemental indentures to Holders upon request. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver. (Section 9.2)

GOVERNING LAW

The Indenture and the Debt Securities will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

CONCERNING THE TRUSTEE

The Company and its subsidiaries maintain ordinary banking relationships with The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. and its affiliates and a number of other banks. The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., and its affiliates along with a number of other banks have extended credit facilities to the Company and its subsidiaries.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Company may sell Debt Securities to or through one or more underwriters and also may sell Debt Securities directly to other purchasers or through agents or dealers, or the Company may sell Debt Securities through a combination of any such methods.

The distribution of the Debt Securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices. Underwriters may sell Debt Securities to or through dealers.

In connection with the sales of Debt Securities, underwriters may receive compensation from the Company in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of Debt Securities may be deemed to be underwriters, and any discounts or commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of Debt Securities by them may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified, and any such compensation will be described in the Prospectus Supplement.

Pursuant to agreements into which the Company may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of Debt Securities may be entitled to indemnification by the Company against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Unless otherwise indicated in the Prospectus Supplement, the Company does not intend to list any of the Debt Securities on a national securities exchange. In the event the Debt Securities are not listed on a national securities exchange, certain broker-dealers may make a market in the Debt Securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given that any broker-dealer will make a market in the Debt Securities or as to the liquidity of the trading market for the Debt Securities, whether or not the Debt Securities are listed on a national securities exchange. The Prospectus Supplement with respect to the Debt Securities will state, if known, whether or not any broker-dealer intends to make a market in the Debt Securities. If no such determination has been made, the Prospectus Supplement will so state.

The place and time of delivery for the Offered Securities in respect of which this Prospectus is delivered will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the issuance of the Debt Securities offered hereby will be passed upon for the Company by Rose Law Firm, Little Rock, Arkansas, and for any underwriters or agents by Davis Polk & Wardwell, New York, New York. Certain members of

the Rose Law Firm beneficially own shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share, having a market value on December 11, 1997 of approximately \$62,034.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Tyson Foods, Inc. incorporated by reference in the Company's Annual Report (Form 10K) for the year ended September 27, 1997, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given upon the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated balance sheets of Hudson Foods, Inc. as of September 27, 1997 and September 28, 1996 and the consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 27, 1997, incorporated by reference in this prospectus, have been incorporated herein in reliance on the report of Coopers & Lybrand, L.L.P., independent accountants, given on the authority of that firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution*

Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$147,500
Legal fees and expenses	90,000
Printing and engraving	20,000
Fees and expenses of Trustee	7,500
Accountant's fees and expenses	25,000
Rating Agencies' fees	135,000
Miscellaneous	15,000
Total	\$440,000

*All amounts except the Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee are estimated.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and officers

The Company's By-laws provide that the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless its directors and officers to the fullest extent legally permissible under and pursuant to any procedure specified in the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL") against all expenses, liabilities, and losses incurred connection with their service or status as directors and officers. Such indemnification would also extend to liabilities arising from actions taken by directors or officers when serving at the request of the Company as a director or officer of another corporation, or as its representative in a partnership, joint venture or other enterprise.

Section 145 of the DGCL, as currently in effect, sets forth the indemnification rights of directors and officers of Delaware corporations. Under such provision, a director or officer of a corporation (i) shall be indemnified by the corporation for all expenses of litigation or other legal proceedings when he is successful on the merits or otherwise, (ii) may be indemnified by the corporation for the expenses, judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement of such litigation (other than a derivative suit) even if he is not successful on the merits if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation (and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reason to believe his conduct was unlawful), and (iii) may be indemnified by the corporation for expenses of a derivative suit (a suit by a stockholder alleging a breach by a director or officer of a duty owed to the corporation), even if he is not successful on the merits, if he acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, provided that no such indemnification may be made in accordance with this clause (iii) if the director or officer is adjudged liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that a court determines that, despite such adjudication but in view of all of the circumstances, he is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification of such expenses. The indemnification described in clauses (ii) and (iii) above shall be made only upon a determination by (i) a majority of a quorum of disinterested directors, (ii) independent legal counsel in a written opinion or (iii) the stockholders, that indemnification is proper because the applicable standard of conduct is met.

The effect of the indemnification provisions contained in the Company's By-laws is to require the Company to indemnify its directors and officers under circumstances where such indemnification would otherwise be discretionary and to extend to the Company's directors and officers the benefits of Delaware law dealing with director and officer indemnification, as well as any future changes which might occur under Delaware law in this area.

The Company's By-laws specify that the indemnification rights granted thereunder are enforceable contract rights which are not exclusive of any other indemnification rights that the director or officer may have under an agreement, provision of law, vote of stockholders or otherwise. As permitted by Section 145(g) of the DGCL, the Company's By-laws also authorize the Company to purchase directors' and officers' insurance for the benefit of its past and present directors and officers, irrespective of whether the Company has the power to indemnify such persons under Delaware law. The Company currently maintains such insurance as allowed by these provisions.

The Company's By-laws also provide that expenses incurred by a director or officer in defending a civil or criminal lawsuit or proceeding arising out of actions taken in his official capacity, or in certain other capacities, will be paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of the matter upon receipt of an undertaking from the director or officer to repay the sum advanced if it is ultimately determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Company pursuant to applicable provisions of the DGCL.

As noted above, the Company's directors and officers have certain indemnity rights under the Company's By-laws and the DGCL and are protected from certain other liabilities by the Company's existing directors' and officers' insurance. The Company has also entered into supplemental indemnification agreements with its directors and with certain officers designated by the Board of Directors (collectively the "Indemnitees"), which broaden the scope of indemnity that has traditionally been provided by the Company to such persons under the terms of its By-laws and the DGCL.

The indemnification agreements with the Indemnitees provide that, subject to certain important exceptions, the Indemnitees shall be indemnified to the fullest possible extent permitted by law against any amount which they become legally obligated to pay because of any act or omission or neglect or breach of duty. Such amount includes all expenses (including attorneys' fees), damages, judgments, costs and settlement amounts, actually and reasonably incurred or paid by them in any action or proceeding, including any action by or in the right of the Company, on account of their service as a director or officer of the Company or any subsidiary of the Company. The indemnification agreements further provide that expenses incurred by the Indemnitees in defending such actions, in accordance with the terms of the agreements, shall be paid in advance, subject to the Indemnitees' obligation to reimburse the Company in the event it is ultimately determined that they are not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under any of the provisions of the indemnification agreements.

No indemnification is provided under the indemnification agreements on account of conduct which is adjudged to be deliberately dishonest and material to establishing the liability for which indemnification is sought. In addition, no indemnification is provided if a final court adjudication shall determine that such indemnification is not lawful, or in respect of any suit in which judgment is rendered for an accounting of profits made from a purchase or sale of securities of the Company in violation of Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act, or of any similar statutory provision, or on account of any remuneration, personal profit or advantage which is adjudged to have been obtained in violation of law. The indemnification agreements also contain provisions designed to protect the Company from unreasonable settlements or redundant legal expenditures.

The indemnification agreements also provide for contribution by the Company, with certain exceptions, to amounts paid by the Indemnitees in any situation in which the Company and such individuals are jointly liable (or would be if the Company were joined in the litigation) if for any reason indemnification is not available. Such contribution would be based on the relative benefits to the Company and the individuals of the transaction from which liability arose, and on the relative fault in the transaction of the Company and the individuals. This provision would be applicable in the event a court found that indemnification under the federal securities laws is against public policy and thus not enforceable, as well as under state laws.

The indemnification agreements provide for substantially broader indemnity rights than those currently granted to the directors and officers of the Company under the Company's Bylaws, which afforded directors and officers only those express indemnification rights set forth in Section 145 of the DGCL. They are not intended to deny or otherwise limit third party or derivative suits against the Company or its directors or officers. However, to the extent a director or officer were entitled to indemnification or contribution thereunder, the financial burden of a third party suit would be borne by the Company, and the Company would not benefit from derivative recoveries since the amount of such recoveries would be repaid to the director or officer pursuant to the agreements.

Item 16. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of the Registration Statement:

Exhibit No.	Description
1	Form of Underwriting Agreement (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form S-3 Registration Statement, No. 33-58177, filed on March 22, 1995)
4	Indenture between the Company and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as Trustee
5	Opinion of Rose Law Firm
12	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP
23.2	Consent of Rose Law Firm is contained in the opinion included as Exhibit 5
23.3	Consent of Coopers & Lybrand LLP
24	Powers of Attorney
25	Statement of Eligibility of Trustee (incorporated by reference to the Company's Form S-3 Registration Statement, No. 33-58177, filed on March 22, 1995)

Item 17. Undertakings

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made of the securities registered hereby, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this registration statement;

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in this registration statement;

provided, however, that the undertakings set forth in paragraphs

(a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in this registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby further undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the

registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Springdale, State of Arkansas, on the 17th day of December, 1997.

TYSON FOODS, INC.
(Registrant)

*By: /s/ Wayne Britt
Wayne Britt
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature
Title
Date

/s/ Don Tyson
Don Tyson
Senior Chairman of the Board
December 17, 1997*

*/s/ Leland E. Tollett
Leland E. Tollett
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer
and Director
December 17, 1997*

/s/ John H. Tyson
John H. Tyson
Vice Chairman of Board
December 17, 1997*

/s/ Donald E. Wray
Donald E. Wray
President, Chief Operating Officer
and Director
December 17, 1997*

/s/ Shelby D. Massey
Shelby D. Massey
Director
December 17, 1997*

/s/ Joe F. Starr*
Joe F. Starr
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Neely E. Cassidy*
Neely E. Cassidy
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Fred S. Vorsanger*
Fred S. Vorsanger
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Barbara A. Tyson*
Barbara A. Tyson
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Lloyd V. Hackley*
Lloyd V. Hackley
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Gerald M. Johnson*
Gerald M. Johnson
Director
December 17, 1997

/s/ Wayne Britt
Wayne Britt
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer (Principal
Financial Officer)
December 17, 1997

/s/ James G. Ennis
James G. Ennis
Vice President and Controller
(Chief Accounting Officer)
December 17, 1997

*By:/s/ Wayne Britt
Wayne Britt, Attorney-in-Fact

TYSON FOODS, INC.
as Issuer

and

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A.
as Trustee

Indenture

Dated as of June 1, 1995

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INDENTURE, dated as of June 1, 1995, between TYSON FOODS, INC., a Delaware corporation, as the Company, and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., a national banking association, as Trustee.

RECITALS OF THE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the issue from time to time of its debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to be issued in one or more series (the "Securities") up to such principal amount or amounts as may from time to time be authorized in accordance with the terms of this Indenture and to provide, among other things, for the authentication, delivery and administration thereof, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture; and

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Indenture a valid indenture and agreement according to its terms have been done;

NOW, THEREFORE:

In consideration of the premises and the purchases of the Securities by the holders thereof, the Company and the Trustee mutually covenant and agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of the respective holders from time to time of the Securities or of series thereof and of the coupons, if any, appertaining thereto as follows:

ARTICLE 1

DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

SECTION 1.1 Definitions.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or Authenticating Agent.

"Attributable Debt" means, as to any particular lease under which any Person is at the time liable, other than a Capital Lease, and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the total net amount of rent required to be paid by such Person under such lease during the initial term thereof as determined in accordance with GAAP, discounted from the last date of such initial term to the date of determination at a rate per annum equal to the discount rate which would be applicable to a Capital Lease with like term in accordance with GAAP. The net amount of rent required to be paid under any such lease for any such period shall be the aggregate amount of rent payable by the lessee with respect to such period after excluding amounts required to be paid on account of insurance, taxes, assessments, utility, operating and labor costs and similar charges. In the case of any lease which is terminable by the lessee upon the payment of a penalty, such net amount shall also include the amount of such penalty, but no rent shall be considered as required to be paid under such lease subsequent to the first date upon which it may be so terminated. "Attributable Debt" means, as to a Capital Lease under which any Person is at the time liable and at any date as of which the amount thereof is to be determined, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on the face of a balance sheet of such Person in accordance with GAAP.

"Authorized Newspaper" means a newspaper (which, in the case of The City of New York, will, if practicable, be The Wall Street Journal (Eastern Edition), in the case of the United Kingdom, will, if practicable, be the Financial Times (London Edition) and, in the case of Luxembourg, will, if practicable, be the Luxemburger Wort) published in English and customarily published at least once a day for at least five days in each calendar week and of general circulation in The City of New York, the United Kingdom or in Luxembourg, as applicable. If it shall be impractical in the opinion of the Trustee to make any publication of any notice required hereby in an Authorized Newspaper, any publication or other notice in lieu thereof which is made or given with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient publication of such notice.

"Board Resolution" means one or more resolutions of the board of directors of the Company or any authorized committee thereof, certified by the Secretary or an assistant secretary to have been duly adopted and to be in full force and effect on the date of certification, and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law or regulation to close in The City of New York and with respect to any Security the interest of which is based on LIBOR, in the City of London.

"Capital Lease" means, as applied to any Person, any lease of any property which, in conformity with GAAP, is required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of such Person.

