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1	SUPERSEDING INDICTMENT
2	COUNT ONE: [18 U.S.C. § 1962(c) - Conducting the Affairs of an
3	Enterprise Through a Pattern of Racketeering Activity]
4	The Grand Jury charges:
5	FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
6	defendant herein, as follows:
7	The Racketeering Enterprise
8 9	1. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, SK
10	Foods, L.P. was a limited partnership, with principal places of
11	business in Monterey, California, and in Williams, Ripon, and
12	Lemoore, in the State and Eastern District of California. SK Foods,
13	L.P., including its related corporate entities involved in the
14	business of producing tomato products in the State of California
15	("SK Foods"), was a grower and processor of tomato products and
16	other food products for sale to food product manufacturers, food
17	service distributors and marketers, and retail outlets. For
18	purposes of this Superseding Indictment, "processed tomato products"
19 20	include, among other things, bulk tomato paste and diced tomatoes.
21	2. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, SK
22	Foods, including its leaders, employees and associates, constituted
23	an "enterprise" as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section
24	1961(4) (hereinafter "the enterprise"), that is, a legal entity that
25	was engaged in, and whose activities affected, interstate and
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27	foreign commerce.
	3. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,

- defendant FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER ("SALYER") was an owner of, and
 served as Chief Executive Officer of, SK Foods. In that capacity,
 defendant SALYER served as SK Foods' primary leader and decision
 maker, giving direction to and receiving regular reports regarding
 all manner of SK Foods' business from SK Foods' leadership and
 employees.
- 4. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,

 9 Intramark USA, Inc. ("Intramark"), was a New Jersey-based company

 10 holding itself out as a wholesaler of food ingredients, including

 11 processed tomato products, and an importer of juice concentrates.

 12 In that capacity, Intramark acted on behalf of itself and others in

 13 selling processed tomato products to customers.

- 5. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, 15 Intramark was owned and operated by Randall Lee Rahal ("Rahal"), who 16 is charged elsewhere. Through Intramark, Rahal worked on behalf of 17 SK Foods as a sales broker. In that capacity, and with defendant 18 19 SALYER's knowledge and direction, Rahal oversaw the negotiation and 20 execution of contracts between SK Foods and many of its customer 21 companies, among other things. Through Intramark, Rahal also acted 22 as an advisor and director of SK Foods, giving direction to and 23 receiving periodic reports regarding various aspects of SK Foods' 24 business from SK Foods' leaders, associates and employees. 25
- 6. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, Alan Scott Huey ("Huey"), who is charged elsewhere, served in a variety of positions, and most recently as Senior Vice President for Sales

1 and Marketing for SK Foods, working in Lemoore, California, in the 2 Eastern District of California, and out of the company's Monterey, 3 California, headquarters. In that capacity, Huey served as a senior 4 officer of SK Foods reporting directly to defendant SALYER. Among 5 other responsibilities, as Senior Vice President for Sales and 6 Marketing, Huey oversaw and managed SK Foods' inventory of processed 7 tomato products and other food products, to include the shipment of 8 those food products to SK Foods' customers across the United States. 10 7. Between 2004 and 2008, Jeffrey Sherman Beasley ("Beasley"), 11 who is charged elsewhere, served as Vice President for Industrial 12 Sales for SK Foods, working in Ripon, California, in the Eastern 13 District of California, and out of the company's Monterey, 14 California, headquarters. In that capacity, Beasley served as a 15 senior officer of SK Foods, reporting directly to defendant SALYER 16 and Huey. Among other responsibilities, as Vice President for 17 Industrial Sales, Beasley, along with other SK Foods leaders, helped 18 19 oversee and manage the pricing of SK Foods' processed tomato 20 products, as well as the ultimate sale of those products to certain 21 customers. 22 8. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,

Jennifer Lou Dahlman ("Dahlman"), who is charged elsewhere, was

employed by SK Foods in a variety of positions, most recently

serving as a Reports and Business Analyst. Working out of SK Foods'

Lemoore, California, facility in the Eastern District of California,

Dahlman assisted in managing SK Foods' inventory of processed tomato

- 1 and other food products, and assisted in arranging for the shipment
- 2 of those food products to SK Foods' customers across the United
- 3 States.

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- 9. At various times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- defendant SALYER, and others known to the Grand Jury, were leaders,
- $_{7}$ employees and associates of SK Foods, an enterprise whose leaders,
- 8 employees and associates engaged in acts of mail fraud, wire fraud
- 9 and bribery, and which operated principally in the Eastern District
- 10 of California, the Northern District of California, and the District
- of New Jersey.

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Other Parties

- 10. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- Frito-Lay, Inc. ("Frito-Lay") was a multinational food products
- 16 company with a principal place of business in Piano, Texas. Frito-
- 17 Lay was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed
- 18 tomato products and other food products.
- 11. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- James Richard Wahl, Jr. ("Wahl"), who is charged elsewhere, resided
- in the Northern District of Texas and served as, among other
- positions, Senior Group Manager for Ingredients Purchasing for
- Frito-Lay, working out of the company's Piano, Texas, headquarters.
- 25 12. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, B&G
- 26 Foods, Inc. ("B&G") was a multinational manufacturer, seller and
- 27 distributor of various food products with a principal place of

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- $oldsymbol{1}$ business in Parsippany, New Jersey. B&G was a regular customer of
- 2 SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products and other food
- products.

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 Robert C. Turner, Jr. ("Turner"), who is charged elsewhere, resided
- 7 in the District of New Jersey and served as a corporate purchasing
- 8 manager for B&G, working out of the company's Parsippany, New
- 9 Jersey, headquarters. Between in or about 2007 and in or about
- 10 April 2008, Turner was Director of Purchasing for B&G.
- 11. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- Kraft Foods, Inc. ("Kraft") was a multinational food products
- company with a principal place of business in Northfield, Illinois.
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 Kraft was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed
- tomato products and other food products.
- 15. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- 18 Robert Watson ("Watson"), who is charged elsewhere, resided in the
- 19 Southern District of New York and the Northern District of Illinois,
- and served as Purchasing Manager for Kraft, working out of the
- company's Northfield, Illinois, headquarters.
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 16. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, H.J.
- Heinz Company, Inc. ("Heinz") was a multinational manufacturer,
- seller and distributor of various food products with a principal
- 26 place of business in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Heinz was a regular
- 27 customer of SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products and
- 28 other food products.

1 17. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,

2 Morning Star Packing Company ("Morning Star") was a California

3 limited partnership, with its principal places of business in Los

4 Banos, California, and Williams, California. Morning Star is a

5 manufacturer and marketer of bulk tomato products and distributes

those products in both national and international markets.

- 8 18. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
 9 Safeway, Inc. ("Safeway") was a multinational food products company
 10 with a principal place of business in Pleasanton, California.
- Safeway was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products and other food products.
- 19. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,

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 Michael Chavez ("Chavez"), who is charged elsewhere, resided in the

 Northern District of California and served as a purchasing manager

 for Safeway, working out of the company's Pleasanton, California,

 headquarters.
- 20. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, Land

 O'Lakes, Inc. ("Land O'Lakes") was a multinational food products

 company and a leading marketer of dairy-based food products for

 consumers, food service professionals, and food manufactures with a

 principal place of business in St. Paul, Minnesota. Land O'Lakes

 was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed tomato

 products.
- 27 21. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, 28 Antis Foods Products, Inc. ("Antis") was a miscellaneous food

- 1 wholesaler with a principal place of business in Lancaster,
- Pennsylvania. Antis was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect
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 to processed tomato products.
- 4 22. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- Nestle USA ("Nestle") was a multinational manufacturer, seller and
- $_{7}$ distributor of various food products with a principal place of
- 8 business in Glendale, California. Nestle was a regular customer of
- 9 SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products.
- 10 23. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- San Antonio Farms ("San Antonio Farms") was a producer of sauces and
- other food products in the domestic market, and was a subsidiary of
- TreeHouse Foods, Inc., with a principal place of business in
- Westchester, Illinois. San Antonio Farms was a regular customer of 15
- 16 SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products and other food
- 17 products.

