## THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

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BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED

INCORPORATED THE 29 DAY OF FEBRUARY 1996 REGISTERED NUMBER 316615\$2

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## THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION OF BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED

- 1. The name of the Company is BENNINGTON FOODS LIMITED\*
- 2. The registered office of the Company will be situated in England.
- 3. The objects for which the Company is established are:
  - To carry on all or any of the businesses of general merchants and (a) (i) traders, importers and exporters, commission agents, cash and credit traders, manufacturers' agents and representatives, financial agents, advisers, managers and administrators, hire purchase and general financiers, brokers and agents, manufacturers, retailers, wholesalers, buyers, sellers, distributors and shippers of, and dealers in all products, goods, wares, merchandise and produce of every description; to participate in, undertake, perform and carry on all kinds of commercial, industrial, trading and financial operations and enterprises and to carry on all or any of the businesses of marketing and business consultants, advertising agents and contractors, insurance brokers and consultants, mortgage brokers, warehousemen, railway, shipping and forwarding agents, shippers, haulage and transport contractors, garage proprietors, operators, hirers and letters on hire of, and dealers in motor and other vehicles, craft, plant, machinery, tools and equipment of all kinds.
    - (ii) To carry on the business of an investment and holding company in all its branches, and to acquire by purchase, lease, concession, grant, licence or otherwise such businesses, options, rights, privileges, lands, buildings, leases, underleases, stocks, shares, debentures, debenture stock, bonds, obligations, securities, reversionary interests, annuities, policies of assurance and other property and rights and interests in property as the Company shall deem fit and generally to hold, manage, develop, lease, sell or dispose of the same; and to vary any of the investments of the Company, to act as trustees of any deeds constituting or securing any debentures, debenture stock or other securities or obligations; to establish, carry on, develop and extend investments and holdings and to sell, dispose of or otherwise turn the same to account, and to co-ordinate the policy and administration of any companies of which this Company is a member or which are in any manner controlled by, or connected with the Company.
  - (b) To carry on any other trade or business whatever which can in the opinion of the Board of Directors be advantageously carried on in connection with or ancillary to any of the business of the Company.
  - (c) To purchase or by any other means acquire and take options over any property whatever, and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property.
  - (d) To apply for, register, purchase, or by other means acquire and protect, prolong and renew, whether in the United Kingdom or elsewhere any patents,

The name of the Company was changed from HAZELENE LIMITED on 19 April 1996

patent rights, brevets d'invention, licences, secret processes, trade marks, designs, protections and concessions and to disclaim, alter, modify, use and turn to account and to manufacture under or grant licences or privileges in respect of the same, and to expend money in experimenting upon, testing and improving any patents, inventions or rights which the Company may acquire or propose to acquire.

- (e) To acquire and undertake the whole or any part of the business, goodwill, and assets of any person, firm, or company carrying on or proposing to carry on any of the businesses which the Company is authorised to carry on and as part of the consideration for such acquisition to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such person, firm or company, or to acquire any interest in, amalgamate with, or enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, or for co-operation, or for subsidising or otherwise assisting any such person, firm or company, and to give or accept, by way of consideration for any of the acts or things aforesaid or property acquired, any shares, debentures, debenture stock or securities that may be agreed upon, and to hold and retain, or sell, mortgage and deal with any shares, debentures, debentures stock or securities so received.
- (f) To improve, manage, construct, repair, develop, exchange, let on lease or otherwise, mortgage, charge, sell, dispose of, turn to account, grant licences, options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with all or any part of the property and rights of the Company.
- (g) To invest and deal with the moneys of the Company not immediately required in such manner as may from time to time be determined and to hold or otherwise deal with any investment made.
- (h) To lend and advance money or give credit on such terms as may seem expedient and with or without security to customers and others and to invest and deal with money and assets of the Company not immediately required in any manner and to receive money and securities on deposit or loan, at interest and otherwise upon such terms as the Company may approve.
- (i) To borrow and raise money in such manner as the Company shall think fit and to secure the repayment of any money borrowed, raised or owing by mortgage, charge, standard, security, lien or other security upon the whole or any part of the Company's property or assets (whether present or future) including uncalled capital, or by the creation and issue on such terms and conditions as may be thought expedient of debentures or debenture stock, perpetual or otherwise, or other securities of any description.
- (j) To enter into or accept any guarantees or indemnities and to guarantee support or secure, either with or without the Company receiving any consideration or advantage, and whether by personal covenant or by mortgaging or charging all or any part of the undertaking, property and assets (present and future), including its uncalled capital, of the Company, or by both such methods, the performance of the obligations of and the repayment or payment of the principal amounts of and premiums, interest and dividends on any securities or other liabilities of any person, firm or company including (but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing) any company which is for the time being the Company's holding company within the meaning of section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 or another subsidiary as defined by

the said section of the Company's holding company or otherwise associated with the Company in business.

