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Proceeding	91232427
Party	Defendant Interprofession du Gruy�re, Syndicat Interprofessionnel du Gruy�re
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International Dairy Foods Association,

Opposer,

v.

Interprofession du Gruyère and Syndicat
Interprofessionnel du Gruyère,

Applicants

Opposition No. 91232427

ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Applicants, Interprofession du Gruyère and Syndicat Interprofessionnel du Gruyère, by their attorneys, Fross Zelnick Lehrman & Zissu, P.C., answer the Notice of Opposition as follows:

1. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 1 of the Notice of Opposition, except deny that GRUYÉRE is a generic term, and deny the allegations in the last sentence of footnote 1 of the Notice of Opposition.
2. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 2 of the Notice of Opposition.
3. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 3 of the Notice of Opposition.
4. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 4 of the Notice of Opposition.
5. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 5 of the Notice of Opposition.
6. Applicants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 6 of the Notice of Opposition.
7. Applicants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 7 of the Notice of Opposition, and except deny that GRUYÉRE cheese is made outside of Switzerland and France.
8. Applicants are without knowledge or information sufficient to form belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 8 of the Notice of Opposition.

9. Applicants admit the allegations on the first sentence of Paragraph 9 of the Notice of Opposition, and deny the allegations in the second sentence of that paragraph.

10. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 10 of the Notice of Opposition, and refer the Board to the decision cited in that paragraph for the exact and complete terms thereof.

11. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 11 of the Notice of Opposition.

12. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 12 of the Notice of Opposition, and refer the Board to the TMEP for the exact and complete terms thereof.

13. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 13 of the Notice of Opposition, and refer the Board to the TMEP and the decision cited in Paragraph 13 for the exact and complete terms thereof.

14. Applicants admit the allegations in Paragraph 14 of the Notice of Opposition, except state that they lack knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief about the truth of the allegation that “[t]he genus of goods is therefore cheese,” and deny that the relevant public consists only of purchasers of cheese.

15. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 15 of the Notice of Opposition.

16. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 16 of the Notice of Opposition.

17. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 17 of the Notice of Opposition.

18. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 18 of the Notice of Opposition, and deny that any of the dictionaries cited therein assert that “Gruyère” is a generic term.

19. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 19 of the Notice of Opposition.

20. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 20 of the Notice of Opposition, except admit that GRUYÉRE cheese originates in the Gruyère region of Switzerland and France.

21. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 21 of the Notice of Opposition.

22. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 22 of the Notice of Opposition.

23. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 23 of the Notice of Opposition.

24. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 24 of the Notice of Opposition.

25. Applicants deny the allegations in Paragraph 25 of the Notice of Opposition.

WHEREFORE, Applicants demand judgment in their favor, dismissing the Notice of Opposition in all respects, and granting such other and further relief as the Board deems just and proper.

Dated: New York, NY
March 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted,
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION has been served on Clay Hough, counsel for Opposer, by forwarding said copy on March 6, 2017, via email to:

Clay Hough, Esq.
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Signature: /Richard Lehv/
Date: March 6, 2017