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- 18 24. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- 19 Barilla America, Inc. ("Barilla") was a multinational food products
- company with a principal place of business in Bannockburn, Illinois.
- Barilla was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed
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 tomato products and other food products.
- 25. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
- 25 Chelten House Products, Inc. ("Chelten House"), was a national food
- 26 products company with a principal place of business in Bridgeport,
- 27 New Jersey. Chelten House was a regular customer of SK Foods with
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         26. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
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    ConAgra Foods, Inc. ("ConAgra") was a multinational manufacturer,
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    seller and distributor of various food products with a principal
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   place of business in Omaha, Nebraska. ConAgra was a regular
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    customer of SK Foods with respect to processed tomato products and
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    other food products.
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         27. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
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    General Mills Operations, Inc. ("General Mills") was a multinational
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   principal place of business in Minneapolis, Minnesota. General
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   Mills was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed
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    tomato products and other food products.
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         28. At certain times relevant to this Superseding Indictment,
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    Tyson Foods, Inc. ("Tyson") was a multinational food products
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    company with a principal place of business in Springdale, Arkansas.
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    Tyson was a regular customer of SK Foods with respect to processed
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    tomato products.
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    Gerber Products Company ("Gerber") was a national purveyor of baby
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    food and baby food products with a principal place of business in
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    Freemont, Michigan. Gerber was a regular customer of SK Foods with
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Purposes of the Defendant 2 30. The purposes of the defendant and other leaders, employees 3

a. providing SK Foods and its leaders, employees, and 5 associates with an expanding base of corporate customers for 6 processed tomato products and other food products; 7

and associates of the enterprise included the following:

- b. preserving, protecting, and enhancing SK Foods' 8 9 profits and customer base through acts of mail fraud, wire fraud, 10 and bribery;
- 11 c. causing purchasing agents and others employed by SK 12 Foods' customers to act in contravention of the customers' 13 interests, and to otherwise cause purchasing agents to breach a duty 14 of loyalty and fidelity which they owed to their respective 15 employers; 16
- increasing SK Foods' profits by fraudulently inducing 17 certain of SK Foods' customers to pay for adulterated and misbranded 18 19 processed tomato products by causing the falsification of mold 20 counts and other grading factors and data contained on the quality 21 control documents that accompanied customer-bound shipments of 22 processed tomato products that were produced, purchased, and sold by 23 SK Foods, and by actually shipping the adulterated and misbranded 24 tomato products to customers along with the altered documentation; 25

e. promoting and enhancing the enterprise and its 26 27 leaders, employees and associates' activities;

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- f. enriching the leaders, employees and associates of the
 enterprise; and
- g. concealing the illegal activity and otherwise
 protecting the participants from detection and prosecution.

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Means and Methods of the Defendant

- 31. Among the means and methods by which the defendant and other leaders, employees, and associates of the enterprise conducted and participated in the conduct of the affairs of the enterprise were the following:
- 11 a. Defendant SALYER and other leaders, employees and 12 associates of the enterprise engaged in a scheme to defraud various 13 SK Foods customers through acts involving mail fraud, wire fraud and 14 bribery, which were intended to: (1) ensure that those customers 15 purchased processed tomato products and other products from SK Foods 16 rather than from certain of its competitors; (2) ensure that those 17 18 customers paid an inflated price for such products; (3) induce the 19 customers' purchasing agents to disclose bidding and other 20 proprietary information of certain of SK Foods' competitors; and 21 (4) ensure that SK Foods could control certain customers' purchasing 22 agents' decisions as to when to accept and not accept product from 23 SK Foods.
- b. Defendant SALYER directed that bribery payments be
 made to the purchasing agents of SK Foods' customers. Those same
 bribery payments were also made with the knowledge and consent of

1 other SK Foods' leaders, employees, and associates.

- c. Defendant SALYER, assisted by other leaders, employees
 and associates of the enterprise, constructed and transmitted
 fraudulent financial and business information to SK Foods' customers
 to induce those customers to do business with, and release funds to,
 the enterprise.
- d. Defendant SALYER caused the falsification of, and 8 directed other SK Foods' leaders, employees and associates to 9 10 falsify, various grading factors and data contained on Certificates 11 of Analysis ("COAs") and other quality control documents that 12 accompanied customer bound shipments of processed tomato product 13 that was produced, purchased and sold by SK Foods. Defendant SALYER 14 caused and directed, in many instances, the falsification of these 15 documents so that they reflected mold count levels in SK Foods' 16 tomato product as being below the applicable Food Defect Action 17 Level set forth in federal regulations, when, in fact, those levels 18 19 were significantly above the federal threshold.
- 20 In other instances, defendant SALYER caused the 21 falsification of, and directed other SK Foods' leaders, employees 22 and associates to falsify, certain SK Foods quality control 23 documents so that they reflected Natural Tomato Soluble Solids 24 ("NTSS") levels that were higher than what the processed tomato 25 product actually contained. Such documents also reflected altered 26 pH, color, viscosity, date of production, and classification 27 28 (organic versus conventional) values. These falsifications were

1 made in order to deceive customers into believing that the processed
2 tomato product that they were receiving from SK Foods was in
3 compliance with contractual specifications when, in fact, it was
4 not.

f. Defendant SALYER and other SK Foods leaders, employees and associates subsequently caused the distribution of such product, along with the falsified quality control documents, to certain of SK Foods' customers through interstate commerce. Defendant SALYER's conduct, and the conduct of other SK Foods' leaders, employees and associates in this regard, was undertaken with the intent to defraud and mislead. As a result, certain of SK Foods' customers were fraudulently induced to pay for inferior processed tomato product.

The Racketeering Violation

32. Beginning in or about January 1998, and continuing through in or about April 2008, within the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER, together with others known to the Grand Jury, being persons employed by and associated with SK Foods, an enterprise which engaged in, and the activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, unlawfully, knowingly and intentionally conducted and participated, directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of that enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity, that is, through the commission of Racketeering Acts One through Twenty as set forth in paragraphs thirty four through eighty one below.

1 The Pattern of Racketeering Activity

Racketeering Act One - Wire and Mail Fraud with Respect to Frito-Lay

- 34. Beginning no later than in or about January 1998, and 7 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of 8 9 California, the Northern District of California, the Northern 10 District of Texas, the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, 11 defendant SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did 12 knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to 13 defraud Frito-Lay, and to obtain money and property from it by means 14 of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and 15 promises, to use the mails and private commercial carriers and 16 interstate wire communications to execute said scheme, and to 17 conceal said scheme. 18
- 35. The manner and means by which the wire and mail fraud
 scheme was accomplished were as follows:
- 36. In his capacity as Senior Group Manager for Ingredients
 Purchasing for Frito-Lay, Wahl was vested with authority to
 negotiate and enter into contracts, with the approval of his
 employer, for the purchase of processed tomato products and other
 food products from various processors, such as SK Foods. In the
 normal course, Frito-Lay and Wahl received bids for the sale of

- processed tomato products and other food products from processors to
 prito-Lay by way of what was intended to be a competitive bidding
 process.
- 4 37. Beginning no later than in or about January 1998, Rahal 5 began making personal bribe payments to Wahl on behalf of SK Foods. 6 Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge, and, in many 7 instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for the 8 personal bribe payments, Wahl agreed to and did ensure that Frito-9 10 Lay purchased processed tomato products and other food products from 11 SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. 12 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Wahl provided SK Foods 13 with certain data, including the proprietary bid information of 14 certain of SK Foods' competitors in the tomato processing industry, 15 which allowed SK Foods to sell certain food products to Frito-Lay at 16 inflated prices. 17
- 38. Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was, 18 19 in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications. 20 By way of example, on or about April 11, 2008, defendant SALYER and 21 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during 22 which the two discussed that so long as Wahl remained employed by 23 Frito-Lay as Senior Group Manager for Ingredients Purchasing, SK 24 Foods' competitor, Morning Star, would not be approved to supply 25 processed tomato product to Frito-Lay. Later in that same 26 conversation, defendant SALYER directed Rahal to speak with Wahl, 27 28 and to direct Wahl on how to allocate Frito-Lay's tomato product

 $oldsymbol{\mathsf{L}}$ purchases between SK Foods and another SK Foods' competitor.