- (k) To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, negotiate, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of lading, warrants, debentures, and other negotiable or transferable instruments.
- (I) To apply for, promote, and obtain any Act of Parliament, Provisional Order, or Licence of the Department of Trade or other authority for enabling the Company to carry any of its objects into effect, or for effecting any modification which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to promote the Company's interest, and to oppose any proceedings or application which may seem calculated directly or indirectly to prejudice the Company's interests.
- (m) To enter into any arrangements with any Government or authority (supreme, municipal, local, or otherwise) that may seem conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them and to obtain from any such government or authority any charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable and to carry out, exercise, and comply with any such charters, decrees, rights, privileges or concessions which the Company may think desirable.
- (n) To subscribe for, take, purchase, or otherwise acquire and hold shares or other interests in or securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of the Company or carrying on any business capable of being carried on so as directly or indirectly to benefit the Company or enhance the value of its property and to co-ordinate, finance and manage the businesses and operations of any company in which the Company holds any such interest.
- (o) To act as agents or brokers and as trustees for any person, firm or company, or to undertake and perform sub-contracts.
- (p) To remunerate any person, firm or company rendering services to the Company either by cash payment or by the allotment to him or them of shares or other securities of the Company credited as paid up in full or in part or otherwise as may be thought expedient.
- (q) To pay all or any expenses incurred in connection with the promotion, formation and incorporation of the Company, or to contract with any person, firm or company to pay the same, and to pay commissions to brokers and others for underwriting, placing, selling, or guaranteeing the subscription of any shares or other securities of the Company.
- (r) To support and subscribe to any charitable or public object and to support and subscribe to any institution, society, or club which may be for the benefit of the Company or its Directors or employees, or may be connected with any town or place where the Company carries on business; to give or award pensions, annuities, gratuities, and superannuation or other allowances or benefits or charitable aid and generally to provide advantages, facilities and services for any persons who are or have been Directors of, or who are serving or have served the Company or the holding company of the Company or a fellow subsidiary of the Company or of the predecessors in the business of the Company or of any such subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary company and to the wives, widows, children and other relatives and

dependants of such persons; to make payments toward insurance; and to set up, establish, support and maintain superannuation and other funds or schemes (whether contributory, or non-contributory) for the benefit of any such persons and of their wives, widows, children and other relatives and dependants; and set up, establish support and maintain profit sharing or share purchase schemes for the benefit of any of the employees of the Company or of any such subsidiary, holding or fellow subsidiary and to lend money to any such employees or to trustees on their behalf to enable any such purchase schemes to be established or maintained.

- (s) To promote any other company for the purpose of acquiring the whole or any part of the business or property and undertaking any of the liabilities of the Company, or undertaking any business or operations which may appear likely to assist or benefit the Company or to enhance the value of any property or business of the Company, and to place or guarantee the placing of, underwrite, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire all or any part of the shares or securities of any such company as aforesaid.
- (t) To sell or otherwise dispose of the whole or any part of the business or property of the Company, either together or in portions, for such consideration as the Company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures, or securities of any company purchasing the same.
- (u) To distribute among the Members of the Company in kind any property of the Company of whatever nature.
- (v) To procure the Company to be registered or recognised in any part of the world.
- \*(w) To give, directly or indirectly, whether with or without the Company receiving any consideration or advantage and whether or not in furtherance of the attainment of any other object of the Company, financial assistance of any kind (including but not limited to financial assistance within the meaning of Section 152(1) of the Companies Act 1985) to any person or company in any manner on any terms and for any purposes whatsoever and in particular (without derogation from the generality of the foregoing) to give financial assistance for the purpose of the acquisition of securities in any Associated Company (as defined below) to be made by any person or company or for the purpose of reducing or discharging any liability incurred by any person or company for the purpose of such acquisition provided always that the requirements of Section 155 to 158 of the Companies Act 1985 (or any statutory re-enhancement, substitution or amendment thereof) are complied with by the Company and its directors. For the purpose of this clause it is hereby declared that the expression "Associated Company" shall mean any company which is for the time being:-
  - (a) a parent undertaking (as defined by Section 21 of the Companies Act 1989) of the Company; or
  - (b) a subsidiary undertaking (as defined by Section 21 of the Companies Act 1989) of the Company or any parent undertaking of the Company, or

as incorporated by special resolution dated 16 January 2002

- (c) a company controlled either by the same persons as control the Company (or any parent undertaking of the Company) or by connected persons.
- (x) To do all or any of the things or matters aforesaid in any part of the world and either as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, and by or through agents, brokers, sub-contractors or otherwise and either alone or in conjunction with others.
- (y) To do all such things as may be deemed incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Company's objects or any of them.

The Objects set forth in each sub-clause of the Clause shall not be restrictively construed but the widest interpretation shall be given thereto, and they shall not, except where the context expressly so requires, be in any way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from any other object or objects set forth in such sub-clause or from the terms of any other sub-clause of the object or objects therein specified or ancillary to the objects or powers mentioned in any other sub-clause, but the Company shall have as full a power to exercise all or any of the said sub-clauses as if each sub-clause contained the objects of a separate company. The word "company" in this Clause, except where used in reference to the Company, shall be deemed to include any partnership or body of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated and whether domiciled in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

- 4. The liability of the Members is limited.
- 5. The Share Capital of the Company is £1000 divided into 1,000 ordinary shares of £1 each.

We, the subscribers to this Memorandum of Association, wish to be formed into a Company pursuant to this Memorandum, and we agree to take the number of shares shown opposite our respective names.

Names, addresses and description of Subscribers

Number of shares taken by each person

POH LIM LAI 24 Redwood Drive Wing Buckinghamshire LU7 0TA

Chartered Secretary

ANNE ROSALIND BATESON "Frietuna"

167 Frinton Road Frinton-on-Sea

Essex

Company Secretary

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Dated this 20 day of February 1996

Witness to the above Signatures:

JULIE MARQUISS 76 Central Avenue Enfield Middlesex EN1 3QF