"Capital Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) of such Person's capital stock, including, without limitation, all Common Stock and Preferred Stock.

"Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, as from time to time constituted, created under the Exchange Act or, if at any time after the execution of this instrument such Commission is not existing and performing the duties now assigned to it under the Trust Indenture Act, then the body performing such duties at such time.

"Common Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) of such Person's common stock, whether now outstanding or issued after the date of this Indenture, including, without limitation, all series and classes of such common stock.

"Company" means the party named as such in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor replaces it pursuant to Article 5 of this Indenture and thereafter means the successor.

"Consolidated Net Tangible Assets" means the excess over the current liabilities of the Company of all of its assets as determined by the Company and as would be set forth in a consolidated balance sheet of the Company and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, in accordance with GAAP as of a date within 90 days of the date of such determination, after deducting goodwill, trademarks, patents, other like intangibles and the minority interest of others.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which the corporate trust business of the Trustee shall, at any particular time, be principally administered, which office is, at the date of this Indenture, located at 4 Chase MetroTech Center, Brooklyn, New York 11245, Attention: Corporate Trust.

"Default" means any Event of Default as defined in Section 6.1 and any event that is, or after notice or passage of time or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Depository" means, with respect to the Securities of any series issuable or issued in the form of one or more Registered Global Securities, the Person designated as Depository by the Company pursuant to Section 2.2 until a successor Depository shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Depository" shall mean or include each Person who is then a Depository hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such Person, "Depository" as used with respect to the Securities of any such series shall mean the Depository with respect to the Registered Global Securities of that series.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Exempted Debt" means the sum, without duplication, of the following items outstanding as of the date Exempted Debt is being determined: (i) indebtedness of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries incurred after the date of this Indenture and secured by liens created, assumed or otherwise incurred or permitted to exist pursuant to Section 4.3(b) and (ii) Attributable Debt of the Company and its Restricted Subsidiaries in respect of all sale and lease-back transactions with regard to any Principal Property entered into pursuant to Section 4.4(b).

"Funded Debt" means all indebtedness for money borrowed, including purchase money indebtedness, having a maturity of more than one year from the date of its creation or having a maturity of less than one year but by its terms being renewable or extendible, at the option of the obligor in respect thereof, beyond one year from its creation.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect as of the date of this Indenture.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means the registered holder of any Security.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as originally executed or as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time by one or more indentures supplemental to this Indenture entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture and shall include the forms and terms of the Securities of each series established as contemplated pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.3.

"Interest" includes interest payable on Original Issue Discount Securities after the maturity thereof.

"Officer" means, with respect to the Company, the chairman of the board of directors, the president or chief executive officer, any vice president, the chief financial officer, the treasurer or any assistant treasurer, or the secretary or any assistant secretary.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed in the name of the Company (i) by the chairman of the board of directors, the president or chief executive officer or a vice president and (ii) by the chief financial officer, the treasurer or any assistant treasurer, the secretary or any assistant secretary, complying with Section 10.4 (except Officers' Certificates provided for in Section 4.7) and delivered to the Trustee.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion signed by legal counsel, who may be an employee of or counsel to the Company, satisfactory to the Trustee and complying with Section 10.4.

"original issue date" of any Security (or portion thereof) means the earlier of (a) the date of authentication of such Security or (b) the date of any Security (or portion thereof) for which such Security was issued (directly or indirectly) on registration of transfer, exchange or substitution.

"Original Issue Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.1.

"Periodic Offering" means an offering of Securities of a series from time to time, the specific terms of which Securities, including, without limitation, the rate or rates of interest, if any, thereon, the stated maturity or maturities thereof and the redemption provisions, if any, with respect thereto, are to be determined by the Company or its agents upon the issuance of such Securities.

"Person" means an individual, a corporation, a partnership, a limited liability company, an association, a trust or any other entity or organization, including a government or political subdivision or an agency or instrumentality thereof.

"Preferred Stock" means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) of such Person's preferred or preference stock, whether now outstanding or issued after the date of the Indenture, including, without limitation, all series and classes of such preferred or preference stock.

"Principal" of a Security means the principal amount of, and, unless the context indicates otherwise, includes any premium payable on, the Security.

"Principal Property" means (i) land, land improvements, buildings and associated factory equipment owned or leased pursuant to a Capital Lease and used by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary primarily for processing, producing, packaging or storing its products, raw materials, inventories or other materials and supplies and located within the United States of America and having an acquisition cost plus capitalized improvements in excess of 1% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets as of the date of such determination, (ii) any property listed on Schedule 1.1 hereto and (iii) any asset held by Tyson Holding Company, Inc., but shall not include any such property or asset described in clauses

(i), (ii) or (iii) that is financed through the issuance of tax exempt governmental obligations, or any such property or asset that has been determined by Board Resolution of the Company not to be of material importance to the respective businesses conducted by the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary, effective as of the date such resolution is adopted.

"Registered Global Security", means a Security evidencing all or a part of a series of Registered Securities, issued to the Depositary for such series in accordance with Section 2.2, and bearing the legend prescribed in Section 2.2.

"Registered Security" means any Security registered on the Security Register.

"Responsible Officer" means any officer of the Trustee specifically authorized to administer the Trustee's duties under this Indenture.

"Restricted Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America and the principal business of which is carried on within the United States of America which owns or is a lessee pursuant to a Capital Lease of any Principal Property or owns shares of Capital Stock or indebtedness of another Restricted Subsidiary other than:

(i) each Subsidiary the major part of whose business consists of finance, banking, credit, leasing, insurance, financial services or other similar operations, or any combination thereof; and

(ii) each Subsidiary formed or acquired after the date hereof for the purpose of acquiring the business or assets of another Person and which does not acquire all or any substantial part of the business or assets of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary;

provided, however, that the Board of Directors of the Company may by Board Resolution declare any such Subsidiary to be a Restricted Subsidiary, effective as of the date such resolution is adopted.

"Securities" means any of the securities, as defined in the first paragraph of the recitals hereof, that are authenticated and delivered under this Indenture and, unless the context indicates otherwise, shall include any coupon appertaining thereto.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the outstanding Voting Stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person and one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person.

"Trustee" means the party named as such in the first paragraph of this Indenture until a successor replaces it in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 of this Indenture and thereafter means such successor.

"Trust Indenture Act" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (15 U.S. Code Section Section 77aaa-77bbb), as in effect on the date of this Indenture, except as provided in Section 9.6 or as used in Sections 8.2 and 8.3.

"United States Bankruptcy Code" means the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as amended and as codified in Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended from time to time hereafter, or any successor federal bankruptcy law.

"Unregistered Security" means any Security other than a Registered Security.

"U.S. Government Obligations" means securities that are (i) direct obligations of the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (ii) obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt; provided that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

"Voting Stock" means with respect to any Person, Capital Stock of any class or kind ordinarily having the power to vote for the election of directors, managers or other voting members of the governing body of such Person.

"Yield to Maturity" means as the context may require the yield to maturity (i) on a series of Securities or (ii) if the Securities of a series are issuable from time to time, on a Security of such series, calculated at the time of issuance of such series in the case of clause (i) or at the time of issuance of such Security of such series in the case of clause (ii), or, if applicable, at the most recent redetermination of interest on such series or on such Security, and calculated in accordance with the constant interest method or such other accepted financial practice as is specified in the terms of such Security.

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SECTION 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the Trust Indenture Act, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the Trust Indenture Act have the following meanings:

"indenture securities" means the Securities;

"indenture security holder" means a Holder or a Securityholder;

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture;

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee; and

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company or any other obligor on the Securities.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the Trust Indenture Act, defined by reference in the Trust Indenture Act to another statute or defined by a rule of the Commission and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them therein.

SECTION 1.4 Rules of Construction. Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (i) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (ii) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (iii) "or" is not exclusive;
- (iv) words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular;
- (v) "herein," "hereof" and other words of similar import refer to this Indenture as a whole and not to any particular Article, Section or other subdivision; and
- (vi) all references to Sections or Articles refer to Sections or Articles of this Indenture unless otherwise indicated.

ARTICLE 2

THE SECURITIES

SECTION 2.1 Form and Dating. The Securities of each series shall be substantially in such form or forms (not inconsistent with this Indenture) as shall be established by or pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions or in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, in each case with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture and may have imprinted or otherwise reproduced thereon such legend or legends or endorsements, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture, as may be required to comply with any law, or with any rules of any securities exchange or usage, all as may be determined by the officers executing such Securities as evidenced by their execution of the Securities. Unless otherwise so established, Unregistered Securities shall have coupons attached.

SECTION 2.2 Execution and Authentication. Two Officers shall execute the Securities (other than coupons) for the Company by facsimile or manual signature in the name and on behalf of the Company. If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Security is authenticated, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent (the "Authenticating Agent") to authenticate Securities (other than coupons). The Authenticating Agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such Authenticating Agent.

A Security (other than coupons) shall not be valid until the Trustee or Authenticating Agent manually signs the certificate of authentication on the Security. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

At any time and from time to time after the execution and delivery of this Indenture, the Issuer may deliver Securities of any series having attached thereto appropriate coupons, if any, executed by the Company to the Trustee for authentication together with the applicable documents referred to below in this Section, and the Trustee shall thereupon authenticate and deliver such Securities to or upon the order of the Company. In first authenticating any Securities of a series, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive and (subject to Article 7) shall be fully protected in relying upon, unless and until such documents have been superseded or revoked:

- (1) any Board Resolution and/or executed supplemental indenture referred to in Sections 2.1 and 2.3 by or pursuant to which the forms and terms of the Securities of the series were established;
- (2) an Officers' Certificate setting forth the form or forms and terms of the Securities, stating that the form or forms and terms of the Securities of such series have been, or will be, when established in accordance with such procedures as shall be referred to therein, established in compliance with this Indenture, and covering such other matters as the Trustee may reasonably request; and
- (3) an Opinion of Counsel substantially to the effect that the forms and term of the Securities of such series have been, or will be, when established in accordance with such procedures as shall be referred to therein, established in compliance with this Indenture and that the Securities have been duly authorized and, if executed and authenticated in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture and delivered to and duly paid for by the purchasers thereof on the date of such opinion, would be entitled to the benefits of the Indenture and would be valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their respective terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally, general principles of equity, and such other matters as shall be specified therein.

If the Company shall establish pursuant to Section 2.3 that the Securities of a series or a portion thereof are to be issued in the form of one or more Registered Global Securities, then the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver one or more Registered Global Securities that (i) shall represent and shall be denominated in an amount equal to the aggregate principal amount of all of the Securities of such series issued in such form and not yet canceled, (ii) shall be registered in the name of the Depositary for such Registered Global Security or Securities or the nominee of such Depositary, (iii) shall be delivered by the Trustee to such Depositary or pursuant to such Depositary's instructions and (iv) shall bear a legend substantially to the following effect: "Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Securities in definitive registered form, this Security may not be

transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to the nominee of the Depositary or by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such successor Depositary."

Each Depositary designated pursuant to Section 2.3 must, at the time of its designation and at all times while it serves as Depositary, be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and any other applicable statute or regulation.

SECTION 2.3 Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series. The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Securities may be issued in one or more series and each such series shall rank equally and pari passu with all other senior and unsubordinated debt of the Company. There shall be established in or pursuant to Board Resolutions or one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the initial issuance of Securities of any series,

- (1) the designation of the Securities of the series, which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from the Securities of all other series;
- (2) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture and any limitation on the ability of the Company to increase such aggregate principal amount after the initial issuance of the Securities of that Series (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, or upon redemption of, other Securities of the series pursuant hereto);
- (3) the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the series is payable (which date or dates may be fixed or extendible);
- (4) the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue, on which such interest shall be payable and (in the case of Registered Securities) on which a record shall be taken for the determination of Holders to whom interest is payable and/or the method by which such rate or rates or date or dates shall be determined and the basis on which interest shall be calculated if other than a 360-day year consisting of 12 30-day months;
- (5) the place or places where the principal of and any interest on Securities of the series shall be payable (if other than as provided in Section 4.2), any Registered Securities of the series may be surrendered for exchange, notices, demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of the series and this Indenture may be served and where notice to Holders may be published;
- (6) the right, if any, of the Company to redeem Securities of the series, in whole or in part, at its option and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and any terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series may be so redeemed, pursuant to any sinking fund or otherwise;

(7) the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem, purchase or repay Securities of the series pursuant to any mandatory redemption, sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the price or prices at which and the period or periods within which and any of the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series shall be redeemed, purchased or repaid, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

(8) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof in case of Registered Securities, or \$1,000 and \$5,000 in the case of Unregistered Securities, the denominations in which Securities of the series shall be issuable;

(9) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof;

(10) if other than the currency of the United States of America or if other than the currency in which the Securities of the series are denominated, the currency or currencies, including composite currencies, in which payment of the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on the Securities of the series shall be payable, and the manner in which any such currencies shall be valued against other currencies in which any other Securities shall be payable;

(11) whether the Securities of the series or any portion thereof will be issuable as Registered Securities (and if so, whether such Securities will be issuable as Registered Global Securities) or Unregistered Securities (with or without coupons), or any combination of the foregoing, any restrictions applicable to the offer, sale or delivery of Unregistered Securities or the payment of interest thereon and, if other than as otherwise provided herein, the terms upon which Unregistered Securities of any series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of such series and vice versa;

(12) whether and under what circumstances the Company will pay additional amounts on the Securities of the series held by a person who is not a U.S. person in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge withheld or deducted and, if so, whether the Company will have the option to redeem such Securities rather than pay such additional amounts;

(13) if the Securities of the series are to be issuable in definitive form (whether upon original issue or upon exchange of a temporary Security of such series) only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or satisfaction of other conditions, the form and terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(14) any trustees, depositaries, authenticating or paying agents, transfer agents or registrars or any other agents with respect to the Securities of the series;

(15) provisions, if any, for the defeasance of the Securities of the series (including provisions permitting defeasance of less than all Securities of the series), which provisions may be in addition to, in substitution for, or in modification of (or any combination of the foregoing) the provisions of Article 8;

(16) if the Securities of the series are issuable in whole or in part as one or more Registered Global Securities, the identity of the Depository for such Registered Global Security or Securities;

(17) any other events of default or covenants with respect to the Securities of the series; and

(18) any other terms of the Securities of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Indenture).