- 2 39. Additionally, on or about April 7, 2008, in return for 3 personal bribe payments made by defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK 4 Foods, Wahl transmitted to Rahal, via email from the Northern 5 District of Texas to the District of New Jersey, a Morning Star 6 proposal for a three-year contract for the sale of processed tomato 7 products to Frito-Lay. That same day, Rahal transmitted the 8 surreptitiously obtained proposal to defendant SALYER and other 9 10 senior leaders of SK Foods, via email, from the District of New 11 Jersey to the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.
- 40. Between in or about 1998 and in or about April 2008, Wahl
 received approximately \$160,000 in personal bribe payments from
 defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner. As a result of
 these bribe payments, between in or about 1998 and in or about 2008,
 Wahl secured contracts between SK Foods and Frito-Lay for the sale
 of certain food products at elevated prices, causing a substantial
 loss to Frito-Lay.
- 20 41. On or about the dates set forth below, and for the purpose 21 of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and 22 artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER, in the Eastern and Northern 23 Districts of California and the District of New Jersey, did 24 knowingly transmit, and cause to be transmitted by means of wire 25 communications in interstate or foreign commerce, the writings, 26 signs, signals and communications described below, any one of which 27 28 alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act One:

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1 2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
3 4 5 6	1A	4/7/2008	Email correspondence from Rahal in the District of New Jersey to defendant SALYER and other SK Foods leaders in the Eastern and Northern Districts of California enclosing Morning Star bid proposal to Frito-Lay
7 8 9 10	IB	4/11/2008	Telephone conversation between defendant SALYER in the Northern District of California and Rahal in the District of New Jersey discussing Wahl's participation in the scheme to defraud Frito-Lay

42. Furthermore, on or about the dates set forth below, in the 12 13 Northern District of California, the District of New Jersey, and the 14 Northern District of Texas, for the purpose of executing and 15 attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to 16 defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly cause to be delivered by 17 mail and private and commercial carrier, and Wahl did knowingly take 18 and receive from authorized depositories for mail and other matter 19 sent or delivered by the United States Postal Service, and private 20 and commercial carrier, the items listed below, any one of which 21 22 alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act One:

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1 2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	SENDER	ITEM INCLUDED IN MAILING
3 4 5	1C	9/7/2006	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$4,000 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to James Wahl in the Northern District of Texas
6 7 8	1D	3/19/2008	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$1,203.10 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to James Wahl, in the Northern District of Texas
9 10 11 12	IE	3/26/2008	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$5,722.94 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to James Wahl, in the Northern District of Texas

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 14
1341 and 1343.

Racketeering Act Two - Wire and Mail Fraud with Respect to Kraft Foods, Inc.

43. Beginning in or about January 2004, and continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of California, the Northern District of Illinois, the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant SALYER, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Kraft, and to obtain money and property from it by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, to use the mails and private commercial carriers and interstate wire communications to execute said scheme, and to conceal said scheme.

- 44. The manner and means by which the wire and mail fraud
 scheme was accomplished were as follows:
- 45. In his capacity as Purchasing Manager for Kraft, Watson
 was vested with authority to negotiate and enter into contracts,
 with the approval of his employer, for the purchase of tomato and
 other food products from various processors, including SK Foods. In
 the normal course, Kraft and Watson received bids for the sale of
 processed tomato products from processors to Kraft by way of what
 was intended to be a secret and competitive bidding process.
- 11 Beginning no later than in or about January 2004, Rahal 12 began making personal bribe payments to Watson on behalf of SK 13 Foods. Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge and, in 14 many instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for 15 the personal bribe payments, Watson agreed to and did ensure that 16 Kraft purchased processed tomato products and other food products 17 18 from SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. In 19 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Watson provided SK Foods 20 with certain data, including the proprietary bid information of 21 certain of SK Foods' competitors in the tomato processing industry, 22 which allowed SK Foods to sell processed tomato products to Kraft at 23 inflated prices. 24
- 47. Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was, 26 in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications. 27 By way of example, on or about April 14, 2008, defendant SALYER and 28 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during

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   which the two discussed how Rahal had recently made personal bribe
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   payments to Watson totaling $24,000. Later in that same
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    conversation, defendant SALYER expressed his concern to Rahal that
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    SK Foods was not getting the maximum value for its bribes to Watson.
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         48. Between in or about January 2004 and in or about April
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    2008, Watson received approximately $158,000 in personal bribe
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   payments from defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner.
   As a result of these bribe payments, between 2004 and 2008, Watson
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    secured contracts between SK Foods and Kraft for the sale of
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    approximately 230 million pounds of processed tomato product at
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    elevated prices, causing a substantial loss to Kraft.
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         49. On or about the dates set forth below, and for the purpose
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    artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER, in the Northern District of
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    California, the District of New Jersey and the Northern District of
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    Illinois, did knowingly transmit, and cause to be transmitted by
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    writings, signs, signals and communications described below, any one
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    of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act Two:
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2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
3 4 5 6	2A	2/13/2004	Email correspondence between SALYER in the Northern District of California and Rahal in the District of New Jersey in which defendant SALYER recognized that Watson would be amenable to bribe payments because he experienced increased costs commuting between Illinois and New York
8 9 10	2В	4/14/2008	Telephone conversation between defendant SALYER in the Northern District of California and Rahal in the District of New Jersey discussing personal bribe payments made to Watson
11 12 13	2C	4/8/2008	Facsimile from Watson in the Northern District of Illinois to Rahal in the District of New Jersey enclosing Morning Star contract proposal to Kraft

50. Furthermore, on or about the dates set forth below, in the 15 Northern District of California, the District of New Jersey, and the 16 Northern District of Illinois, for the purpose of executing and 17 attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to 18 19 defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly cause to be delivered by 20 mail and private and commercial carrier, and Watson did knowingly 21 take and receive from authorized depositories for mail and other 22 matter sent or delivered by the United States Postal Service, and 23 private and commercial carrier, the items listed below, any one of 24 which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act Two: 25

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1 2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	SENDER	ITEM INCLUDED IN MAILING
3 4 5	2D	1/19/2006	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$10,000 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to Robert Watson in Wheeling, Illinois
6 7 8	2E	7/25/2007	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$17,252.78 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to Robert Watson, in Wheeling, Illinois

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10 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2,
11 1341 and 1343.

Racketeering Act Three - Wire and Mail Fraud with Respect to B&G Foods, Inc.

51. Beginning no later than in or about September 2004, and 15 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of 16 California, the Northern District of California, the District of New 17 Jersey and elsewhere, defendant SALYER, and others known and unknown 18 19 to the Grand Jury, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a 20 scheme and artifice to defraud B&G, and to obtain money and property 21 from it by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, 22 representations and promises, to use the mails and private 23 commercial carriers and interstate wire communications to execute 24 said scheme, and to conceal said scheme. 25

52. The manner and means by which the wire and mail fraud scheme was accomplished were as follows:

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- 1 53. In his capacity as a corporate purchasing manager and 2 Director of Purchasing for B&G, Turner was vested with authority to 3 negotiate and enter into contracts, with the approval of his 4 employer, for the purchase of processed tomato products and other 5 food products from various processors, including SK Foods. In the 6 normal course, B&G and Turner received bids for the sale of 7 processed tomato products and other food products from processors to 8 B&G by way of what was intended to be a competitive bidding process. 9 10 54. Beginning no later than in or about September 2004, Rahal 11 began making personal bribe payments to Turner on behalf of SK 12 Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge, and, in 13 many instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for 14 the personal bribe payments, Turner agreed to and did ensure that 15 B&G purchased processed tomato products and other food products from 16 SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. 17 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Turner secured contracts 18 19 between B&G and SK Foods, which allowed SK Foods to sell certain 20 food products to B&G at elevated prices. 21
- 55. Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was,
 in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications.

 By way of example, on or about June 12, 2007, defendant SALYER and
 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during
 which the two discussed how Rahal had just secured a cost-plus
 contract with B&G for the purchase of jalapeno and chile peppers

 from SK Foods. During the call, Rahal relayed to defendant SALYER

- that he had promised Turner a personal bribe payment in order secure
 the contract.
- 3 Subsequently, on or about June 21, 2007, defendant SALYER and Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation 5 during which defendant SALYER instructed Rahal to increase the price 6 per pound that B&G would pay SK Foods under the pepper contract. In 7 this regard, defendant SALYER further directed Rahal to provide 8 Turner and B&G with a fictitious justification for the increased 9 10 contract price, namely that SK Foods was experiencing increased 11 agricultural costs in connection with the peppers.
- 57. Between in or about September 2004 and in or about April

 2008, Turner received approximately \$14,698 in personal bribe

 payments from defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner.

