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Commissioner of Patents
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Application for additional class(es) (per class)	\$100.00	\$115.00
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Notices of Opposition by Opponent	\$350.00	\$402.50
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Application

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Amendments

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Amend Complete Specification after acceptance under Patents Act 1953	\$500.00	\$575.00

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Part 1

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32	Patent application accompanied by a complete specification (including convention applications)	\$250.00	\$287.50
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Section of Act	Fee	(excl. Fee GST) (incl.GST)	
40	Amendment by applicant of complete specification before acceptance (other than in response to an objection raised in a report issued by the Commissioner under section 65 or 97 of the Act)	\$150.00	\$172.50
64, 94,95	Request for examination or re-examination	\$750.00	\$862.50
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87, 92, 1,16(3) 123, 127 202(4)	Notice of opposition	\$350.00	\$402.50
112(1)	Application to revoke a patent	\$350.00	\$402.50
117(2), Various	Request for a hearing	\$850.00	\$977.50

Part 2 Patent Cooperation Treaty

Legislative/Treaty basis	Fee	(excl. Fee GST) (incl.GST)	
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International phase

Rule 14.1 Treaty Regulations	Transmittal fee for each international application, payable to the Commissioner within 1 month of the applicant filing the international application	\$180.00	\$207.00
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National phase

Section 46 of Act	Application for entry into the national phase of a Treaty application (treated as a patent application accompanied by a complete specification)	\$250.00	\$287.50
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The Patents Act 1953, the Patents Regulations 1954 (including fees) orders, directions, and other matters made under it continue to apply, as if sections 247 to 249 of the Patents Act 2013 were not in force, for the purposes of:

- a patent application made under the Patents Act 1953 before the commencement of Part 3 of this Act; and
- the bringing and completion of any application, request, notice, or other proceeding relating to that application, whether commenced before or after the commencement of Part 3 of this Act.

¹ The period for payment of these fees commences three months before the anniversary of the filing date of the complete specification and ends at the close of the anniversary date.

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PCT Fees

The Patents Amendment Act 1992 (apart from sections 3, 8, and 11, which came into force on 19 August 1992) and the Patents (Patent Cooperation Treaty) Regulations 1992 came into force on 1 July 1998.

Please see the [PCT fee schedules on the WIPO website](#) for the most current information.

The Patent Cooperation Schedule of Fees has been amended with effect from 1 January 2024. The revised schedule of fees is as follows.

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International component

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Australian Patent Office (AU)	NZD	\$2357.00
European Patent Office (EP)	NZD	\$3132.00
As of 01 Apr 2024	NZD	\$3253.00
Korean Intellectual Property Office (KR)	NZD	\$1473.00
United States Patent and Trade Mark Office (US)	NZD	\$3652.00
(US) small entity search	NZD	\$1461.00
(US) micro entity search	NZD	\$730.00

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Section 85 Amendment of Specification

Nature of Amendment

An application for amendment of patent 598971, entitled, GRANULATED COMPOSITIONS AND THEIR USE. The patentee (RDG TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED) notes in their letter of 10 November 2023 that the amendments proposed are by way of disclaimer and/or explanation and/or correction.

IPONZ noted in their letter of 24 November 2023 that the provisions of s85(3)(a) were thus met despite some amendments being unallowable. The patentee then proposed further amendments in submissions of 7 February 2024 with no change proposed to "by way of disclaimer and/or explanation and/or correction". IPONZ considers that s85(3)(a) remains met in this respect.

The patentee proposed amendments of 7 February 2024 in mark-up format based on the current complete specification are claims only as follows:

WHAT WE CLAIM IS:

1. Dietary supplement granules suitable for animals, each granule being a granulation of consistent mix ratio of at least three types of particle, the particles being

(i) particles of at least one particulate source of calcium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("calcium particles"),

(ii) particles of at least one particulate source of magnesium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("magnesium particles"), and

(iii) particles of at least one particulate source of sodium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("sodium particles");

wherein

the calcium particles when expressed as CaCO₃, irrespective of whether any or all of the calcium particles are of that form, comprise from ~~52~~9 to 90% w/w of the granules,

the magnesium particles when expressed as magnesium oxide, irrespective of whether any or all of the magnesium particles are of that form, comprise at least 5% w/w of the granules and less than the % w/w of the calcium particles, and

the sodium particles when expressed as sodium chloride, irrespective of whether any or all of the sodium particles are of that form, comprise from 5 to 30% w/w of the granules;

and wherein the particles of each granule are of varied size within each particle type and/or between particle types;

and wherein each granule, to the extent it has a moisture content, it is at a moisture content less than that at which granulation has occurred such that most or all of the water or moisture used for aggregation has been dried away;

and wherein optionally each granule can include one or more other inclusions;

and wherein the granulation process includes the steps of:

(a) screening the granules produced by granulation of the consistent mix ratio of the at least three types of particle so as to obtain:

(i) dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size; and

(ii) granules that are greater than 5 mm in size; and

(b) returning at least some of the material from the granules that are greater than 5 mm in size to a granulator via a crusher and screening the material so as to obtain dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size.