All Securities of any one series and coupons, if any, appertaining thereto, shall be substantially identical, except in the case of Registered Securities as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution referred to above or as set forth in any such indenture supplemental hereto. All Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to such Board Resolution or in any such indenture supplemental hereto and any forms and terms of Securities to be issued from time to time may be completed and established from time to time prior to the issuance thereof by procedures described in such Board Resolution or supplemental indenture.

A series of Securities may include one or more tranches (each a "tranche") of Securities, including Securities issued in a Periodic Offering. The Securities of different tranches may have one or more different terms, including authentication dates and public offering prices, but all the Securities within each such tranche shall have identical terms, including authentication date and public offering price. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, with respect to Sections 2.2 (other than the fourth paragraph thereof) through 2.4, 3.1 through 3.5, 6.1 through 6.14, 8.1 through 8.5 and 9.2, if any series of Securities includes more than one tranche, all provisions of such sections applicable to any series of Securities shall be deemed equally applicable to each tranche of any series of Securities in the same manner as though originally designated a series unless otherwise provided with respect to such series or tranche pursuant to this Section 2.3. In particular, and without limiting the scope of the next preceding sentence, any of the provisions of such sections which provide for or permit action to be taken with respect to a series of Securities shall also be deemed to provide for and permit such action to be taken instead only with respect to Securities of one or more tranches within that series (and such provisions shall be deemed satisfied thereby), even if no comparable action is taken with respect to Securities in the remaining tranches of that series.

SECTION 2.4 Denomination and Date of Securities; Payments of Interest. The Securities of each series shall be issuable as Registered Securities or Unregistered Securities in denominations established as contemplated by Section 2.3 or, if not so established with respect to Registered Securities of any series, in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. If the denominations of Unregistered Securities of any series are not so established, such Securities shall be issuable in denominations of \$1,000 and \$5,000. The Securities of each series shall be numbered, lettered, or otherwise distinguished in such manner or in accordance with such plan as the officers of the Company executing the same may determine, as evidenced by the execution thereof.

Each Registered Security shall be dated the date of its authentication. Each Unregistered Security shall be dated as provided pursuant to Section 2.3. The Securities of each series shall bear interest, if any, from the date, and such interest shall be payable on the dates, established as contemplated by Section 2.3.

The person in whose name any Registered Security of any series is registered at the close of business on any record date applicable to a particular series with respect to any interest payment date for such series shall be entitled to receive the interest, if any, payable on such interest payment date notwithstanding any transfer or exchange of such Registered Security subsequent to the record date and prior to such interest payment date, except if and to the extent the Company shall default in the payment of the interest due on such interest payment date for such series, in which case the provisions of Section 2.13 shall apply. The term "record date" as used with respect to any interest payment date (except a date for payment of defaulted interest) for the Securities of any series shall mean the date specified as such in the terms of the Registered Securities of such series established as contemplated by Section 2.3, or, if no such date is so established, if such interest payment date is the first day of a calendar month, the fifteenth day of the next preceding calendar month or, if such interest payment date is the fifteenth day of a calendar month, the first day of such calendar month, whether or not such record date is a Business Day.

SECTION 2.5 Registrar and Paying Agent; Agents Generally. The Company shall maintain an office or agency where Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the "Registrar") and an office or agency where Securities may be presented for payment (the "Paying Agent"), which shall be in The City of New York. The Company shall cause the Registrar to keep a register of the Registered Securities and of their transfer and exchange (the "Security Register"). The Company may have one or more co-Registrars and one or more additional Paying Agents.

The Company shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Agent not a party to this Indenture. The agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such Agent. The Company shall give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the name and address of any Agent and any change in the name or address of an Agent. If the Company fails to maintain a Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Company may remove any Agent upon written notice to such Agent and the Trustee; provided that no such removal shall become effective until (i) the acceptance of an appointment by a successor Agent to such Agent as evidenced by an appropriate agency agreement entered into by the Company and such successor Agent and delivered to the Trustee or (ii) notification to the Trustee that the Trustee shall serve as such Agent until the appointment of a successor Agent in accordance with clause (i) of this proviso. The Company or any Affiliate of the Company may act as Paying Agent, Registrar or co-Registrar; provided that neither the Company nor an Affiliate of the Company shall act as Paying Agent in connection with the defeasance of the Securities or the discharge of this Indenture under Article 8.

The Company initially appoints the Trustee as Registrar, Paying Agent and Authenticating Agent. If, at any time, the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Registrar shall make available to the Trustee on or before

each Interest Payment Date and at such other times as the Trustee may reasonably request the names and addresses of the Holders as they appear in the Security Register.

SECTION 2.6 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust. Not later than each due date of any principal or interest on any Securities, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent money in immediately available funds sufficient to pay such principal or interest. The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that such Paying Agent shall hold in trust for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of and interest on such Securities and shall promptly notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and account for any funds disbursed, and the Trustee may at any time during the continuance of any payment default, upon written request to a Paying Agent, require such Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee and to account for any funds disbursed. Upon doing so, the Paying Agent shall have no further liability for the money so paid over to the Trustee. If the Company or any Affiliate of the Company acts as Paying Agent, it will, on or before each due date of any principal of or interest on any Securities, segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders thereof a sum of money sufficient to pay such principal or interest so becoming due until such sum of money shall be paid to such Holders or otherwise disposed of as provided in this Indenture, and will promptly notify the Trustee of its action or failure to act as required by this Section.

SECTION 2.7 Transfer and Exchange. Unregistered Securities (except for any temporary global Unregistered Securities) and coupons (except for coupons attached to any temporary global Unregistered Securities) shall be transferable by delivery.

At the option of the Holder thereof, Registered Securities of any series (other than a Registered Global Security, except as set forth below) may be exchanged for a Registered Security or Registered Securities of such series and tenor having authorized denominations and an equal aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of such Registered Securities to be exchanged at the agency of the Company that shall be maintained for such purpose in accordance with Section 2.5 and upon payment, if the Company shall so require, of the charges hereinafter provided. If the Securities of any series are issued in both registered and unregistered form, except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 2.3, at the option of the Holder thereof, Unregistered Securities of any series may be exchanged for Registered Securities of such series and tenor having authorized denominations and an equal aggregate principal amount, upon surrender of such Unregistered Securities to be exchanged at the agency of the Company that shall be maintained for such purpose in accordance with Section 2.5, with, in the case of Unregistered Securities that have coupons attached, all unmatured coupons and all matured coupons in default thereto appertaining, and upon payment, if the Company shall so require, of the charges hereinafter provided. At the option of the Holder thereof, if Unregistered Securities of any series, maturity date, interest rate and original issue date are issued in more than one authorized denomination, except as otherwise established pursuant to Section 2.3, such Unregistered Securities may be exchanged for Unregistered Securities of such series and tenor having authorized denominations and an equal aggregate principal

amount, upon surrender of such Unregistered Securities to be exchanged at the agency of the Company that shall be maintained for such purpose in accordance with Section 2.5, with, in the case of Unregistered Securities that have coupons attached, all unmatured coupons and all matured coupons in default thereto appertaining, and upon payment, if the Company shall so require, of the charges hereinafter provided. Unless otherwise specified pursuant to Section 2.3, Registered Securities of any series may not be exchanged for Unregistered Securities of such series. Whenever any Securities are so surrendered for exchange, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, the Securities which the Holder making the exchange is entitled to receive.

All Registered Securities presented for registration of transfer, exchange, redemption or payment shall (if so required by the Company or the Trustee) be duly endorsed by, or be accompanied by a written instrument or instruments of transfer in form satisfactory to the Company, the Registrar and the Trustee duly executed by, the holder or his attorney duly authorized in writing.

The Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in connection with any exchange or registration of transfer of Securities. No service charge shall be made for any such transaction.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2.7, unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for Securities in definitive registered form, a Registered Global Security representing all or a portion of the Securities of a series may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary for such series to a nominee of such Depositary or by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by such Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary for such series or a nominee of such successor Depositary.

If at any time the Depositary for any Registered Global Securities of any series notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Registered Global Securities or if at any time the Depositary for such Registered Global Securities shall no longer be eligible under Section 2.2, the Company shall appoint a successor Depositary eligible under Section 2.2 with respect to such Registered Global Securities. If a successor Depositary eligible under Section 2.2 for such Registered Global Securities is not appointed by the Company within 90 days after the Company receives such notice or becomes aware of such ineligibility, the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of the Company's order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Registered Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Registered Securities of such series and tenor, in any authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Registered Global Securities, in exchange for such Registered Global Securities.

The Company may at any time and in its sole discretion determine that any Registered Global Securities of any series shall no longer be maintained in global form. In such event the Company will execute, and the Trustee, upon receipt of the Company's order for the authentication and delivery of definitive Securities of such series, will authenticate and deliver, Securities of such series and tenor in definitive registered form without coupons, in any authorized denominations, in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of such Registered Global Securities, in exchange for such Registered Global Securities.

Any time the Registered Securities of any series are not in the form of Registered Global Securities pursuant to the preceding two paragraphs, the Company agrees to supply the Trustee with a reasonable supply of certificated Registered Securities without the legend required by Section 2.2 and the Trustee agrees to hold such Registered Securities in safekeeping until authenticated and delivered pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

If established by the Company pursuant to Section 2.3 with respect to any Registered Global Security, the Depositary for such Registered Global Security may surrender such Registered Global Security in exchange in whole or in part for Registered Securities of the same series and tenor in definitive registered form on such terms as are acceptable to the Company and such Depositary. Thereupon, the Company shall execute, and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver, without service charge,

(i) to the Person specified by such Depositary new Registered Securities of the same series and tenor, of any authorized denominations as requested by such Person, in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for such Person's beneficial interest in the Registered Global Security; and

(ii) to such Depositary a new Registered Global Security in a denomination equal to the difference, if any, between the principal amount of the surrendered Registered Global Security and the aggregate principal amount of Registered Securities authenticated and delivered pursuant to clause (i) above.

Registered securities issued in exchange for a Registered Global Security pursuant to this Section 2.7 shall be registered in such names and in such authorized denominations as the Depositary for such Registered Global Security, pursuant to instructions from its direct or indirect participants or otherwise, shall instruct the Trustee or an agent of the Company or the Trustee. The Trustee or such agent shall deliver such Securities to or as directed by the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

All Securities issued upon any transfer or exchange of Securities shall be valid obligations of the Company, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Securities surrendered upon such transfer or exchange.

Notwithstanding anything herein or in the forms or terms of any Securities to the contrary, none of the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be required to exchange any Unregistered Security for a Registered Security if such exchange would result in adverse Federal income tax consequences to the Company (such as, for example, the inability of the Company to deduct from its income, as computed for Federal income tax purposes, the interest payable on the Unregistered Securities) under then applicable United States Federal income tax laws. The Trustee and any such agent shall be entitled to rely on an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel in determining such result.

The Registrar shall not be required (i) to issue, register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any series for a period of 15 days before a selection of such Securities to be redeemed or (ii) to register the transfer of or exchange any Security selected for redemption in whole or in part.

SECTION 2.8 Replacement Securities. If a mutilated Security of any series is surrendered to the Trustee or if a Holder provides evidence satisfactory to the Trustee that its Security of any series has been lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken, the Company shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a replacement Security of such series and tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding. If required by the Trustee or the Company, an indemnity bond must be furnished that is sufficient in the judgment of both the Trustee and the Company to protect the Company, the Trustee and any Agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced. The Company may charge such Holder for its expenses and the expenses of the Trustee in replacing a Security. In case any such mutilated, lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may pay such Security instead of issuing a new Security in replacement thereof.

Every replacement Security is an additional obligation of the Company and shall be entitled to the benefits of this Indenture.

To the extent permitted by law, the foregoing provisions of this Section are exclusive with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or wrongfully taken Securities.

