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Mr. Jonathan G. Katz  
Secretary  
Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Mr. Katz:

Subject: Statements under Oath relating to Exchange Act filings

Enclosed please find the original sworn statements of Hormel Foods Corporation's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Joel W. Johnson, and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Michael J. McCoy, as required by Commission Order 4-460, Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Should you have any questions please contact me at 507-437-5546.

Sincerely,

Mark P. Kalvoda  
Manager of Internal Audit and SEC Compliance  
Hormel Foods Corporation

Enclosures (2)

cc: Mr. Joel W. Johnson  
Mr. Michael J. McCoy


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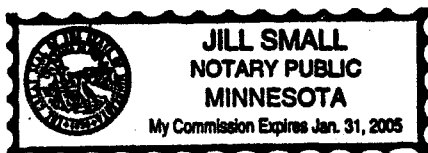
**STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE  
ACT FILINGS**

I, Joel W. Johnson, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hormel Foods Corporation, state and attest that:

- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Hormel Foods Corporation, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Hormel Foods Corporation Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission on January 25, 2002;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Hormel Foods Corporation filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
  - any amendments to any of the foregoing.

  
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Joel W. Johnson  
July 29, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to  
before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 2002.



/s/ Jill Small  
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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:  
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