~~2. Granules of claim 1 less than 8mm in size.~~

~~3. Granules of claim 2 greater than 1mm in size.~~

~~24. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim is 1, 2 or 3 wherein the granules are of a size or sizes in the range from 1 to 5mm.~~

~~2 5. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 1 any one of the preceding claims wherein the calcium particles are or include calcium carbonate.~~

~~3 6. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 2 4 wherein the calcium particles are or include calcium sulphate.~~

~~4 7. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of the preceding claims wherein the calcium particles, when expressed as CaCO₃, are in the range of up to 80% w/w of the granules.~~

~~5 8. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 7 4 wherein the calcium particles, when expressed as CaCO₃, are at least 70% w/w of the granules.~~

~~6 9. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 8 5 wherein the magnesium particles are or include magnesium oxide.~~

~~7 10. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 8 5 wherein the magnesium particles are not or do not include magnesium oxide.~~

~~8 11. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 7 10 wherein the magnesium particles are below 50% w/w of the granules.~~

~~9 12. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 8 11 wherein the magnesium particles are below 40% w/w of the granules.~~

~~10 3. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claims 8 11 or 12 9 wherein the magnesium particles are below 30% w/w of the granules.~~

~~11 4. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 13 0 wherein the magnesium particles are below 20% w/w of the granules.~~

~~12 5. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 4 11 wherein the granules comprise about 75:15:10 of the calcium particles, magnesium particles and sodium particles respectively.~~

~~13 6. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1, 2 or 4 to 11 to 4 wherein the granules comprise about 75:15:10 of CaCO₃, the magnesium particles and NaCl respectively.~~

~~14 7. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 11 4 of content ratio 75:15:10 when notionally expressed as CaCO₃, MgO and NaCl.~~

~~15 8. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 11 4 wherein the granules comprise about 75:10:15 of the calcium particles, magnesium particles and sodium particles respectively.~~

~~16 9. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1, 2, or 4 to 11 to 4 wherein the granules comprise about 75:10:15 of CaCO₃, the magnesium particles and NaCl respectively.~~

~~17 20. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 11 4 of content ratio of about 75:10:15 when notionally expressed as CaCO₃, MgO and NaCl.~~

~~18 924. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 4 to 4 claim 1 being granules of a mix of at least~~

- (i) ground calcium carbonate sufficiently fine ground as to be nutritionally available,
- (ii) magnesium particles sufficiently fine ground as to be nutritionally available, and
- (iii) sodium chloride.

19 22. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 1 any one of claims 1 to 4 being granules of a mix of at least

- (i) calcium carbonate and calcium sulphate or calcium sulphate, all fine ground as to be nutritionally available,
- (ii) magnesium particles, fine ground as to be nutritionally available, and
- (iii) sodium chloride.

20 3. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of the preceding claims further comprising one or more other inclusions.

21 4. Dietary supplement granules Granules of claim 203 wherein the inclusions or inclusions are selected from any one or more of trace elements, vitamins, other salts of sodium, other salts of magnesium, rumen modifiers, monensin compositions, anthelmintics and animal remedies.

22 5. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of claims 1 to 212 further comprising a monensin compound.

23 6. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of the preceding claims wherein the granules have been granulated without a binder other than any that arises from their moistness at granulation and prior to dropping in moisture content.

24 7. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of the preceding claims wherein the granules were not granulated with any cereal content.

25 8. Dietary supplement granules Granules of any one of the preceding claims wherein all of the calcium particles and magnesium particles are sufficiently fine to be in a nutritionally available form.