SECTION 2.9 Outstanding Securities. Securities outstanding at any time are all Securities that have been authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation and those described in this Section as not outstanding.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.8, it ceases to be outstanding unless and until the Trustee and the Company receive proof satisfactory to them that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company or an Affiliate of the Company) holds on the maturity date or any redemption date or date for repurchase of the Securities money sufficient to pay Securities payable or to be redeemed or repurchased on that date, then on and after that date such Securities cease to be outstanding and interest on them shall cease to accrue; provided, however, that with respect to Securities to be repurchased, interest on them shall cease to accrue only when such Securities have been physically rendered to the Trustee by the Company.

A Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or one of its Affiliates holds such Security, provided, however, that, in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, Securities owned by the Company or any Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded and deemed not to be outstanding, except that, in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which the Trustee knows to be so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Company or any Affiliate of the Company.

SECTION 2.10 Temporary Securities. Until definitive Securities of any series are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities of such series. Temporary Securities of any series shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities of such series but may have insertions, substitutions, omissions and other variations determined to be appropriate by the Officers executing the temporary Securities, as evidenced by their execution of such temporary Securities. If temporary Securities of any series are issued, the Company will cause definitive Securities of such series to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Securities of any series, the temporary Securities of such series shall be exchangeable for definitive Securities of such series and tenor upon surrender of such temporary Securities at the office or agency of the Company designated for such purpose pursuant to Section 4.2, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Securities of any series the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a like principal amount of definitive Securities of such series and tenor and authorized denominations. Until so exchanged, the temporary Securities of any series shall be entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture as definitive Securities of such series.

SECTION 2.11 Cancellation. The Company at any time may deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated and delivered hereunder which the Company may have acquired in any manner whatsoever, and may deliver to the Trustee for cancellation any Securities previously authenticated hereunder which the Company has not issued and sold. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment or cancellation and shall dispose of them in accordance with its normal procedures or the written instructions of the Company. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities it has paid in full or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

SECTION 2.12 CUSIP Numbers. The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" and "CINS" numbers (if then generally in use), and the Trustee shall use CUSIP numbers or CINS numbers, as the case may be, in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice shall state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of redemption or exchange.

SECTION 2.13 Defaulted Interest. If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities, it shall pay, or shall deposit with the Paying Agent money in immediately available funds sufficient to pay, the defaulted interest, plus (to the extent lawful) any interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders on a subsequent special record date, which shall mean the 15th day next preceding the date fixed by the Company for the payment of defaulted interest, whether or not such day is a Business Day. At least 15 days before such special record date, the Company shall mail to each Holder and to the Trustee a notice that states the special record date, the payment date and the amount of defaulted interest to be paid.

ARTICLE 3

REDEMPTION

SECTION 3.1 Applicability of Article. The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to the Securities of any series which are redeemable before their maturity or to any sinking fund for the retirement of Securities of a series except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.3 for Securities of such series.

SECTION 3.2 Notice of Redemption; Partial Redemptions. Notice of redemption to the Holders of Registered Securities of any series to be redeemed as a whole or in part at the option of the Company shall be given by mailing notice of such redemption by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption to such Holders of Registered Securities of such series at their last addresses as they shall appear upon the registry books. Notice of redemption to the Holders of Unregistered Securities of any series to be redeemed as a whole or in part, who have filed their names and addresses with the Trustee pursuant to Section 313(c)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act, shall be given by mailing notice of such redemption, by first class mail, postage prepaid, at least 30 days and not more than 60 prior to the date fixed for redemption, to such Holders at such addresses as were so furnished to the Trustee (and, in the case of any such notice given by the Company, the Trustee shall make such information available to the Company for such purpose). Notice of redemption to all other Holders of Unregistered Securities of any series to be redeemed as a whole or in part shall be published in an Authorized Newspaper in The City of New York and in an Authorized Newspaper in London, in each case, once in each of three successive calendar weeks, the first publication to be not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption. Any notice which is mailed in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives the notice. Failure to give notice by mail, or any defect in the notice to the Holder of any Security of a series designated for redemption as a whole or in part shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Security of such series.

The notice of redemption to each such Holder shall specify the principal amount of each Security of such series held by such Holder to be redeemed, the date fixed for redemption, the redemption price, the place or places of payment, that payment will be made upon presentation and surrender of such Securities and, in the case of Securities with coupons attached thereto, of all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after the date fixed for redemption, that such redemption is pursuant to the mandatory or optional sinking fund, or both, if such be the case, that interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption will be paid as specified in such notice and that on and after said date interest thereon or on the portions thereof to be redeemed will cease to accrue. In case any Security of a series is to be redeemed in part only, the notice of redemption shall state the portion of the principal amount thereof to be redeemed and shall state that on and after the date fixed for redemption, upon surrender of such Security, a new Security or Securities of such series and tenor in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued.

The notice of redemption of Securities of any series to be redeemed at the option of the Company shall be given by the Company or, at the Company's request, by the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Company.

On or before the redemption date specified in the notice of redemption given as provided in this Section, the Company will deposit with the Trustee or with one or more paying agents (or, if the Company is acting as its own paying agent, set aside, segregate and hold in trust as provided in Section 2.6) an amount of money sufficient to redeem on the redemption date all the Securities of such series so called for redemption at the appropriate redemption price, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption. If all of the outstanding Securities of a series are to be redeemed, the Company will deliver to the Trustee at least 20 days prior to the last date on which notice of redemption may be given to Holders pursuant to the first paragraph of this Section 3.2 an Officers' Certificate stating that all such Securities are to be redeemed. If less than all the outstanding Securities of a series are to be redeemed, the Company will deliver to the Trustee at least 20 days prior to the last date on which notice of redemption may be given to Holders pursuant to the first paragraph of this Section 3.2 (or such shorter period as shall be acceptable to the Trustee) an Officers' Certificate stating the aggregate principal amount of such Securities to be redeemed. In case of a redemption at the election of the Company prior to the expiration of any restriction on such redemption, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee, prior to the giving of any notice of redemption to Holders pursuant to this Section, an Officers' Certificate stating that such redemption is not prohibited by such restriction.

If less than all the Securities of a series are to be redeemed, the Trustee shall select, in such manner as it shall deem appropriate and fair, Securities of such Series to be redeemed in whole or in part. Securities may be redeemed in part in multiples equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of such series or any multiple thereof. The Trustee shall promptly notify the Company in writing of the Securities of such series selected for redemption and, in the case of any Securities of such series selected for partial redemption, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed. For all purposes of this Indenture, unless the context otherwise requires, all provisions relating to the redemption of Securities shall relate, in the case of any Security redeemed or to be redeemed only in part, to the portion of the principal amount of such Security which has been or is to be redeemed.

SECTION 3.3 Payment of Securities Called for Redemption. If notice of redemption has been given as above provided, the Securities or portions of Securities specified in such notice shall become due and payable on the date and at the place stated in such notice at the applicable redemption price, together with interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, and on and after such date (unless the Company shall default in the payment of such Securities at the redemption price, together with interest accrued to such date) interest on the Securities or portions of Securities so called for redemption shall cease to accrue, and the unmatured coupons, if any, appertaining thereto shall be void and, except as provided in Sections 7.11 and 8.4, such Securities shall cease from and after the date fixed for redemption to be entitled to any benefit or security under this Indenture, and the Holders thereof shall have no right in respect of such Securities except the right to receive the redemption price thereof and unpaid interest to the date fixed for redemption. On presentation and surrender of such Securities at a place of payment specified in said notice, together with all coupons, if any, appertaining thereto maturing after the date fixed for redemption, said Securities or the specified portions thereof shall be paid and redeemed by the Company at

the applicable redemption price, together with interest accrued thereon to the date fixed for redemption; provided that payment of interest becoming due on or prior to the date fixed for redemption shall be payable in the case of Securities with coupons attached thereto, to the Holders of the coupons for such interest upon surrender thereof, and in the case of Registered Securities, to the Holders of such Registered Securities registered as such on the relevant record date subject to the terms and provisions of Sections 2.4 and 2.13 hereof.

If any Security called for redemption shall not be so paid upon surrender thereof for redemption, the principal shall, until paid or duly provided for, bear interest from the date fixed for redemption at the rate of interest or Yield to Maturity (in the case of an Original Issue Discount Security) borne by such Security.

If any Security with coupons attached thereto is surrendered for redemption and is not accompanied by all appurtenant coupons maturing after the date fixed for redemption, the surrender of such missing coupon or coupons may be waived by the Company and the Trustee, if there be furnished to each of them such security or indemnity as they may require to save each of them harmless.

Upon presentation of any Security of any series redeemed in part only, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver to or on the order of the Holder thereof, at the expense of the Company, a new Security or Securities of such series and tenor (with any unmaturing coupons attached), of authorized denominations, in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of the Security so presented.

SECTION 3.4 Exclusion of Certain Securities from Eligibility for Selection for Redemption. Securities shall be excluded from eligibility for selection for redemption if they are identified by registration and certificate number in a written statement signed by an authorized officer of the Company and delivered to the Trustee at least 40 days prior to the last date on which notice of redemption may be given as being owned of record and beneficially by, and not pledged or hypothecated by either (a) the Company or (b) an entity specifically identified in such written statement as directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company.

SECTION 3.5 Mandatory and Optional Sinking Funds. The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of Securities of any series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment", and any payment in excess of such minimum amount provided for by the terms of the Securities of any series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment". The date on which a sinking fund payment is to be made is herein referred to as the "sinking fund payment date".

In lieu of making all or any part of any mandatory sinking fund payment with respect to any series of Securities in cash, the Company may at its option (a) deliver to the Trustee Securities of such series theretofore purchased or otherwise acquired (except through a mandatory sinking fund payment) by the Company or receive credit for Securities of such series (not previously so credited) theretofore purchased or otherwise acquired (except as aforesaid) by the Company and delivered to the Trustee for cancellation pursuant to Section 2.11, (b) receive credit for optional sinking fund payments (not previously so credited) made pursuant to this

Section, or (c) receive credit for Securities of such series (not previously so credited) redeemed by the Company through any optional sinking fund payment. Securities so delivered or credited shall be received or credited by the Trustee at the sinking fund redemption price specified in such Securities.

On or before the sixtieth day next preceding each sinking fund payment date for any series, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate (which need not contain the statements required by Section 10.4) (a) specifying the portion of the mandatory sinking fund payment to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion to be satisfied by credit of specified Securities of such series and the basis for such credit, (b) stating that none of the specified Securities of such series has theretofore been so credited, (c) stating that no defaults in the payment of interest or Events of Default with respect to such series have occurred (which have not been waived or cured) and are continuing and (d) stating whether or not the Company intends to exercise its right to make an optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series and, if so, specifying the amount of such optional sinking fund payment which the Company intends to pay on or before the next succeeding sinking fund payment date. Any Securities of such series to be credited and required to be delivered to the Trustee in order for the Company to be entitled to credit therefor as aforesaid which have not theretofore been delivered to the Trustee shall be delivered for cancellation pursuant to Section 2.11 to the Trustee with such Officers' Certificate (or reasonably promptly thereafter if acceptable to the Trustee). Such Officers' Certificate shall be irrevocable and upon its receipt by the Trustee the Company shall become unconditionally obligated to make all the cash payments or payments therein referred to, if any, on or before the next succeeding sinking fund payment date. Failure of the Company, on or before any such sixtieth day, to deliver such Officer's Certificate and Securities specified in this paragraph, if any, shall not constitute a default but shall constitute, on and as of such date, the irrevocable election of the Company (i) that the mandatory sinking fund payment for such series due on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date shall be paid entirely in cash without the option to deliver or credit Securities of such series in respect thereof and (ii) that the Company will make no optional sinking fund payment with respect to such series as provided in this Section.

If the sinking fund payment or payments (mandatory or optional or both) to be made in cash on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date plus any unused balance of any preceding sinking fund payments made in cash shall exceed \$50,000 or a lesser sum if the Company shall so request with respect to the Securities of any series, such cash shall be applied on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date to the redemption of Securities of such series at the sinking fund redemption price thereof together with accrued interest thereon to the date fixed for redemption. If such amount shall be \$50,000 or less and the Company makes no such request then it shall be carried over until a sum in excess of \$50,000 is available. The Trustee shall select, in the manner provided in Section 3.2, for redemption on such sinking fund payment date a sufficient principal amount of Securities of such series to absorb said cash, as nearly as may be, and shall (if requested in writing by the Company) inform the Company of the serial numbers of the Securities of such series (or portions thereof) so selected. Securities shall be excluded from eligibility for redemption under this Section if they are identified by registration and certificate number in an Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee at

least 60 days prior to the sinking fund payment date as being owned of record and beneficially by, and not pledged or hypothecated by either (a) the Company or (b) an entity specifically identified in such Officers' Certificate as directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with the Company. The Trustee, in the name and at the expense of the Company (or the Company, if it shall so request the Trustee in writing) shall cause notice of redemption of the Securities of such series to be given in substantially the manner provided in Section 3.2 (and with the effect provided in Section 3.3) for the redemption of Securities of such series in part at the option of the Company.