 As a result of these bribe payments, between in or about September

 2004 and in or about April 2008, Turner secured contracts between SK

 Foods and B&G for the sale of certain food products at elevated

 prices, causing a substantial loss to B&G.
- 20 58. On or about the dates set forth below, and for the purpose 21 of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and 22 artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER, in the Northern District of 23 California and the District of New Jersey, did knowingly transmit, 24 and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in 25 interstate or foreign commerce, the writings, signs, signals and 26 communications described below, any one of which alone constitutes 27 28 the commission of Racketeering Act Three:

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1 2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
3	3A	6/12/2007	Telephone conversation between defendant SALYER in the Northern District of
4			California and Rahal in the District of
5			New Jersey discussing personal bribe payments to Turner
6	3B	6/21/2007	Telephone conversation between defendant
7			SALYER in the Northern District of California and Rahal in the District of
8			New Jersey discussing the provision of a fictitious justification for a price
9			increase to a contract between B&G and SK Foods
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59. Furthermore, on or about the dates set forth below, in the Northern District of California and the District of New Jersey, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly cause to be delivered by mail and private and commercial carrier, and Turner did knowingly take and receive from authorized depositories for mail and other matter sent or delivered by the United States Postal Service, and private and commercial carrier, the items listed below, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act Three:

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1 2	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	SENDER	ITEM INCLUDED IN MAILING
3	3C	5/17/2006	Rahal	Check in the amount of
4				\$1,000.00 from Intramark's Sun National Bank account number
5				XXXXXX5624, payable to Turner's wife in the District of New Jersey
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7	3D	7/11/2007	Rahal	Check in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Intramark's Sun
8				National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to Turner's
9 10				wife in the District of New Jersey
10	3E	12/12/2007	Rahal	Check in the amount of
11	SE.	12/12/2007	Rallal	\$9,698.80 from Intramark's Sun
12				National Bank account number XXXXXX5624, payable to Turner's
13				wife in the District of New Jersey
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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2, 16 1341 and 1343.

17 Racketeering Act Four - State Commercial Bribery with Respect to 18 Safeway, Inc. 19

60. On or about July 19, 2007, in the Northern District of 20 California, defendant SALYER, and others known to the Grand Jury, 21 did corruptly offer and give Chavez, an employee of Safeway, money 22 in an amount exceeding \$1,000, without the knowledge and consent of 23 24 Safeway, in order that Chavez would use and agree to use his 25 position at Safeway for the benefit of SALYER, SK Foods, and others 26 known to the grand jury, all in violation of California Penal Code, 27 Section 641.3 .

Racketeering Acts Five Through Twenty - Mail and Wire Fraud with Respect to the Shipment to Customers of Adulterated and Misbranded Processed Tomato Products

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sauce, etc.).

61. During all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, 5 and in the normal course, the market price of processed tomato products fluctuated based on the percentage of NTSS that the product 7 contained (also known as the product's "Brix value"). SK Foods' 8 9 customers frequently specified a required NTSS concentration in 10 their contracts with SK Foods. Customers also often specified 11 acceptable levels of other processed tomato product characteristics 12 such as the product's pH, mold content, color, acidity, and 13 viscosity (sometimes referred to as "Bostwick"), depending on the 14

customer's intended finished product (i.e., ketchup, salsa, barbeque

16 17 62. In addition to the characteristics described above, SK 18 Foods' customers typically specified the acceptable shelf life of 19 the processed tomato products they were purchasing from SK Foods. 20 For example, most SK Foods' customers contractually required that SK 21 Foods provide processed tomato products that were twenty-four months 22 old or less. In addition, internal SK Foods "Quality Management 23 Systems Product Specification" documents represented that the 24 maximum shelf life of SK Foods' aseptic tomato paste product was 25

twenty-four months from the actual date of production.

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1 At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, SK 2 Foods was a registered seller of organic products in the State of 3 California. As such, it was subject to the regulations promulgated 4 by the National Organic Program ("NOP") (Section 6517 of the federal 5 Organic Foods Production Act of 1990 (7 U.S.C. § 6501 et seq.)). 6 The NOP states that no product shall be labeled and sold as 7 "organic" unless it is produced specifically according to certain 8 NOP regulations. 9 10 64. At all times relevant to this Superseding Indictment, 11 Foods was also subject to the United States Standards for grades of 12 tomato paste and puree as established by the United States 13 Department of Agriculture ("USDA") . SK Foods was further subject to 14 Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 110.110, through 15 which the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") has 16 established maximum limits of natural or unavoidable defects in 17 foods sold within the United States, which present no health hazard. 18 19 The limits are set out as Food Defect Action Levels. The limits 20 prescribed by the Food Defect Action Levels represent thresholds 21 above which FDA will take enforcement action for the food products 22 being "adulterated" pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 342(a)(3). For example, 23 FDA has set a Food Defect Action Level for mold in tomato paste; if 24 the mold count (as measured using the Howard mold count method) of 25 all of the subsamples of a lot of tomato paste are higher than 40%, 26 the FDA considers that product adulterated and unfit for sale within 27 28 the United States.

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              To that end, during the relevant period, SK Foods was
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    required to subject its processed tomato products to laboratory-
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    testing to ensure it complied both with applicable laws and
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    regulations, and with customer specifications. In the normal
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    course, SK Foods' employees initially recorded the raw results of
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    this testing process on handwritten lab result registers.
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    was subsequently entered into a proprietary computer system owned
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    and operated by SK Foods. When processed tomato products were
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    shipped to customers, they were usually accompanied by a COA, which
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    identified the particular grading factors (i.e., pH, mold count,
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    color, viscosity and NTSS) derived from the SK Foods' laboratory
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    testing of the product. Additionally, SK Foods routinely affixed
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    labels to the actual storage containers holding the processed tomato
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    product destined for its customers. These container labels, along
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    with the bills of lading and invoices that accompanied a customer-
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    bound shipment, typically identified the date of production and NTSS
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    level of the processed tomato paste. Often times, duplicate copies
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    of the documents described above also were faxed or mailed to SK
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Racketeering Acts Five Through Twenty - Mail and Wire Fraud With Respect to Land O' Lakes, Inc.; Antis Food Products, Inc.; Gerber Products Company; Nestle USA; San Antonio Farms; Barilla America, Inc.; Chelten House Products, Inc.; Kraft Foods, Inc.; ConAgra Frozen Foods; B&G Foods, Inc.; General Mills Operations, Inc.; Heinz USA; and Tyson Foods, Inc.

- 5 Beginning no later than in or about February 2001, and 66. 6 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of 7 California, the Northern District of California, and elsewhere, 8 defendant SALYER, and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, 9 did devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud 10 11 certain customers of SK Foods, and to obtain money and property from 12 those customer companies by means of materially false and fraudulent 13 pretenses, representations and promises, to use the mails and 14 private commercial carriers and interstate wire communications to 15 execute said scheme, and to conceal said scheme.
- 17 67. The manner and means by which the wire and mail fraud scheme was accomplished are set out below:

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68. Defendant SALYER directed Huey, Dahlman, and certain other 19 20 SK Foods' employees to cause the falsification of the various 21 grading factors and data contained on the COAs, bills of lading, 22 invoices and bin labels (hereinafter, "quality control documents") 23 that accompanied customer-bound shipments of tomato products, which 24 were produced, purchased, and sold by SK Foods. Specifically, 25 SALYER, in many instances, directed Huey, Dahlman and certain other 26 SK Foods' employees to falsify these documents so that they 27 reflected mold count levels in SK Foods' processed tomato products 28

- as being below the applicable Food Defect Action Level when, in

 fact, those levels were significantly above the federal threshold

 and therefore could not legally be sold in the United States under

 applicable regulations administered by the FDA.
- 69. In other instances, defendant SALTER directed Huey,

 6 Dahlman and other SK Foods' employees to falsify quality control

 7 documents so that they reflected NTSS levels that were higher than

 9 what the tomato product actually contained, as well as altered pH,

 10 color, viscosity values, dates of production, and classification

 11 (organic versus conventional) to meet customers' contractual

 12 specifications, when, in fact, the product did not meet such

 13 customers' specifications.
- 70. Defendant SALYER subsequently directed that these
 processed tomato products be distributed, along with the falsified
 quality control documents, to certain of SK Foods' customers in
 interstate commerce.
- of other SK Foods' leaders, employees and associates, adulterated and misbranded processed tomato products were frequently introduced into interstate commerce, and SK Foods' customers were fraudulently induced to pay for such products, or to overpay for such products.

