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On June 11, 2007, defendants, MENU FOODS, INC., MENU FOODS LIMITED, MENU FOODS INCOME FUND, MENU FOODS MIDWEST CORPORATION, MENU FOODS SOUTH DAKOTA, INC., MENU FOODS HOLDINGS, INC., and MENU FOODS OPERATING TRUST's Motion to Stay All Proceedings came on regularly for hearing before the Honorable George H. King, Judge presiding in the above-entitled action.

Having considered the motion, the papers filed in support thereof and in opposition thereto, all relevant authorities, the oral argument of counsel, and the case file, the Court hereby,

the parties to participate in class certification and other pretrial proceedings, be stayed fection by he Panel in Multi-Diotics Libration on the panding pending the establishment of In re: Pet Food Products Liability Litigation, MDL Docket mo trong to hausful the consocial state and conducted pending extremes.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all parties shall, during the pendency of the stay of this matter, comply with their duty to preserve all evidence that may be relevant to this action. This duty extends to documents, electronic data, and tangible things in the possession, custody and control of the parties to this action, and any employees, agents, contractors, or carriers who possess materials reasonably anticipated to be the subject of discovery in this action. "Preservation" is to be interpreted broadly to accomplish the goal of maintaining the integrity of all documents, data and tangible things reasonably anticipated to be the subject of discovery under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 26, 45 and 56(e) in this action. Preservation includes taking reasonable steps to prevent the partial or full destruction, alteration, testing, deletion, shredding, incineration, wiping, relocation, migration, theft, or mutation of such material, as well as negligent or intentional handling that would make material incomplete or inaccessible. If the business practices of any party involve the routine destruction, recycling, relocation, or mutation of materials, the party must, to the extent practicable for the pendency of this order, either;

i) halt such business practices;

- ii) sequester or remove such material from the business process; of:
- iii) arrange for the preservation of complete and accurate duplicates or copies of such material, suitable for later discovery if requested.

Dated:  $\sqrt{\frac{VV}{O}}$ 

THE HONORABLE GEORGE H. KING UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

## PROOF OF SERVICE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

At the time of service, I was over 18 years of age and not a party to this action. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. My business address is 801 South Grand Avenue, 9th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90017-4613.

On May 11, 2007, I served true copies of the following document described as **[PROPOSED] ORDER** on the interested parties in this action as follows:

BY MAIL: I enclosed the document in a sealed envelope or package addressed to the persons at the addresses listed in the Service List and placed the envelope for collection and mailing, following our ordinary business practices. I am readily familiar with Murchison & Cumming's practice for collecting and processing correspondence for mailing. On the same day that the correspondence is placed for collection and mailing, it is deposited in the ordinary course of business with the United States Postal Service, in a sealed envelope with postage fully prepaid.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this Court at whose direction the service was made.

Executed on May 11, 2007, at Los Angeles, California.

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