The amount of any sinking fund payments not so applied or allocated to the redemption of Securities of such series shall be added to the next cash sinking fund payment for such series and, together with such payment, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of this Section. Any and all sinking fund moneys held on the stated maturity date of the Securities of any particular series (or earlier, if such maturity is accelerated), which are not held for the payment or redemption of particular Securities of such series shall be applied, together with other moneys, if necessary, sufficient for the purpose, to the payment of the principal of, and interest on, the Securities of such series at maturity.

Before each sinking fund payment date, the Company shall pay to the Trustee in cash or shall otherwise provide for the payment of all interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption on Securities to be redeemed on the next following sinking fund payment date.

The Trustee shall not redeem or cause to be redeemed any Securities of a series with sinking fund moneys or mail any notice of redemption of Securities of such series by operation of the sinking fund during the continuance of a default in payment of interest on such Securities or of any Event of Default except that, where the mailing of notice of redemption of any Securities shall theretofore have been made, the Trustee shall redeem or cause to be redeemed such Securities, provided that it shall have received from the Company a sum sufficient for such redemption. Except as aforesaid, any moneys in the sinking fund for such series at the time when any such default or Event of Default shall occur, and any moneys thereafter paid into the sinking fund, shall, during the continuance of such default or Event of Default, be deemed to have been collected under Article 6 and held for the payment of all such Securities. In case such Event of Default shall have been waived as provided in Section 6.4 or the default cured on or before the sixtieth day preceding the sinking fund payment date in any year, such moneys shall thereafter be applied on the next succeeding sinking fund payment date in accordance with this Section to the redemption of such Securities.

ARTICLE 4

COVENANTS

SECTION 4.1 Payment of Securities. The Company shall pay the principal of and interest on the Securities on the dates and in the manner provided in the Securities and this Indenture. The interest on Securities with coupons attached (together with any additional amounts payable pursuant to the terms of such Securities) shall be payable only upon presentation and surrender of the several coupons for such interest

installments as are evidenced thereby as they severally mature. The interest on any temporary Unregistered Securities (together with any additional amounts payable pursuant to the terms of such Securities) shall be paid, as to the installments of interest evidenced by coupons attached thereto, if any, only upon presentation and surrender thereof, and, as to the other installments of interest, if any, only upon presentation of such Securities for notation thereon of the payment of such interest. The interest on Registered Securities (together with any additional amounts payable pursuant to the terms of such Securities) shall be payable only to or upon the written instructions of the Holders thereof and at the option of the Company may be paid by wire transfer or mailing checks for such interest payable to or upon the written order of such Holders at their last addresses as they appear on the Security Register of the Company.

Notwithstanding any provisions of this Indenture and the Securities of any series to the contrary, if the Company and a Holder of at least \$1,000,000 aggregate principal amount of Registered Securities so agree, payments of interest on, and any portion of the principal of, such Holder's Registered Securities (other than interest payable at maturity or on any redemption or repayment date or the final payment of principal on a Security) shall be made by the Paying Agent, upon receipt from the Company of immediately available funds by 11:00 A.M., New York City time (or such other time as may be agreed to between the Company and the Paying Agent), directly to the Holder of such Security (by Federal funds wire transfer or otherwise within the United States) if the Holder has delivered written instructions to the Trustee 15 days prior to such payment date requesting that such payment will be so made and designating the bank account in the United States to which such payments shall be so made and in the case of payments of principal surrenders the same to the Trustee in exchange for a Security or Securities aggregating the same principal amount as the unredeemed principal amount of the Securities surrendered. The Trustee shall be entitled to rely on the last instruction delivered by the Holder pursuant to this Section 4.1 unless a new instruction is delivered 15 days prior to a payment date. The Company will indemnify and hold each of the Trustee and any Paying Agent harmless against any loss, liability or expense (including attorneys' fees) resulting from any act or omission to act on the part of the Company or any such Holder in connection with any such agreement or from making any payment in accordance with any such agreement.

The Company shall pay interest on overdue principal, and interest on overdue installments of interest, to the extent lawful, at the rate per annum specified in the Securities.

SECTION 4.2 Maintenance of Office or Agency. The Company will maintain in The City of New York, an office or agency where Securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange or for presentation for payment and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Company hereby initially designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, located in The City of New York, as such office or agency of the Company. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required office or agency or shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the address of the Trustee set forth in Section 10.2.

The Company will maintain one or more agencies in a city or cities located outside the United States (including any city in which such an agency is required to be maintained under the rules of any stock exchange on which the Securities of any series are listed) where the Unregistered Securities, if any, of each series and coupons, if any, appertaining thereto may be presented for payment. No payment on any Unregistered Security or coupon will be made upon presentation of such Unregistered Security or coupon at an agency of the Company within the United States nor will any payment be made by transfer to an account in, or by mail to an address in, the United States unless, pursuant to applicable United States laws and regulations then in effect, such payment can be made without adverse tax consequences to the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if full payment in United States Dollars ("Dollars") at each agency maintained by the Company outside the United States for payment on such Unregistered Securities or coupons appertaining thereto is illegal or effectively precluded by exchange controls or other similar restrictions, payments in Dollars of Unregistered Securities of any series and coupons appertaining thereto which are payable in Dollars may be made at an agency of the Company maintained in The City of New York.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities of any series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in The City of New York for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

SECTION 4.3 Negative Pledge. (a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, create, incur or suffer to exist any mortgage or pledge, as security for any indebtedness, on or of any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, whether such shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or Principal Property of the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary is owned at the date of this Indenture or hereafter acquired, unless the Company secures or causes such Restricted Subsidiary to secure the outstanding Securities equally and ratably with all indebtedness secured by such mortgage or pledge, so long as such indebtedness shall be so secured; provided, however, that this covenant shall not apply in the case of: (i) the creation of any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property hereafter acquired (including acquisitions by way of merger or consolidation) by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary contemporaneously with such acquisition, or within 180 days thereafter, to secure or provide for the payment or financing of any part of the purchase price thereof, or the assumption of any mortgage, pledge or other lien upon any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property hereafter acquired existing at the time of such acquisition, or the acquisition of any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property subject to any mortgage, pledge or other lien without the assumption thereof, provided that every such mortgage, pledge or lien referred to in this clause (i) shall attach only to the shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property so acquired and fixed improvements thereon; (ii)

any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property existing at the date of this Indenture; (iii) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on any shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property in favor of the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary; (iv) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on Principal Property being constructed or improved securing loans to finance such construction or improvements; (v) any mortgage, pledge or other lien on shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any Principal Property incurred in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt governmental obligations; and (vi) any renewal of or substitution for any mortgage, pledge or other lien permitted by any of the preceding clauses (i) through (v), provided, in the case of a mortgage, pledge or other lien permitted under clause (i), (ii) or (iv), the indebtedness secured is not increased nor the lien extended to any additional shares of stock, indebtedness or other obligations of a Subsidiary or any additional Principal Property.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may create or assume liens in addition to those permitted by paragraph (a) of this Section, and renew, extend or replace such liens, provided that at the time of such creation, assumption, renewal, extension or replacement, and after giving effect thereto, Exempted Debt does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

SECTION 4.4 Certain Sale and Lease-back Transactions.

(a) The Company will not, and will not permit any Restricted Subsidiary to, sell or transfer, directly or indirectly, except to the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary, any Principal Property as an entirety, or any substantial portion thereof, with the intention of taking back a lease of such property, except a lease for a period of three years or less at the end of which it is intended that the use of such property by the lessee will be discontinued; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may sell any such Principal Property and lease it back for a longer period (i) if the Company or such Restricted Subsidiary would be entitled, pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.3(a), to create a mortgage on the property to be leased securing Funded Debt in an amount equal to the Attributable Debt with respect to such sale and lease-back transaction without equally and ratably securing the outstanding Securities or (ii) if (A) the Company promptly informs the Trustee of such transaction, (B) the net proceeds of such transaction are at least equal to the fair value (as determined by Board Resolution of the Company) of such property and (C) the Company causes an amount equal to the net proceeds of the sale to be applied to the retirement, within 180 days after receipt of such proceeds, of Funded Debt incurred or assumed by the Company or a Restricted Subsidiary (including the Securities); provided further that, in lieu of applying all of or any part of such net proceeds to such retirement, the Company may, within 75 days after such sale, deliver or cause to be delivered to the applicable trustee for cancellation either debentures or notes evidencing Funded Debt of the Company (which may include the Outstanding Securities) or of a Restricted Subsidiary previously authenticated and delivered by the applicable trustee, and not theretofore tendered for sinking fund purposes or called for a sinking fund or otherwise applied as a credit against an obligation to redeem or retire such notes or debentures, and an Officers' Certificate (which shall be delivered to the Trustee and each paying agent and which need not contain the statements prescribed by the second paragraph of Section 10.4)

stating that the Company elects to deliver or cause to be delivered such debentures or notes in lieu of retiring Funded Debt as hereinabove provided. If the Company shall so deliver debentures or notes to the applicable trustee and the Company shall duly deliver such Officers' Certificate, the amount of cash which the Company shall be required to apply to the retirement of Funded Debt under this Section 4.4(a) shall be reduced by an amount equal to the aggregate of the then applicable optional redemption prices (not including any optional sinking fund redemption prices) of such debentures or notes or, if there are no such redemption prices, the principal amount of such debentures or notes; provided, that in the case of debentures or notes which provide for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of the maturity thereof, such amount of cash shall be reduced by the amount of principal of such debentures or notes that would be due and payable as of the date of such application upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to the terms of the indenture pursuant to which such debentures or notes were issued.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a) of this Section 4.4, the Company or any Restricted Subsidiary may enter into sale and lease-back transactions in addition to those permitted by paragraph (a) of this Section 4.4 and without any obligation to retire any outstanding Securities or other Funded Debt, provided that at the time of entering into such sale and lease-back transactions and after giving effect thereto, Exempted Debt does not exceed 10% of Consolidated Net Tangible Assets.

SECTION 4.5 Notice of Defaults. In the event that the Company becomes aware of any Default, the Company, promptly after it becomes aware thereof, will give written notice thereof to the Trustee.

SECTION 4.6 Compliance Certificates; Reports. (a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 45 days after the end of each fiscal quarter (90 days after the end of the last fiscal quarter of each year), an Officers' Certificate stating whether or not the signers know of any Default that occurred during such fiscal quarter. In the case of the Officers' Certificate delivered within 90 days of the end of the Company's fiscal year, such certificate shall contain a certification from the principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer that a review has been conducted of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries and the Company's and its Subsidiaries' performance under this Indenture and that the Company has complied with all conditions and covenants under this Indenture. For purposes of this Section 4.6, such compliance shall be determined without regard to any period of grace or requirement of notice provided under this Indenture. If a Default shall have occurred and be continuing, the certificate shall describe such Default and its status. The first certificate to be delivered pursuant to this Section 4.6(a) shall be for the first fiscal quarter beginning after the execution of this Indenture.

(b) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 90 days after the end of the Company's fiscal year, a certificate signed by the Company's independent certified public accountants stating (i) that their audit examination has included a review of the terms of this Indenture and the Securities as they relate to accounting matters, (ii) that they have read the most recent Officers' Certificate delivered to the Trustee pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section 4.6 and (iii) whether, in connection with their audit examination, anything came to their attention

that caused them to believe that the Company was not in compliance with any of the terms, covenants, provisions or conditions of Article 4 and Section 5.1 of this Indenture as they pertain to accounting matters and, if any Default has come to their attention, specifying the nature and period of existence thereof; provided that such independent certified public accountants shall not be liable in respect of such statement by reason of any failure to obtain knowledge of any such Default that would not be disclosed in the course of an audit examination conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards in effect at the date of such examination.

(c) Within 90 days of the end of each of the Company's fiscal years, the Company shall deliver to the Trustee a list of all Significant Subsidiaries. The Trustee shall have no duty with respect to any such list except to keep it on file and available for inspection by the Holders.

(d) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee all reports filed with the Commission reasonably promptly following the filing thereof.

SECTION 4.7 Waiver of Stay, Extension or Usury Laws. The Company covenants (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) that it will not at any time insist upon, or plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay or extension law or any usury law or other law that would prohibit or forgive the Company from paying all or any portion of the principal of, or interest on the Securities as contemplated herein, wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, or that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and (to the extent that it may lawfully do so) the Company hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law and covenants that it will not hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law had been enacted.

ARTICLE 5

SUCCESSOR CORPORATION

SECTION 5.1 When Company May Merge, Etc. The Company shall not consolidate with, merge with or into, or sell, convey, transfer, lease or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its property and assets (as an entirety or substantially an entirety in one transaction or a series of related transactions) to, any Person (other than a consolidation with or merger with or into a Subsidiary) or permit any Person to merge with or into the Company unless:

(i) either (x) the Company shall be the continuing Person or

(y) the Person (if other than the Company) formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or that acquired or leased such property and assets of the Company shall be a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America or any jurisdiction thereof and shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee, all of the obligations of the Company on all of the Securities and under this Indenture and the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture complies with this provision and that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to such transaction have been complied with; and

(ii) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

SECTION 5.2 Successor Substituted. Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company in accordance with Section 5.1 of this Indenture, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company is merged or to which such sale, conveyance, transfer, lease or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor Person had been named as the Company herein.