 SK Foods made such material misrepresentations to more than fifty
 five customers, causing a substantial loss to those entities.
- 72. On or about the dates set forth below, and for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and

artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER, in the Eastern District of

California and the Northern District of California, did knowingly

transmit, and cause to be transmitted by means of wire

communications in interstate or foreign commerce, the writings,

signs, signals and communications described below, any one of which

alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act Five:

8	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
9 10	5A	1/23/07	Email correspondence between Beasley in the Eastern District of California, and
			defendant SALYER, Huey and other SK
11			Foods' employees in the Northern
12			District of California and elsewhere, in which the parties discussed the
13			misbranding of approximately 18 million pounds of processed tomato products to
14			meet SK Foods' contractual requirements to customers
15			co customers
16	5B	6/11/07	Telephone conversation between defendant SALYER in the Northern District of
17			California and Rahal in the District of New Jersey, during which the two
18			discussed the value of certain SK Foods' employees who routinely falsified COAs
19			and quality control data

73. Furthermore, on or about the dates set forth below, in the
22 Eastern and Northern Districts of California, for the purpose of
23 executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and

executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly cause to be

delivered by mail and private and commercial carrier, the items

listed below:

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1	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	SENDER	ITEM INCLUDED IN MAILING	ASSOCIATED FALSIFICATION
2 3 4 5	6	2/20/01	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Intramark USA in Westwood, New	Production date for 16,251 pounds of tomato paste
6 7 8				Jersey, via United States Mail, with respect to customer Land O'Lakes	falsified from 9/25/98 to 7/24/99
9 10	7	7/10/03	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to	Production date for 13,475 pounds
11 12 13				Gerber Products in Michigan, via United States Mail	of tomato paste falsified from 8/4/00 to 7/7/02
14 15 16 17	8	7/18/03	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Antis Food Products, Inc. in Pennsylvania, via United States Mail	Classifica- tion for 9,217 pounds of tomato paste falsified from conventional to organic
19 20 21 22 23 24	9	7/23/03	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Heinz USA in California, via United States Mail	Classifica- tion for 37,721 pounds of tomato paste falsified from conventional to organic

1 2 3 4 5	10	3/1/05	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Nestle USA in Ohio, via United States Mail	Mold count for 26,050 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 56% to 40%
6 7 8 9 10	11	3/7/05	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to San Antonio Farms in Texas, via United States Mail	Production date for 40,032 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 9/23/02 and 9/24/02 to 9/17/03 and 9/18/03
12 13 14 15	12	1/4/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Barilla America, Inc. in Illinois, via United States Mail	Mold count for 54,160 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 58% to 36%
16 17 18 19 20 21	13	4/17/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Intramark USA in Westwood, New Jersey, via United States Mail, with respect to customer Chelten House	Mold counts for 137,070 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 48-86% to 36-40%
2223242526	14	5/1/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Kraft Foods, Inc. in Texas, via United States Mail	Mold counts for 137,066 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 48-86% to 34-40%

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1 2 3 4 5	15	6/22/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Con Agra in Nebraska, via United States Mail	Mold count for 5,988 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 74% to 40%
6 7 8 9	16	12/5/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to B&G Foods in Maryland, via United States Mail	Mold count for 11,347 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 62% to 40%
10 11 12 13 14	17	12/18/07	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Williams, CA facility to General Mills Operations, Inc. in Minnesota, via United States Mail	Mold count for 19,564 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 53% to 40%
15 16 17 18	18	2/4/08	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Heinz USA in California, via United States Mail	Mold count for 4,811 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 76% to 40%
19 20 21 22 23	19	3/20/08	Dahlman	Invoice sent from SK Foods' Lemoore, CA facility to Tyson Foods, Inc. in Arkansas, via United States Mail	Mold count for 2,889 pounds of tomato paste falsified from 60% to 20%

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2,

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1 Racketeering Act Twenty - Wire Fraud With Respect to Kraft Foods,

2 <u>Inc.</u>

- 3 74. Paragraphs sixty-one through seventy-one of Count One are
 4 realleged and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.
- 5 Beginning no later than in or about January 2007, and 6 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of 7 California, the Northern District of California and elsewhere, defendant SALYER, and others known to the Grand Jury, did knowingly 9 devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Kraft, 10 and to obtain money and property from Kraft by means of materially 11 12 false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, to use 13 interstate wire communications to execute said scheme, and to 14 conceal said scheme.
- 76. The manner and means by which the wire fraud scheme was accomplished are set out below:
- 77. During 2007, SK Foods experienced a period during which it 18 was unable to provide an adequate supply of processed tomato paste 19 containing 31% NTSS in order to meet its contractual obligations to 20 certain customers, including Kraft. In an attempt to alleviate the 21 22 shortage, defendant SALYER contacted a competing manufacturer of 23 processed tomato products, via email, on January 10, 2007, and 24 arranged to purchase approximately 3,400,000 pounds of processed 25 tomato products containing lower NTSS concentrations of 26% and 28%. 26 SALYER knew that the product to be purchased from the competitor was 27 also classified as "high mold," and uniformly contained mold counts 28

- significantly in excess of the applicable FDA Food Defect ActionLevel.
- 3 The product purchased from the competitor did not meet the 4 specifications contained in certain of SK Foods' existing contracts, 5 and was adulterated and unsaleable in the United States due to its 6 excessive mold content. In order to conceal its inferior quality, 7 defendant SALYER directed Huey and other SK Foods employees to misbrand the product by causing the falsification of certain customer-bound quality control documents so that they incorrectly 10 11 reflected the product as uniformly containing 31% NTSS tomato paste 12 and a mold count at or below 40%. One example of defendant SALYER's 13 direction in this regard came in the form of a January 22, 2007, 14 email in which SALYER directed Huey to misbrand the adulterated, 15 high mold paste and to allocate the high mold paste to domestic SK 16 Foods' customers. 17
- 79. Furthermore, at defendant SALYER's direction, Huey and 18 other SK Foods employees subsequently caused the adulterated and 19 20 misbranded tomato products, and the accompanying falsified quality 21 control documents, to be shipped during the spring of 2007, via 22 interstate carrier, from SK Foods' facilities in the Eastern 23 District of California to Kraft's facilities in other states. One 24 such shipment occurred on or about April 12, 2007. On that date, SK 25 Foods shipped tomato product, accompanied by, among other things, a 26 bill of lading, which falsely represented the contents of the 27 shipment, from its facilities in the Eastern District of California 28

1 to Kraft in Darien, Wisconsin.

3 products were accompanied by certain quality control documents,
4 which defendant SALYER ordered falsified so that they misrepresented
5 the NTSS content and mold count of the tomato products in the
6 shipment. SALYER's actions in this regard were made with the
7 specific intent to defraud and mislead Kraft. As a result, Kraft
8 was unknowingly induced to pay for the adulterated and misbranded
10 tomato paste.

executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER, in the Northern District of California, did knowingly transmit, and cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate or foreign commerce, the writings, signs, signals and communications described below, any one of which alone constitutes the commission of Racketeering Act

19 Twenty:

20 21	RACKETEERING ACT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
22	20A	1/22/07	Email correspondence from defendant
23			SALYER in the Northern District of California to Huey and Rahal in the
24			District of New Jersey, directing Huey
25			to misbrand approximately 3,400,000 pounds of high mold tomato paste, and to
26			allocate that high mold tomato paste to domestic SK Foods customers

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1	20B	4/12/07	Facsimile from SK Foods' facility in
2			Lemoore, in the Eastern District of California, to Intramark USA in the
3			District of New Jersey containing falsified quality control documents sent
4			to Kraft.

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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2 and 1343.

8 All of the above in violation of Title 18, United States Code,
9 Section 1962(c).

10 COUNT TWO: [18 U.S.C. § 1962(d) - Conspiring to Conduct the Affairs of an Enterprise Through a Pattern of Racketeering Activity]

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The Grand Jury further charges:

14 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,

15 defendant herein, as follows:

1. Paragraphs one through thirty one of Count One are realleged and incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

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The Racketeering Conspiracy

Beginning in or about January 1998, and continuing through 2. 20 in or about April 2008, within the Eastern District of California 21 and elsewhere, defendant FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER, together with 22 others known to the Grand Jury, being persons employed by and 23 associated with SK Foods, an enterprise, which engaged in, and the 24 activities of which affected, interstate and foreign commerce, 25 26 knowingly and intentionally conspired to violate Title 18, United 27 States Code, Section 1962 (c), that is, to conduct and participate, 28

- 1 directly and indirectly, in the conduct of the affairs of SK Foods
- 2 through a pattern of racketeering activity, as that term is defined
- 3 in Sections 1961(1) and 1961(5) of Title 18, United States Code,
- 4 consisting of multiple acts indictable under the following
- provisions of federal law: 18 U.S.C. § 1341 (mail fraud); 18 U.S.C.
- § 1343 (wire fraud); and multiple acts involving bribery chargeable
- under the following provisions of state law: N.J. Stat. Ann. §
- 2C: 21-10; Cal. Penal Code § 641.3; and Tex. Penal Code § 32.43.
- 3. It was a further part of the conspiracy that defendant
- 11 SALYER agreed that a conspirator would commit at least two acts of
- 12 racketeering activity in the conduct of the affairs of the
- enterprise.
- 14 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section
- 15 1962 (d).
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- 17 COUNT THREE: [18 U.S.C. § 1343 Wire Fraud]
- The Grand Jury further charges:
- 19 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 20 defendant herein, as follows:
- 21 1. Paragraphs one through seven, nine through eleven, and
- seventeen of Count One are realleged and incorporated herein, as if
- fully set forth.