ARTICLE 6

DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

SECTION 6.1 Events of Default. An "Event of Default" shall occur with respect to the Securities of any series if:

- (a) the Company defaults in the payment of the principal of any Security of such series when the same becomes due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption, mandatory repurchase or otherwise;
- (b) the Company defaults in the payment of interest on any Security of such series when the same becomes due and payable, and such default continues for a period of 30 days;
- (c) the Company defaults in the performance of or breaches any other covenant or agreement of the Company in this Indenture with respect to any Security of such series or in the Securities of such series and such default or breach continues for a period of 30 consecutive days after written notice to the Company by the Trustee or to the Company and the Trustee by the Holders of 25% or more in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of such series;
- (d) an involuntary case or other proceeding shall be commenced against the Company with respect to it or its debts under any bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect seeking the appointment of a trustee, receiver, liquidator, custodian or other similar official of it or any substantial part of its property, and such involuntary case or other proceeding shall remain undismissed and unstayed for a period of 60 days; or an order for relief shall be entered against the Company under the federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect;
- (e) the Company (A) commences a voluntary case under any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar law now or hereafter in effect, or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under any such law, (B) consents to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or (C) effects any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (f) any other Event of Default established with respect to the Securities of such series pursuant to Section 2.3 occurs.

SECTION 6.2 Acceleration. If an Event of Default described in clauses (a) or (b) of Section 6.1 with respect to the Securities of any series or in clauses (c) or (f) of Section 6.1 with respect to the Securities of one or more but not all series then outstanding occurs and is continuing, then, and in each and every such case, except for any series of Securities the principal of which shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of each such series then outstanding hereunder (each such series voting as a separate class) by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Securityholders), may declare the entire principal (or, if the Securities of any such series are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such series established pursuant to Section 2.3) of all Securities of such series, and the interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default described in clause (c) or (f) of Section 6.1 with respect to the Securities of all series then outstanding occurs and is continuing, then and in each and every such case, unless the principal of all the Securities shall have already become due and payable, either the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in aggregate principal amount of all the Securities then outstanding (treated as one class), by notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Securityholders), may declare the entire principal (or, if any Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof established pursuant to Section 2.3) of all the Securities then outstanding and interest accrued thereon, if any, to be due and payable immediately, and upon any such declaration the same shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default described in clause (d) or (e) of Section 6.1 occurs and is continuing, then the principal amount (or, if any Securities are original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof established pursuant to Section 2.3) of all the Securities then outstanding and interest accrued thereon, if any, shall be and become immediately due and payable, without any notice or other action by any Holder or the Trustee, to the full extent permitted by applicable law.

The foregoing provisions, however, are subject to the condition that if, at any time after the principal (or, if the Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof established pursuant to Section 2.3) of the Securities of any series (or of all the Securities, as the case may be) shall have been so declared due and payable, and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the moneys due shall have been obtained or entered as hereinafter provided, the Company shall pay or shall deposit with the Trustee a sum sufficient to pay all matured installments of interest upon all the Securities of each such series (or of all the Securities, as the case may be) and the principal of any and all Securities of each such series (or of all the Securities, as the case may be) which shall have become due otherwise than by acceleration (with interest upon such principal and, to the extent that payment of such interest is enforceable under applicable law, on overdue installments of interest, at the same rate as the rate of interest or Yield to Maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified in the Securities of each such series to the date of such payment or deposit) and such amount as shall be sufficient to cover all amounts owing the Trustee under Section

7.7, and if any and all Events of Default under the Indenture, other than the non-payment of the principal of Securities which shall have become due by acceleration, shall have been cured, waived or otherwise remedied as provided herein, then and in every such case the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of all the Securities of each such series or of all the Securities as the case may be (in each case voting as a single class), then outstanding, by written notice to the Company and to the Trustee, may waive all defaults with respect to each such series (or with respect to all the Securities, as the case may be) and rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences, but no such waiver or rescission and annulment shall extend to or shall affect any subsequent default or shall impair any right consequent thereon.

For all purposes under this Indenture, if a portion of the principal of any Original Issue Discount Securities shall have been accelerated and declared due and payable pursuant to the provisions hereof, then, from and after such declaration, unless such declaration has been rescinded and annulled, the principal amount of such Original Issue Discount Securities shall be deemed, for all purposes hereunder, to be such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, and payment of such portion of the principal thereof as shall be due and payable as a result of such acceleration, together with interest, if any, thereon and all other amounts owing thereunder, shall constitute payment in full of such Original Issue Discount Securities.

SECTION 6.3 Other Remedies. If an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue, in its own name or as trustee of an express trust, any available remedy by proceeding at law or in equity to collect the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities of such series or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities of such series or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding.

SECTION 6.4 Waiver of Past Defaults. Subject to Sections 6.2, 6.7 and 9.2, the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of the series affected (all such series voting as a single class), by notice to the Trustee, may waive an existing Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series and its consequences, except a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on any Security as specified in clause (a) or (b) of Section 6.1 or in respect of a covenant or provision of this Indenture which cannot be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Security affected. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereto.

SECTION 6.5 Control by Majority. The Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities of each series affected (each such series voting as a separate class) may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred

on the Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series by this Indenture; provided, that the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture, that may involve the Trustee in personal liability, or that the Trustee determines in good faith may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of Holders not joining in the giving of such direction; and provided further, that the Trustee may take any other action it deems proper that is not inconsistent with any directions received from Holders of Securities pursuant to this Section 6.5.

SECTION 6.6 Limitation on Suits. No Holder of any Security of any series may institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture or the Securities of such series, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (i) such Holder has previously given to the Trustee written notice of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such series;
- (ii) the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Securities of such series shall have made written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as Trustee hereunder;
- (iii) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee against any costs, liabilities and expenses to be incurred in compliance with such request;
- (iv) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and
- (v) during such 60-day period, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series have not given the Trustee a direction that is inconsistent with such written request.

A Holder may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder or to obtain a preference or priority over such other Holder.

SECTION 6.7 Rights of Holders to Receive Payment.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Security to receive payment of principal of or interest, if any, on such Holder's Security on or after the respective due dates expressed on such Security, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

SECTION 6.8 Collection Suit by Trustee. If an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series in payment of principal or interest specified in clause (a) or (b) of Section 6.1 occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount (or such portion thereof as specified in the terms established pursuant to Section 2.3 of Original Issue Discount Securities) of principal of, and

accrued interest remaining unpaid on, together with interest on overdue principal of, and, to the extent that payment of such interest is lawful, interest on overdue installments of interest on, the Securities of such series, in each case at the rate or Yield to Maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified in such Securities, and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover all amounts owing the Trustee under Section 7.7.

SECTION 6.9 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim. The Trustee may file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7) and the Holders allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor on the Securities), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect and receive any monies, securities or other property payable or deliverable upon conversion or exchange of the Securities or upon any such claims and to distribute the same, and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it under Section 7.7.

SECTION 6.10 Application of Proceeds. Any moneys collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article in respect of the Securities of any series shall be applied in the following order at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee and, in case of the distribution of such moneys on account of principal or interest, upon presentation of the several Securities and coupons appertaining to such Securities in respect of which monies have been collected and stamping (or otherwise noting) thereon the payment, or issuing Securities of such series and tenor in reduced principal amounts in exchange for the presented Securities of such series and tenor if only partially paid, or upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

FIRST: To the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7;

SECOND: In case the principal of the Securities of such series in respect of which moneys have been collected shall not have become and be then due and payable, to the payment of interest on the Securities of such series in default in the order of the maturity of the installments of such interest, with interest (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon the overdue installments of interest at the same rate as the rate of interest or Yield to Maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified in such Securities, such payments to be made ratably to the persons entitled thereto, without discrimination or preference;

THIRD: In case the principal of the Securities of such series in respect of which moneys have been collected shall have become and shall be then due and payable, to the payment of the whole amount then owing and unpaid upon all the Securities of such series for principal and interest, with interest upon the overdue principal, and (to the extent that such interest has been collected by the Trustee) upon overdue installments of interest at the same rate as the rate of

interest or Yield to Maturity (in the case of Original Issue Discount Securities) specified in the Securities of such series; and in case such moneys shall be insufficient to pay in full the whole amount so due and unpaid upon the Securities of such series, then to the payment of such principal and interest or Yield to Maturity, without preference or priority of principal over interest or Yield to Maturity, or of interest or Yield to Maturity over principal, or of any installment of interest over any other installment of interest, or of any Security of such series over any other Security of such series, ratably to the aggregate of such principal and accrued and unpaid interest or Yield to Maturity; and

FOURTH: To the payment of the remainder, if any, to the Company or any other person lawfully entitled thereto.

SECTION 6.11 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason, or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then, and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Company, the Trustee and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Company, Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

SECTION 6.12 Undertaking for Costs. In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as Trustee, in either case in respect to the Securities of any series, a court may require any party litigant in such suit (other than the Trustee) to file an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant (other than the Trustee) in the suit having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.12 does not apply to a suit by a Holder pursuant to Section 6.7 or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series.

SECTION 6.13 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or wrongfully taken Securities in Section 2.8, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

SECTION 6.14 Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article 6 or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 7

TRUSTEE

SECTION 7.1 General. The duties and responsibilities of the Trustee shall be as provided by the Trust Indenture Act and as set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense. Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Article 7.

SECTION 7.2 Certain Rights of Trustee. Subject to Trust Indenture Act Sections 315(a) through (d):

(i) the Trustee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit;

(ii) before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel, which shall conform to Section 10.4. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such certificate or opinion;

(iii) the Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care;

(iv) the Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders, unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction;

(v) the Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers or for any action it takes or omits to take in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any series relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture; and

(vi) the Trustee may consult with counsel and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

SECTION 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or its Affiliates with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. However, the Trustee is subject to Trust Indenture Act Sections 310(b) and 311. For purposes of Trust Indenture Act Section 311(b)(4) and (6), the following terms shall mean:

(a) "cash transaction" means any transaction in which full payment for goods or securities sold is made within seven days after delivery of the goods or securities in currency or in checks or other orders drawn upon banks or bankers and payable upon demand; and

(b) "self-liquidating paper" means any draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation which is made, drawn, negotiated or incurred by the Company for the purpose of financing the purchase, processing, manufacturing, shipment, storage or sale of goods, wares or merchandise and which is secured by documents evidencing title to, possession of, or a lien upon, the goods, wares or merchandise or the receivables or proceeds arising from the sale of the goods, wares or merchandise previously constituting the security, provided the security is received by the Trustee simultaneously with the creation of the creditor relationship with the Company arising from the making, drawing, negotiating or incurring of the draft, bill of exchange, acceptance or obligation.

SECTION 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer. Neither the Trustee nor any of its agents (i) makes any representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, (ii) shall be accountable for the Company's use or application of the proceeds from the Securities or (iii) shall be responsible for any statement in the Securities other than its certificate of authentication.

SECTION 7.5 Notice of Default. If any Default with respect to the Securities of any series occurs and is continuing and if such Default is known to any Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall give to each Holder of Securities of such series notice of such Default within 90 days after it occurs (i) if any Unregistered Securities of such series are then outstanding, to the Holders thereof, by publication at least once in an Authorized Newspaper in The City of New York and at least once in an Authorized Newspaper in London and (ii) to all Holders of Securities of such series in the manner and to the extent provided in Section 313(c) of the Trust Indenture Act, unless such Default shall have been cured or waived before the mailing or publication of such notice; provided, however, that, except in the case of a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Security, the Trustee shall be protected in withholding such notice if and so long as the board of directors, the executive committee or a trust committee of directors and/or Responsible Officers of the Trustee in good faith determine that the withholding of such notice is in the interests of the Holders.

SECTION 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders. Within 60 days after each May 15, beginning with May 15, 1995, the Trustee shall mail to each Holder as provided in Trust Indenture Act Section 313(c) a brief report dated as of such May 15, if required by Trust Indenture Act Section 313(a).

SECTION 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity. The Company shall pay to the Trustee such compensation as shall be agreed upon in writing for its services. The compensation of the Trustee shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a Trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, disbursements and advances incurred or made by the Trustee. Such expenses and disbursements shall include the reasonable compensation, expenses and disbursements of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company shall indemnify the Trustee for, and hold it harmless against, any loss or liability or expense incurred by it without negligence or bad faith on its part arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this Indenture and its duties under this Indenture and the Securities, including the costs and expenses of defending itself against any claim or liability and of complying with any process served upon it or any of its officers in connection with the exercise or performance of any of its powers or duties under this Indenture and the Securities.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.7, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, in its capacity as Trustee, except money or property held in trust to pay principal of and interest on particular Securities that is so held prior to the date the Trustee first incurs expenses or makes disbursements or advances in connection with collecting any amounts due with respect to such Securities.