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THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

- 2. Beginning no later than in or about January 1998, and
- 27 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of
- 28 California, the Northern District of California, the Northern

- 1 District of Texas, the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere,
- 2 defendant SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did
- 3 knowingly devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to
- defraud Frito-Lay, and to obtain money and property from it by means
- of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and
- promises, and to conceal said scheme.

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II. MANNER AND MEANS

- The manner and means by which the wire fraud scheme was accomplished were as follows:
- 11 In his capacity as Senior Group Manager for Ingredients 12 Purchasing for Frito-Lay, Wahl was vested with authority to 13 negotiate and enter into contracts, with the approval of his 14 employer, for the purchase of processed tomato products and other 15 food products from various processors, such as SK Foods. 16 normal course, Frito-Lay and Wahl received bids for the sale of 17 processed tomato products and other food products from processors to 18 Frito-Lay by way of what was intended to be a competitive bidding 19 20 process.
- 4. Beginning no later than in or about January 1998, Rahal
 began making personal bribe payments to Wahl on behalf of SK Foods.

 Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge, and, in many
 instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for the
 personal bribe payments, Wahl agreed to, and did, ensure that FritoLay purchased processed tomato products and other food products from
 SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. In

- 1 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Wahl provided SK Foods
- 2 with certain data, to include the proprietary bid information of
- 3 certain of SK Foods' competitors in the tomato processing industry,
- $^{f 4}$ which allowed SK Foods to sell certain food products to Frito-Lay at
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 inflated prices.

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- Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was,
- in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications.
- 9 By way of example, on or about April 11, 2008, defendant SALYER and
- 10 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during
- 11 which the two discussed that so long as Wahl remained employed by
- 12 Frito-Lay as Senior Group Manager for Ingredients Purchasing, SK
- Foods' competitor, Morning Star, would not be approved to supply
- processed tomato product to Frito-Lay. Later in that same
- conversation, SALYER directed Rahal to speak with Wahl, and to
- direct Wahl on how to allocate Frito-Lay's tomato product purchases
- $_{\mbox{\scriptsize 18}}$ between SK Foods and another SK Foods competitor.
- 6. Additionally, on or about April 7, 2008, in return for
- 20 personal bribe payments made by defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK
- Foods, Wahl transmitted to Rahal, via email from the Northern
- District of Texas to the District of New Jersey, a Morning Star
- proposal for a three-year contract for the sale of processed tomato
- products to Frito-Lay. That same day, Rahal transmitted the
- surreptitiously obtained proposal to defendant SALYER and other
- 27 senior leaders of SK Foods, via email, from the District of New
- 28 Jersey to the Eastern and Northern Districts of California.

7. Between in or about 1998, and in or about April 2008, Wahl
received approximately \$160,000 in personal bribe payments from
defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner. As a result of
these bribe payments, between in or about 1998 and in or about 2008,
Wahl secured contracts between SK Foods and Frito-Lay for the sale
of certain food products at elevated prices, causing a substantial
loss to Frito-Lay.

III. THE INTERSTATE WIRE COMMUNICATION

8. On or about April 7, 2008, and for the purpose of executing 10 11 and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to 12 defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly transmit, and cause to be 13 transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate or foreign 14 commerce, certain writings, signs, signals and communications, 15 namely an email communication from Rahal in the District of New 16 Jersey to SALYER and other SK Foods' leaders in the Eastern and 17 Northern Districts of California enclosing a Morning Star bid 18 19 proposal to Frito-Lay.

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1 COUNTS FOUR AMD FIVE: [18 U.S.C. § 1343 - Wire Fraud]

2 The Grand Jury further charges:

FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,

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1. Paragraphs one through seven, nine, fourteen, fifteen, and seventeen of Count One are realleged and incorporated herein, as if fully set forth.

I. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

Beginning in or about January 2004, and continuing until in 10 11 or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of California, the 12 Northern District of California, the Northern District of Illinois, 13 the District of New Jersey, and elsewhere, defendant SALYER, and 14 others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, did knowingly devise and 15 intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud Kraft, and to 16 obtain money and property from it by means of materially false and 17 fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises, and to conceal 18 said scheme. 19

II. MANNER AND MEANS

The manner and means by which the wire fraud scheme was accomplished were as follows:

3. In his capacity as Purchasing Manager for Kraft, Watson was vested with authority to negotiate and enter into contracts, with the approval of his employer, for the purchase of tomato and other food products from various processors, such as SK Foods. In the normal course, Kraft and Watson received bids for the sale of

- processed tomato products from processors to Kraft by way of what
 was intended to be a secret and competitive bidding process.
- 3 4. Beginning no later than in or about January 2004, Rahal 4 began making personal bribe payments to Watson on behalf of SK 5 Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge, and, Foods. 6 many instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for 7 the personal bribe payments, Watson agreed to, and did, ensure that 8 Kraft purchased processed tomato products and other food products 9 from SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. 10 11 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Watson provided SK Foods 12 with certain data, to include the proprietary bid information of 13 certain of SK Foods' competitors in the tomato processing industry, 14 which allowed SK Foods to sell processed tomato products to Kraft at 15 inflated prices.
- 5. Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was, 17 in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications. 18 By way of example, on or about April 14, 2008, defendant SALYER and 19 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during 20 21 which the two discussed how Rahal had recently made personal bribe 22 payments to Watson totaling \$24,000. Later in that same 23 conversation, defendant SALYER expressed his concern to Rahal that 24 SK Foods was not getting the maximum value for its bribes to Watson. 25

6. Between in or about January 2004 and in or about April 2008, Watson received approximately \$158,000 in personal bribe payments from defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner.

- As a result of these bribe payments, between 2004 and 2008, Watson
- secured contracts between SK Foods and Kraft for the sale of 2
- 3 approximately 230 million pounds of processed tomato product at
- elevated prices, causing a substantial loss to Kraft.

THE INTERSTATE WIRE COMMUNICATIONS III.

7. On or about the dates set forth below, and for the purpose 7

of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and 8

artifice to defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly transmit, and 9

cause to be transmitted by means of wire communications in 10

11 interstate or foreign commerce, the writings, signs, signals and

12 communications described below:

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14	COUNT	DATE	WIRE COMMUNICATION
15	FOUR	7/11/2007	Telephone conversation between Rahal in the District of New Jersey and Beasley
16			in the Eastern District of California discussing personal bribe payments made to numerous customer purchasing managers
17			to manerous customer purchasing managers
18	FIVE	4/8/2008	Email from Rahal in the District of New Jersey to Huey and Beasley in the
19			Northern and Eastern Districts of California enclosing a Morning Star
20			contract proposal to Kraft

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All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2

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- 1 COUNT SIX: [18 U.S.C. § 1343 Wire Fraud]
- 2 The Grand Jury further charges:
- FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 4 defendant herein, as follows:

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1. Paragraphs one through seven, nine, twelve, and thirteen of

Count One are realleged and incorporated herein, as if fully set

forth.

I. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

Beginning no later than in or about September 2004, and 10 11 continuing until in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of 12 California, the Northern District of California, the District of New 13 Jersey and elsewhere, defendant SALYER, and others known and unknown 14 to the Grand Jury, did knowingly devise and intend to devise a 15 scheme and artifice to defraud B&G, and to obtain money and property 16 from it by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, 17 representations and promises, and to conceal said scheme. 18

II. MANNER AND MEANS

- The manner and means by which the wire fraud scheme was accomplished were as follows:
- 3. In his capacity as a corporate purchasing manager and
 Director of Purchasing for B&G, Turner was vested with authority to
 negotiate and enter into contracts, with the approval of his
 employer, for the purchase of processed tomato products and other
 food products from various processors, such as SK Foods. In the
 normal course, B&G and Turner received bids for the sale of

- processed tomato products and other food products from processors to
 B&G by way of what was intended to be a competitive bidding process.
- 3 4. Beginning no later than in or about September 2004, Rahal 4 began making personal bribe payments to Turner on behalf of SK 5 Such bribery payments were made with the knowledge, and, Foods. 6 many instances, at the direction of defendant SALYER. In return for 7 the personal bribe payments, Turner agreed to, and did, ensure that 8 B&G purchased processed tomato products and other food products from 9 SK Foods rather than from certain of SK Foods' competitors. 10 addition, in return for the bribe payments, Turner secured contracts 11 12 between B&G and SK Foods, which allowed SK Foods to sell certain 13 food products to B&G at elevated prices.
- 14 5. Defendant SALYER's direction to Rahal in this regard was, 15 in part, conducted by way of interstate telephone communications. 16 By way of example, on or about June 12, 2007, defendant SALYER and 17 Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during 18 which the two discussed how Rahal had just secured a cost-plus 19 contract with B&G for the purchase of jalapeno and chile peppers 20 21 from SK Foods. During the call, Rahal relayed to defendant SALYER 22 that he had promised Turner a personal bribe payment in order secure 23 the contract.
- 6. Subsequently, on or about June 21, 2007, defendant SALYER and Rahal engaged in a recorded interstate telephone conversation during which defendant SALYER instructed Rahal to increase the price per pound that B&G would pay SK Foods under the pepper contract. In

- 1 this regard, defendant SALYER further directed Rahal to provide
- 2 Turner and B&G with a fictitious justification for the increased
- 3 contract price, namely that SK Foods was experiencing increased
- agricultural costs in connection with the peppers.
- 7. Between in or about September 2004 and in or about April
- 2008, Turner received approximately \$14,698 in personal bribe
 - payments from defendant SALYER, Rahal and SK Foods in this manner. $\mathbf{8}$
 - $_{\mathbf{9}}$ As a result of these bribe payments, between in or about September
- 10 2004 and in or about April 2008 Turner secured contracts between SK
- 11 Foods and B&G for the sale of certain food products at elevated
- 12 prices, causing a substantial loss to B&G.

13 III. THE INTERSTATE WIRE COMMUNICATION

- 8. On or about June 13, 2007, and for the purpose of executing
- and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to ${f 16}$
- defraud, defendant SALYER did knowingly transmit, and cause to be
- 18 transmitted by means of wire communications in interstate or foreign
- 19 commerce, certain writings, signs, signals and communications,
- 20 namely an email communication from an SK Foods leader in the Eastern
- 21 District of California to Rahal in the District of New Jersey, which
- contained a pricing agreement for a pepper contract between B&G and
- SK Foods.
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- All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 2
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- 1 COUNT SEVEN: [18 U.S.C. § 1519 Destruction, Alteration, or
- 2 Falsification of Records in a Federal Investigation]
- 3 The Grand Jury further charges:
- 4 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 5 defendant herein, as follows:

- 1. Paragraphs one through five and nine of Count One are realleged and incorporated herein, as if fully set forth.
- 9 2. On or about April 16, 2008, agents of the Federal Bureau of
- 10 Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal
- 11 Investigation executed judicially authorized search warrants at SK
- 12 Foods' facilities in the Eastern and Northern Districts of
- 13 California, and at Intramark's offices in the District of New Jersey
- seeking evidence relating to, among other crimes, various acts of
- bribery and fraud committed by defendant SALYER, Rahal, and other
- leaders, employees and associates of SK Foods. Defendant SALYER 17
- became aware of the federal investigation in this matter on or about ${f 18}$
- 19 April 16, 2008. Subsequently, on or about December 16, 2008, Rahal
- 20 pleaded guilty in the Eastern District of California to a three-
- 21 count Information charging him with violations of 18 U.S.C. $\S\S$
- 22 1962(d) and 1957, and 15 U.S.C. § 1. By way of his publicly-filed
- plea agreement, Rahal agreed to cooperate in the government's
- ongoing investigation of defendant SALYER, SK Foods and other
- individuals and entities in the tomato processing industry. The
- factual basis for Rahal's guilty plea indicated that from 2004 to
- $_{\mathbf{28}}$ 2008, Rahal formally served on SK Foods' Board of Directors, and

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that Rahal routinely paid bribes to the purchasing managers of many
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   of SK Foods customers with the knowledge and "at the direction of
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    certain leaders of SK Foods." Consequently, defendant SALYER became
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   aware that Rahal was actively cooperating in the government's
    investigation on or about December 16, 2008.
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         3. On or about December 31, 2008, in the Eastern District of
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    California, and elsewhere, defendant FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER
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    knowingly altered and falsified, and caused others to alter and
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    falsify a document, namely the minutes of a Board of Directors'
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   meeting for the "SK Foods Entities," which was dated December 14,
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    20 07, so that it omitted reference to "Randy Rahal" as a "Director &
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    Officer" of "the SK Foods company including all SK Foods entities."
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    In truth and in fact, as defendant SALYER then well knew, the
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    original minutes of the December 14, 2007 Board of Directors'
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   meeting listed "Randy Rahal" as a "Director & Officer" of "the SK
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    Foods company including all SK Foods entities." Defendant SALYER
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    altered and falsified the aforementioned document, and caused others
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    to alter and falsify the document, with the intent to impede,
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    obstruct, and influence an investigation within the jurisdiction of
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    the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
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    and 1519.
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- COUNT EIGHT: [15 U.S.C. § 1 Price Fixing] 1
- 2 The Grand Jury further charges:
- 3 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 4 defendant herein, as follows:
- 5 Paragraphs one and three of Count One are realleged and 6 incorporated herein, as if fully set forth. 7
- Beginning in or about January 2006, and continuing until 2. 8 in or about June 2007, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand
- Jury, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant 10
- 11 SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury entered into
- 12 and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress and
- 13 eliminate competition by raising and fixing prices of tomato paste
- 14 to be sold in the United States. The combination and conspiracy
- 15 engaged in by defendant SALYER and co-conspirators was in 16
- unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce in violation 17
- of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1). 18
- The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a 19
- continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among 20
- 21 defendant SALYER and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which
- 22 were:

- 23 a. to fix prices for the sale of tomato paste sold to
- 24 McCain Foods, USA, Inc. ("McCain"); and
- b. to provide product and receive payment from McCain at 26
- the fixed prices. 27
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1 I. MEANS AND METHODS OF CONSPIRACY

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- 4. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged
 combination and conspiracy, defendant SALYER and co-conspirators did
 those things that they combined and conspired to do, including,
 among other things:
- a. participating in meetings, conversations, and communications to discuss the prices of tomato paste;
- b. agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and
 communications, to fix prices of tomato paste to McCain for use at
 its facilities located in the United States; and
- c. issuing price quotations to McCain in accordance with the agreement reached.

II. TRADE AND COMMERCE

- 5. During the period covered by this Count, defendant SALYER and co-conspirators sold and distributed processed tomato products from processing facilities located in the State of California in a continuous and uninterrupted flow of interstate trade and commerce to customers located outside the State of California.
- 21 6. The business activities of defendant SALYER and co22 conspirators that are the subject of this Count were within the flow
 23 of, and substantially affected, interstate trade and commerce.
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25 III. <u>VENUE</u>

7. The combination and conspiracy charged in this Count was carried out, in part, in the Eastern District of California, within the five years preceding the filing of this Superseding Indictment.

1 IV. CO-CONSPIRATORS

- 2 8. Various corporations and individuals, not made defendants
- ³ in this Count, participated as co-conspirators in the offense
- 4 charged in this Count and performed acts and made statements in
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 furtherance of it.

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- All in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 1.
- 8 COUNT NINE: [15 U.S.C. § 1 Price Fixing]
- 9 The Grand Jury further charges:
- 10 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 11 defendant herein, as follows:
- 1. Paragraphs one and three of Count One and paragraphs five
- through eight of Count Eight are realleged and incorporated herein,
- as if fully set forth.
- 2. Beginning in or about January 2006, and continuing until
- in or about June 2007, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand
- 18 Jury, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant
- 19 SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury entered into
- 20 and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress and
- eliminate competition by increasing and fixing prices of processed
- tomato products to be sold in the United States. The combination
- and conspiracy engaged in by defendant SALYER and co-conspirators
- was in unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce in ${f 25}$
- violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).
- The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a
- 28 continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among

defendant SALYER and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which 1 2 were: 3 a. to fix prices for the sale of processed tomato products to ConAgra; and 5 b. to provide product and receive payment from ConAgra as 6 a result of the fixed prices. 7 I. MEANS AND METHODS OF THE CONSPIRACY 8 For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged 9 combination and conspiracy, defendant SALYER and co-conspirators did 10 11 those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, 12 among other things: 13 a. participating in meetings, conversations, and 14 communications to discuss the prices of processed tomato products; 15 b. agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and 16 communications, to increase and fix the prices of processed tomato 17 products to be sold to ConAgra, for use by ConAgra at facilities 18 located in the United States; 19 20 issuing price quotations to, and receiving payment 21 from, ConAgra in accordance with the agreements reached. 22 All in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 1. 23 / / / / 24 / / / / 25 / / / / 26 / / / / 27 / / / / 28