SECTION 7.8 Replacement of Trustee. A resignation or removal of the Trustee as Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and appointment of a successor Trustee as Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.8.

The Trustee may resign as Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series at any time by so notifying the Company in writing. The Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of any series may remove the Trustee as Trustee with respect to the Securities of such series by so notifying the Trustee in writing and may appoint a successor Trustee with respect thereto with the consent of the Company. The Company may remove the Trustee as Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series if: (i) the Trustee is no longer eligible under Section 7.10 of this Indenture; (ii) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent; (iii) a receiver or other public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or (iv) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed as Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series, or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee with respect thereto.

Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series may appoint a successor Trustee in respect of such Securities to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company. If the successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series does not deliver its written acceptance required by the next succeeding paragraph of this Section 7.8 within 30 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding securities of such series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect thereto.

A successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Immediately after the delivery of such written acceptance, subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7, (i) the retiring Trustee shall transfer all property held by it as Trustee in respect of the Securities of such series to the successor Trustee, (ii) the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee in respect of the Securities of such series shall become effective and (iii) the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee in respect of the Securities of such series under this Indenture. A successor Trustee shall mail notice of its succession to each Holder of Securities of such series.

Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Company shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in the preceding paragraph.

The Company shall give notice of any resignation and any removal of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series and each appointment of a successor Trustee in respect of the Securities of such series to all Holders of Securities of such series. Each notice shall include the name of the successor Trustee and the address of its Corporate Trust Office.

Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

SECTION 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, Etc. If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation or national banking association, the resulting, surviving or transferee corporation or national banking association without any further act shall be the successor Trustee with the same effect as if the successor Trustee had been named as the Trustee herein.

SECTION 7.10 Eligibility. This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of Trust Indenture Act Section 310(a). The Trustee shall have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

SECTION 7.11 Money Held in Trust. The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law and except for money held in trust under Article 8 of this Indenture.

ARTICLE 8

DISCHARGE OF INDENTURE

SECTION 8.1 Defeasance Within One Year of Payment.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section 8.1, the Company may terminate its obligations under the Securities of any series and this Indenture with respect to Securities of such series if:

(i) all Securities of such series previously authenticated and delivered (other than destroyed, lost or stolen Securities of such series that have been replaced or Securities of such series that are paid pursuant to Section 4.1 or Securities of such series for whose payment money or securities have theretofore been held in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, as provided in Section 8.5) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation and the Company has paid all sums payable by it hereunder; or

(ii) (A) the Securities of such series mature within one year or all of them are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for giving the notice of redemption, (B) the Company irrevocably deposits in trust with the Trustee, as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities for that purpose, money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee), without consideration of any reinvestment, to pay principal of and interest on the Securities of such series to maturity or redemption, as the case may be, and to pay all other sums payable by it hereunder, (C) no Default with respect to the Securities of such series has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit, (D) such deposit does not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound and (E) the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series and of the Securities of such series have been complied with.

With respect to the foregoing clause (i), only the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 in respect of the Securities of such series shall survive. With respect to the foregoing clause (ii), only the Company's obligations in Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.11, 4.2, 7.7, 7.8, 8.5 and 8.6 in respect of the Securities of such series shall survive until the Securities of such series are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Company's obligations in Sections 7.7, 8.5 and 8.6 in respect of the Securities of such series shall survive. After any such irrevocable deposit, the Trustee upon request shall acknowledge in writing

the discharge of the Company's obligations under the Securities of such series and this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series except for those surviving obligations specified above.

SECTION 8.2 Defeasance at Any Time. Except as otherwise provided in this Section 8.2, after the period specified in clause (D)(2)(z) of this Section 8.2, the Company will be deemed to have paid and will be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the Securities of any series, the provisions of this Indenture will no longer be in effect with respect to the Securities of such series, and the Trustee, at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same; provided that the following conditions shall have been satisfied:

(A) the Company has irrevocably deposited in trust with the Trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series for payment of the principal of and interest on the Securities of such series, money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee) without consideration of any reinvestment and after payment of all federal, state and local taxes or other charges and assessments in respect thereof payable by the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and accrued interest on the outstanding Securities of such series to maturity or earlier redemption (irrevocably provided for under arrangement satisfactory to the Trustee), as the case may be;

(B) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(C) no Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or at any time during the period specified in clause (D)(2)(z) below;

(D) the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee (1) either (x) a ruling directed to the Trustee received from the Internal Revenue Service to the effect that the Holders of the Securities of such series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of the Company's exercise of its option under this Section 8.2 and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such option had not been exercised or (y) an Opinion of Counsel to the same effect as the ruling described in clause (x) above and based upon a change in law and (2) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (x) the creation of the defeasance trust does not violate the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (y) the Holders of the Securities of such series have a valid first priority security interest in the trust funds subject to Section 7.7, and (z) after the passage of 123 days following the deposit (except after one year following the deposit, with respect to any trust funds for the account of any Holder of the Securities of such series who may be deemed to be an "insider" as to an obligor on the Securities of such series for purposes of the

United States Bankruptcy Code), the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law in a case commenced by or against the Company under either such statute, and either (I) the trust funds will no longer remain the property of the Company (and therefore will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally) or (II) if a court were to rule under any such law in any case or proceeding that the trust funds remained the property of the Company, to the extent not paid to such Holders, the Trustee will hold, for the benefit of such Holders, a valid and perfected first priority security interest in such trust funds that is not avoidable in bankruptcy or otherwise (except for the effect of Section 552(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code on interest on the trust funds accruing after the commencement of a case under such statute) and the Holders of the Securities of such series will be entitled to receive adequate protection of their interests in such trust funds if such trust funds are used in such case or proceeding;

(E) if the Securities of such series are then listed on a national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the defeasance contemplated by this Section 8.2 of the Securities of such series will not cause the Securities of such series to be delisted; and

(F) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section 8.2 of the Securities of such series have been complied with.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the end of the 123-day (or one year) period referred to in clause (D)(2)(z) of this Section 8.2, none of the Company's obligations under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series shall be discharged. Subsequent to the end of such 123-day (or one year) period, the Company's obligations in Sections 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.11, 4.2, 7.7, 7.8, 8.5 and 8.6 with respect to the Securities of such series shall survive until such Securities are no longer outstanding. Thereafter, only the Company's obligations in Sections 7.7, 8.5 and 8.6 with respect to the Securities of such series shall survive. If and when a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an Opinion of Counsel referred to in clause (D)(1) of this Section 8.2 is able to be provided specifically without regard to, and not in reliance upon, the continuance of the Company's obligations under Section 4.1, then the Company's obligations under such Section 4.1 with respect to the Securities of such series shall cease upon delivery to the Trustee of such ruling or Opinion of Counsel and compliance with the other conditions precedent provided for herein relating to the defeasance contemplated by this Section 8.2.

SECTION 8.3 Covenant Defeasance. The Company may omit to comply with any term, provision or condition set forth in Sections 4.3 and 4.4 and such omission shall be deemed not to be an Event of Default under clause (c) of Section 6.1, with respect to the outstanding Securities of any series if:

(i) the Company has irrevocably deposited in trust with the Trustee as trust funds solely for the benefit of the Holders of the Securities of such series for payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of such series money or U.S. Government Obligations or a combination thereof in an amount sufficient (in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee) without consideration of any reinvestment and after payment of all federal, state and local taxes or other charges and assessments in respect thereof payable by the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and interest on the outstanding Securities of such series to maturity or earlier redemption (irrevocably provided for under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee), as the case may be;

(ii) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture or any other agreement or instrument to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound;

(iii) no Default with respect to the Securities of such series shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit;

(iv) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (A) the creation of the defeasance trust does not violate the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, (B) the Holders of the Securities of such series have a valid first priority security interest in the trust funds, (C) such Holders will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and covenant defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred and (D) after the passage of 123 days following the deposit (except after one year following the deposit, with respect to any trust funds for the account of any Holder of the Securities of such series, who may be deemed to be an "insider" as to an obligor on the Securities of such series for purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code), the trust funds will not be subject to the effect of Section 547 of the United States Bankruptcy Code or

Section 15 of the New York Debtor and Creditor Law in a case commenced by or against the Company under either such statute, and either (1) the trust funds will no longer remain the property of the Company (and therefore will not be subject to the effect of any applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally) or (2) if a court were to rule under any such law in any case or proceeding that the trust funds remained property of the Company, to the extent not paid to such Holders, the Trustee will hold, for the benefit of such Holders, a valid and perfected first priority security interest in such trust funds that is not avoidable in bankruptcy or otherwise (except for the effect of

Section 552(b) of the United States Bankruptcy Code on interest on the trust funds accruing after the commencement of a case under such statute), and the Holders of the Securities of such series will be entitled to receive adequate protection of their interests in such trust funds if such trust funds are used in such case or proceeding;

(v) if the Securities of such series are then listed on a national securities exchange, the Company shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the covenant defeasance contemplated by this Section 8.3 of the Securities of such series will not cause the Securities of such series to be delisted; and

(vi) the Company has delivered to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case stating that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to the covenant defeasance contemplated by this Section 8.3 of the Securities of such series have been complied with.

SECTION 8.4 Application of Trust Money. Subject to

Section 8.5, the Trustee or Paying Agent shall hold in trust money or U.S. Government Obligations deposited with it pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.2 or 8.3, as the case may be, in respect of the Securities of any series and shall apply the deposited money and the proceeds from deposited U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with the Securities of such series and this Indenture to the payment of principal of and interest on the Securities of such series; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

SECTION 8.5 Repayment to Company. Subject to Sections 7.7, 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall promptly pay to the Company upon request set forth in an Officers' Certificate any excess money held by them at any time and thereupon shall be relieved from all liability with respect to such money. The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Company upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal or interest that remains unclaimed for two years; provided that the Trustee or such Paying Agent before being required to make any payment may cause to be published at the expense of the Company once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of New York or mail to each Holder entitled to such money at such Holder's address (as set forth in the Security Register) notice that such money remains unclaimed and that after a date specified therein (which shall be at least 30 days from the date of such publication or mailing) any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company. After payment to the Company, Holders entitled to such money must look to the Company for payment as general creditors unless an applicable law designates another Person, and all liability of the Trustee and such Paying Agent with respect to such money shall cease.

SECTION 8.6 Reinstatement. If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.1, 8.2 or 8.3, as the case may be, in respect of the Securities of any series by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Company's obligations under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such series and the Securities of such series shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.2 or 8.3, as the case may be, until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money or U.S. Government Obligations in accordance with Section 8.1, 8.2 or 8.3, as the case may be in respect of the Securities of such series; provided that, if the Company has made any payment of principal of or interest on any Securities of such series because of the

reinstatement of its obligations, the Company shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money or U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

ARTICLE 9

AMENDMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS AND WAIVERS

SECTION 9.1 Without Consent of Holders. The Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities of any series without notice to or the consent of any Holder:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in this Indenture; provided that such amendments or supplements shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders in any material respect;
- (2) to comply with Article 5;
- (3) to comply with any requirements of the Commission in connection with the qualification of this Indenture under the Trust Indenture Act;
- (4) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder with respect to the Securities of any or all series by a successor Trustee;
- (5) to establish the form or forms or terms of Securities of any series or of the coupons appertaining to such Securities as permitted by Section 2.3;
- (6) to provide for uncertificated Securities and to make all appropriate changes for such purpose; or
- (7) to make any change that does not materially and adversely affect the rights of any Holder.

SECTION 9.2 With Consent of Holders. Subject to Sections 6.4 and 6.7, without prior notice to any Holders, the Company and the Trustee may amend this Indenture and the Securities of any series with the written consent of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all series affected by such supplemental indenture (all such series voting as one class), and the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of all series affected thereby (all such series voting as one class) by written notice to the Trustee may waive future compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities of such series.

Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 9.2, without the consent of each Holder of the Securities of each series affected thereby, an amendment or waiver, including a waiver pursuant to Section 6.4, may not:

- (i) extend the stated maturity of the principal of, or any sinking fund obligation or any installment of interest on, such Holder's Security, or reduce the principal amount thereof or the rate

of interest thereon (including any amount in respect of original issue discount), or any premium payable with respect thereto, or adversely affect the rights of such Holder under any mandatory repurchase provision or any right of repurchase at the option of such Holder, or reduce the amount of the principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon an acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2 or the amount thereof provable in bankruptcy, or change any place of payment where, or the currency in which, any Security of such series or any premium or the interest thereon is payable, or impair the right to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after the stated maturity thereof (or, in the case of redemption, on or after the redemption date or, in the case of mandatory repurchase, the date therefor);

(ii) reduce the percentage in principal amount of outstanding Securities of such series the consent of whose Holders is required for any such supplemental indenture, for any waiver of compliance with certain provisions of this Indenture or certain Defaults and their consequences provided for in this Indenture;

(iii) waive a Default in the payment of principal of or interest on, any Security of such series;

(iv) cause any Security of such series to be subordinated in right of payment to any obligation of the Company;

(v) modify any of the provisions of this Section 9.2, except to increase any such percentage or to provide that certain other provisions of this Indenture cannot be modified or waived without the consent of the Holder of each outstanding Security of any series affected thereby.