- 1 COUNT TEN: [15 U.S.C. § 1 Price Fixing and Bid Rigging]
- 2 The Grand Jury further charges:
- FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 4 defendant herein, as follows:
- 1. Paragraphs one and three of Count One and paragraphs five
 through eight of Count Eight are realleged and incorporated herein,
 as if fully set forth.
- Beginning in or about January 2007, and continuing until 9 in or about April 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand 10 11 Jury, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant 12 SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury entered into 13 and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress and 14 eliminate competition by fixing prices and rigging bids for the sale 15 of tomato paste to be sold in the United States. The combination 16 and conspiracy engaged in by defendant SALYER and co-conspirators 17
- 3. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among defendant SALYER and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were:

was in unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce in

violation of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

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- a. to allocate among defendant SALYER and co-conspirators

 contracts for the sale of tomato paste to Kraft;
- b. to fix prices for, and submit collusive,
- 28 noncompetitive, and rigged bids for contracts for the sale of tomato

paste to Kraft; and 2 to provide product and receive payment from Kraft as a 3 result of the price fixing and collusive bidding. 4 MEANS AMD METHODS OF THE CONSPIRACY I. 5 4. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged 6 combination and conspiracy, defendant SALYER and co-conspirators did 7 those things that they combined and conspired to do, including, 8 among other things: 9 a. participating in meetings, conversations, and 10 11 communications to discuss the prices of processed tomato products 12 sold to Kraft; 13 b. agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and 14 communications, to fix prices and submit collusive, noncompetitive, 15 and rigged bids for the sale of tomato paste to Kraft for use in 16 Kraft facilities located in the United States; 17 issuing bid quotations to, and receiving payment from, 18 Kraft in accordance with the agreements reached; and 19 20 d. bribing a purchasing agent for Kraft to obtain 21 confidential bid information in order to monitor compliance with the 22 agreements reached. 23 All in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 1. 24 / / / / 25 / / / / 26 / / / /

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- 1 COUNT ELEVEN: [15 U.S.C. § 1 Price Fixing]
- 2 The Grand Jury further charges:
- FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 4 defendant herein, as follows:

- 1. Paragraphs one and three of Count One and paragraphs five
 through eight of Count Eight are realleged and incorporated herein,
 as if fully set forth.
- Beginning in or about August 2005, and continuing until in 9 or about April 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the Grand 10 11 Jury, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, defendant 12 SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury entered into 13 and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress and 14 eliminate competition by fixing prices of processed tomato products 15 to be sold in the United States. The combination and conspiracy 16 engaged in by defendant SALYER and co-conspirators was in 17 unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce in violation 18
- 3. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among defendant SALYER and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were:
- a. to fix prices by including certain charges in contracts for the sale of processed tomato products; and

of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1).

b. to provide product and receive payment from customers as a result of the price fixing.

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   combination and conspiracy, defendant SALYER and co-conspirators did
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   those things that they combined and conspired to do, including,
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             a. participating in meetings, conversations, and
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             b. agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and
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             c. entering into contracts in accordance with the
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   agreements reached.
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- 1 COUNT TWELVE: [15 U.S.C. § 1 Price Fixing]
- 2 The Grand Jury further charges:
- FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 4 defendant herein, as follows:

- 1. Paragraphs one and three of Count One and paragraphs five
 through eight of Count Eight are realleged and incorporated herein,
 as if fully set forth.
- Beginning in or about the fall of 2006, and continuing 9 until in or about April 2008, the exact dates being unknown to the 10 11 Grand Jury, in the Eastern District of California and elsewhere, 12 defendant SALYER and others known and unknown to the Grand Jury 13 entered into and engaged in a combination and conspiracy to suppress 14 and eliminate competition by fixing prices of processed tomato 15 products to be sold in the United States. The combination and 16 conspiracy engaged in by defendant SALYER and co-conspirators was in 17 unreasonable restraint of interstate trade and commerce in violation 18 of Section 1 of the Sherman Act (15 U.S.C. § 1). 19
- 3. The charged combination and conspiracy consisted of a continuing agreement, understanding, and concert of action among defendant SALYER and co-conspirators, the substantial terms of which were:
- a. to raise and fix prices for bin deposits in contracts for the sale of processed tomato products; and
- b. to provide product and receive payment from customersas a result of the price fixing.

1 I. MEANS AND METHODS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 4. For the purpose of forming and carrying out the charged

 combination and conspiracy, defendant SALYER and coconspirators did

 those things that they combined and conspired to do, including,

 among other things:
- a. participating in meetings, conversations, and
 communications to discuss the prices of bin deposits for processed
- b. agreeing, during those meetings, conversations, and
 communications, to raise and fix prices of bin deposits at \$90 for
 processed tomato products sold to customers in bins for use by those
 customers at facilities located in the United States; and
- c. issuing price quotations and receiving payment in accordance with the agreements reached.
- All in violation of Title 15, United States Code, Section 1.
- 18 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [Racketeering Forfeiture 18 U.S.C. § 1963]
- 19 The Grand Jury further charges:
- 20 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER,
- 21 defendant herein, as follows:

tomato products;

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1. The allegations contained in Counts One and Two of this

Superseding Indictment are hereby repeated, realleged and

incorporated by reference herein, as though fully set forth at

length for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18,

United States Code, Section 1963, and Title 28, United States Code,

Section 2461 (c).

2. Pursuant to Rule 32.2(a), Fed. R. Crim. P., defendant

2 SALYER is hereby notified that, upon conviction of either of the

3 violations of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962, as charged

4 in Counts One and Two of this Superseding Indictment, the defendant

5 shall forfeit, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section

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- a) all interests acquired and maintained in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962;
- all interests in, securities of, claims against, and b) 10 11 property and contractual rights of any kind affording a 12 source of influence over, the enterprise named and 13 described herein which the defendant established, 14 operated, controlled, conducted, and participated in the 15 conduct of, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, 16 Section 1962; and 17
 - c) all property constituting and derived from proceeds obtained, directly and indirectly, from racketeering activity in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962.

The property subject to forfeiture to the United States

pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963(a)(1),

(a) (2), and (a) (3), includes, but is not limited to, at least

\$8,800,000, said amount being the total of the interests acquired

and the gross proceeds obtained through the violations of Title 18,

United States Code, Section 1962.

- Pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963 (m) 1 and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by 2 3 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), defendant shall forfeit substitute property up to the value of the property described in the previous paragraph if 5 that property, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant: 6 a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; 7 has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a b) 8 third party; 9 has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; C) 10 11 has been substantially diminished in value; or d) 12 has been commingled with other property which cannot be e) 13 subdivided without difficulty. 14 All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 1963; 15 Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c); and Rule 32.2(a) of 16 the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. 17 FORFEITURE ALLEGATION: [Forfeiture - 18 U.S.C. § 981(a) (1) (C), 28 18 U.S.C. § 2461(c), 21 U.S.C. § 853] 19 20 The Grand Jury further charges: 21 FREDERICK SCOTT SALYER, 22 defendant herein, as follows: 23
- 1. The allegations contained in Counts Three Through Six of
 this Superseding Indictment are hereby realleged and incorporated by
 reference, as if fully set forth herein, for the purpose of alleging
 forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
 981(a) (1) (C), Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and

- 1 Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.
- 2. From in or about January 1998, continuously thereafter, up
- 3 to and including in or about April 2008, in the Eastern District of
- California, the Northern District of California, and elsewhere,
- defendant SALYER violated Title 18, United States Code, Section
- 6 1343, as alleged in Counts Three Through Six, respectively. Upon
- conviction of any of Counts Three through Six, SALYER shall forfeit
- 9 to the United States pursuant to Title 18, United States Code,
- 10 Section 981(a)(1)(C), Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c),
- 11 and Title 21, United States Code, Section 853, the following:
- a. All right, title, and interest in any and all
- property, real or personal, which constitutes or is derived from
- proceeds traceable to such offenses;

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- b. A sum of money equal to the total amount of proceeds 16
- derived from each such offense for which defendant is convicted.
- 3. Pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p),
- 19 as incorporated by Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c),
- 20 defendant SALYER, if so convicted, shall forfeit substitute
- 21 property, up to the total value of the property described in
- paragraph 2 (a) if, by any act or omission of the defendant, the
- property described in paragraph 2 (a), or any portion thereof, (a)
- cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been
- transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; (c) has
- 27 been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the court; (d) has been
- 28 substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with

1	other property that cannot be divided without difficulty.
2	All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section
3	981(a) (1) (C), Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c), and
4	Title 21, United States Code, Section 853.
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