A supplemental indenture which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of Holders of Securities of such series with respect to such covenant or provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series or of the coupons appertaining to such Securities.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of any Holder under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment, supplement or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.2 becomes effective, the Company shall give to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. The Company will mail supplemental indentures to Holders upon request. Any failure of the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

SECTION 9.3 Revocation and Effect of Consent. Until an amendment or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security

or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the Security of the consenting Holder, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to its Security or portion of its Security. Such revocation shall be effective only if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective. An amendment, supplement or waiver shall become effective with respect to the Securities of any series affected thereby on receipt by the Trustee of written consents from the Holders of the requisite percentage in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such series.

The Company may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date (which may be not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the solicitation of consents) for the purpose of determining the Holders of the Securities of any series affected entitled to consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver. If a record date is fixed, then, notwithstanding the immediately preceding paragraph, those Persons who were such Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies) and only those Persons shall be entitled to consent to such amendment, supplement or waiver or to revoke any consent previously given, whether or not such Persons continue to be such Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 90 days after such record date.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective with respect to the Securities of any series affected thereby, it shall bind every Holder of such Securities unless it is of the type described in any of classes (i) through (v) of Section 9.2. In case of an amendment or waiver of the type described in clauses (i) through (v) of Section 9.2, the amendment or waiver shall bind each such Holder who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Security that evidences the same indebtedness as the Security of the consenting Holder.

SECTION 9.4 Notation on or Exchange of Securities. If an amendment, supplement or waiver changes the terms of a Security of any series, the Trustee may require the Holder thereof to deliver it to the Trustee. The Trustee may place an appropriate notation on the Security about the changed terms and return it to the Holder and the Trustee may place an appropriate notation on any Security of such series thereafter authenticated. Alternatively, if the Company or the Trustee so determines, the Company in exchange for the Security shall issue and the Trustee shall authenticate a new Security of the same series and tenor that reflects the changed terms.

SECTION 9.5 Trustee to Sign Amendments, Etc. The Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of any amendment, supplement or waiver authorized pursuant to this Article 9 is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. Subject to the preceding sentence, the Trustee shall sign such amendment, supplement or waiver if the same does not adversely affect the rights of the Trustee. The Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, execute any such amendment, supplement or waiver that affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

SECTION 9.6 Conformity with Trust Indenture Act. Every supplemental indenture executed pursuant to this Article 9 shall conform to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act as then in effect.

ARTICLE 10

MISCELLANEOUS

SECTION 10.1 Trust Indenture Act of 1939. This Indenture shall incorporate and be governed by the provisions of the Trust Indenture Act that are required to be part of and to govern indentures qualified under the Trust Indenture Act.

SECTION 10.2 Notices. Any notice or communication shall be sufficiently given if written and (a) if delivered in person when received or (b) if mailed by first class mail when so mailed, or (c) if sent by facsimile transmission, when transmission is confirmed, in each case addressed as follows:

if to the Company:

Tyson Foods, Inc.
2210 West Oaklawn Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72762-6999
Telecopy: (501) 290-4061
Attention: Treasurer

if to the Trustee:

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
4 Chase MetroTech Center
Brooklyn, New York 11245
Telecopy: (718) 242-5886
Attention: Corporate Trust

The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication shall be sufficiently given to Holders of any Unregistered Securities, by publication at least once in an Authorized Newspaper in The City of New York, and at least once in an Authorized Newspaper in London, and by mailing to the Holders thereof who have filed their names and addresses with the Trustee pursuant to Section 313(c)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act at such addresses as were so furnished to the Trustee and to Holders of Registered Securities by mailing to such Holders at their addresses as they shall appear on the Securities Register. Notice mailed shall be sufficiently given if so mailed within the time prescribed. Copies of any such communication or notice to a Holder shall also be mailed to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders. Except as otherwise provided in this Indenture, if a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided in this Section 10.2, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

Where this Indenture provides for notice in any manner, such notice may be waived in writing by the Person entitled to receive such notice, either before or after the event, and such waiver shall be the equivalent of such notice. Waivers of notice by Holders shall be filed with the Trustee, but such filing shall not be a condition precedent to the validity of any action taken in reliance upon such waiver.

In case it shall be impracticable to give notice as herein contemplated, then such notification as shall be made with the approval of the Trustee shall constitute a sufficient notification for every purpose hereunder.

SECTION 10.3 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent. Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

- (i) an Officers' Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and
- (ii) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such Counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

SECTION 10.4 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion. Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance by or on behalf of the Company with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture shall include:

- (i) a statement that each person signing such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition and the definitions herein relating thereto;
- (ii) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statement or opinion contained in such certificate or opinion is based;
- (iii) a statement that, in the opinion of each such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (iv) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of each such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with; provided, however, that, with respect to matters of fact, an Opinion of Counsel may rely on an Officers' Certificate or certificates of public officials.

SECTION 10.5 Evidence of Ownership. The Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee may treat the Holder of any Unregistered Security and the Holder of any coupon as the absolute owner of such Unregistered Security or coupon (whether or not such Unregistered Security or coupon shall be overdue) for the purpose of receiving payment thereof or on account thereof and for all other purposes and neither the Company, the Trustee, nor any agent of the Company or the Trustee shall be affected by any notice to the contrary. The fact of the holding by any Holder of an Unregistered Security, and the identifying number of such Security and the date of his holding the same, may be proved by the production of such Security or by a certificate executed by any trust company, bank, banker or recognized securities dealer wherever situated satisfactory to the Trustee, if such certificate shall be deemed by the Trustee to be satisfactory. Each such certificate shall be dated and shall state that on the date thereof a Security bearing a specified identifying number was deposited with or exhibited to such trust company,

bank, banker or recognized securities dealer by the person named in such certificate. Any such certificate may be issued in respect of one or more Unregistered Securities specified therein. The holding by the person named in any such certificate of any Unregistered Securities specified therein shall be presumed to continue for a period of one year from the date of such certificate unless at the time of any determination of such holding

(1) another certificate bearing a later date issued in respect of the same Securities shall be produced, or (2) the Security specified in such certificate shall be produced by some other Person, or (3) the Security specified in such certificate shall have ceased to be outstanding. Subject to Article 7, the fact and date of the execution of any such instrument and the amount and numbers of Securities held by the Person so executing such instrument may also be proven in accordance with such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Trustee or in any other manner which the Trustee may deem sufficient.

In the case of Registered Securities, the ownership of such Securities shall be proved by the Security Register or by a certificate of the Registrar.

SECTION 10.6 Rules by Trustee, Paying Agent or Registrar. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Paying Agent or Registrar may make reasonable rules for its functions.

SECTION 10.7 Payment Date Other Than a Business Day. If any date for payment of principal or interest on any Security shall not be a Business Day at any place of payment, then payment of principal or interest on such Security, as the case may be, need not be made on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at any place of payment with the same force and effect as if made on such date and no interest shall accrue in respect of such payment for the period from and after such date.

SECTION 10.8 Governing Law. The laws of the State of New York shall govern this Indenture and the Securities.

SECTION 10.9 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements. This Indenture may not be used to interpret another indenture or loan or debt agreement of the Company or any Subsidiary of the Company. Any such indenture or agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

SECTION 10.10 Successors. All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successors.

SECTION 10.11 Duplicate Originals. The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy shall be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

SECTION 10.12 Separability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

SECTION 10.13 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc. The Table of Contents and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms and provisions hereof.

SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed, all as of the date first written above.

TYSON FOODS, INC.
as Issuer

By:
Name:
Title:

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, N.A.
as Trustee

By:
Name:
Title:

EXHIBIT 5

**ROSE LAW FIRM
120 EAST FOURTH STREET
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201**

December 17, 1997

Tyson Foods, Inc.
2210 West Oaklawn Drive
Springdale, Arkansas 72762-6999

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-3

Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Tyson Foods, Inc. (the "Company") in connection with the proposed issuance and sale by the Company of up to \$500,000,000 (subject to adjustment for the issuance of securities at an original issue discount or the denomination in a foreign currency or currencies) aggregate principal amount of debt securities (the "Debt Securities") to be issued pursuant to the Indenture (the "Indenture") between the Company and The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A., as trustee (the "Trustee"). In rendering the opinions expressed below, we are familiar with the actions taken by the Company in respect thereof and have examined originals or certified or attested copies of such certificates, records or documents as we have deemed necessary for the purposes of this opinion.

We call your attention to the fact that the Indenture provides that it is to be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York. For purposes of our opinions expressed in paragraphs (3) and (4) below, we have assumed, with your approval, that the Indenture would be governed by and construed in accordance with the domestic substantive laws of the State of Arkansas without giving effect to any choice or conflict of laws rule or provision that would cause the application of the domestic substantive laws of any other jurisdiction, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter governed by any law other than such laws of Arkansas, the United States of America and the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that:

(1) when the Registration Statement relating to the Debt Securities filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, has been declared effective, no further authorization, consent or approval by any regulatory authority will be required for the valid issuance and sale of the Debt Securities (except under the so-called "blue sky" or securities laws of the several states, as to the applicability of which we do not express an opinion);

(2) when the Board of Directors of the Company or a committee designated thereby, or the authorized officers of the Company acting pursuant to a delegation of authority to them by such a committee, has determined the price and other terms and conditions relating to the issue and sale of the Debt Securities, the Debt Securities will have been duly authorized by the Company;

(3) upon the execution and delivery to the Trustee of the duly executed written order of the Company, the Debt Securities will be issuable under the terms of the Indenture; and

(4) upon the execution, certification and delivery of the Debt Securities in accordance with the corporate and governmental authorizations referred to above and in accordance with the Indenture, the Debt Securities will be valid and legally binding obligations of the Company and will be entitled to the benefits provided by the Indenture equally with any other series of Debt Securities which may hereafter be issued under the Indenture pursuant to the terms thereof.

The opinion expressed in numbered paragraph (4) is qualified to the extent that enforcement of the rights and remedies in the Indenture and the Debt Securities referred to therein is subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other laws of general application affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and to general principles of equity (regardless of whether such enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).

We understand that this opinion is to be used in connection with the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 relating to the Debt Securities to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. We consent to the filing of this opinion with and as part of said Registration Statement and the use of our name therein and in the related Prospectus and the caption "Legal Matters".

Very truly yours,

**ROSE LAW FIRM,
a Professional Association**

By: /s/ Jeffery Gearhart

TYSON FOODS, INC.
STATEMENT SETTING FORTH COMPUTATIONS OF RATIOS
OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES
(Dollars in Thousands)

	Fiscal Year Ended				
	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Net income for the period	\$185,799	\$86,867	\$219,191	\$(2,128)	\$180,334
Add: Provision for Income Taxes	143,922	49,048	131,036	120,745	129,301
Fixed Charges	137,752	156,938	134,292	102,711	88,507
Less capitalized interest	(3,434)	(3,774)	(3,068)	(1,822)	
Income before taxes on income and fixed charges	464,039	289,079	481,451	219,506	396,857
Fixed charges: Interest (1)	118,514	137,841	114,840	86,343	73,111
Capitalized interest	3,434	3,774	3,068	1,822	1,285
Rentals at computed interest factor (2)	11,333	11,909	12,637	9,543	8,414
Amortization of debt discount expense	4,471	3,414	3,747	5,003	5,697
TOTAL FIXED CHARGES	137,752	156,938	134,292	102,711	88,507
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	3.37	1.84	3.59	2.14	4.48

(1) Interest expense as reported in the Consolidated Results of Operations plus the Company's proportionate share of interest of 50% owned subsidiaries.

(2) Amounts represent those portions of rent expense (one- third) that are reasonable approximations of interest costs.

EXHIBIT 23.1

CONSENT OF ERNST & YOUNG, INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement Form S-3 No. 333- _____ and related Prospectus of Tyson Foods, Inc. for the registration of \$500,000,000 of debt securities and to the incorporation by reference therein of our reports dated November 14, 1997 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Tyson Foods, Inc. included or incorporated in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended September 27, 1997, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

*/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP
ERNST & YOUNG*

*Little Rock, Arkansas
December 17, 1997*

Consent of Independent Accountants

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this registration statement of Tyson Foods, Inc. on Form S-3 (File No.) of our report dated November 10, 1997, on our audits of the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule of Hudson Foods, Inc. as of September 27, 1997 and September 28, 1996, and for each of the three years in the period ended September 27, 1997, which report is included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Hudson Foods, Inc. We also consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts".

/s/ Coopers & Lybrand L.L.P.

*Coopers & Lybrand
Tulsa, Oklahoma
December 17, 1997*

Exhibit 24

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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/s/ Don Tyson Director November 14, 1997
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/s/Shelby D. Massey *Director* *November 14, 1997*
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/s/Barbara A. Tyson *Director* *November 14, 1997*
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/s/Gerald M. Johnston Director November 14, 1997

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