26. Dietary supplement granules suitable for animals, each granule being a granulation of consistent mix ratio of at least three types of particle, the particles being

- (i) particles of at least one particulate source of calcium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("calcium particles"),
- (ii) particles of at least one particulate source of magnesium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("magnesium particles"), and
- (iii) particles of at least one particulate source of sodium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("sodium particles");

wherein

the calcium particles when expressed as CaCO₃, irrespective of whether any or all of the calcium particles are of that form, comprise from 50 to 90% w/w of the granules,

the magnesium particles when expressed as magnesium oxide, irrespective of whether any or all of the magnesium particles are of that form, comprise at least 5% w/w of the granules and less than the % w/w of the calcium particles, and

the sodium particles when expressed as sodium chloride, irrespective of whether any or all of the sodium particles are of that form, comprise from 5 to 30% w/w of the granules;

and wherein the particles of each granule are of varied size within each particle type and/or between particle types;

and wherein each granule, to the extent it has a moisture content, it is at a moisture content less than that at which granulation has

occurred -such that most or all of the water or moisture used for aggregation has been dried away;

and wherein each granule includes a monensin compound as an inclusion;

and wherein the granulation process includes the steps of:
(a) screening the granules produced by granulation of the consistent mix ratio of the at least three types of particle so as to obtain:

- (i) dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size; and
- (ii) granules that are greater than 5 mm in size; and

(b) returning at least some of the material from the granules that are greater than 5 mm in size to a granulator via a crusher and screening the material so as to obtain dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size.

27. Dietary supplement granules suitable for animals, each granule being a granulation of consistent mix ratio of at least three types of particle, the particles being

- (i) particles of at least one particulate source of calcium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("calcium particles"),
- (ii) particles of at least one particulate source of magnesium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("magnesium particles"), and
- (iii) particles of at least one particulate source of sodium not in the zero oxidation state and in a nutritionally available form ("sodium particles");

wherein

the calcium particles when expressed as CaCO₃, irrespective of whether any or all of the calcium particles are of that form, comprise from 50 to 90% w/w of the granules,

the magnesium particles when expressed as magnesium oxide, irrespective of whether any or all of the magnesium particles are of that form, comprise at least 5% w/w of the granules and less than the % w/w of the calcium particles, and

the sodium particles when expressed as sodium chloride, irrespective of whether any or all of the sodium particles are of that form, comprise from 5 to 30% w/w of the granules;

and wherein the particles of each granule are of varied size within each particle type and/or between particle types;

and wherein each granule, to the extent it has a moisture content, it is at a moisture content less than that at which granulation has occurred such- that most or all of the water or moisture used for aggregation has been dried away;

and wherein each granule includes zinc as an inclusion, wherein the zinc when expressed as ZnO, irrespective of whether any or all of the zinc is of that form, comprises at least 0.6% w/w of the granules;

and wherein the granulation process includes the steps of:

(a) screening the granules produced by granulation of the consistent mix ratio of the at least three types of particle so as to obtain:

- (i) dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size; and
- (ii) granules that are greater than 5 mm in size; and

(b) returning at least some of the material from the granules that are greater than 5 mm in size to a granulator via a crusher and screening the material so as to obtain dietary supplement granules that are greater than 1 mm and less than 5 mm in size.

~~28~~ 9. Use of ~~dietary supplement granules granules~~ of any one of the preceding claims in the manufacture of a formulation for supplementing the diet of an animal.

~~29~~ 30. A method of supplementing the diet of a non-human animal comprising providing to the animal ~~dietary supplement granules granules~~ of any one of claims 1 to ~~27~~ 8.

30 4. ~~Dietary supplement granules Granules~~ of ~~any of~~ claims ~~1 to~~ 27 substantially as herein described with reference to any example thereof.

31 2. A use of claim ~~2~~ 89 or ~~method of claim 29~~ substantially as herein described with reference to any example thereof.

~~33. A method of claim 30 substantially as herein described with reference to any example thereof.~~

IPONZ considers all such amendments address previous objections and that s85(3)(a) is considered to remain as met in this respect.

Full particulars of the reasons for amendments

The patentee notes in their letter of 10 November 2023 that the reasons for amendments are to disclaim subject matter that has been asserted in the revocation proceedings to anticipate or render obvious granted claim 1. The patentee notes that they have elected to pursue the claimed invention in three separate independent claims for the sake of clarity, rather than a single independent claim having alternative disclaimers.

The patentee notes in their letter of 10 November 2023:

"Thus, the subject matter of granted claim 1 has been divided into independent claims 1, 27, and 28. Those claims differ in the following ways:

Claim 1 requires the calcium particles (as defined) to comprise from 52-90% w/w of the granules, but places no limitation on the nature of the optional inclusion. When compared with granted claim 1, the lower limit of the numerical range defining the calcium particle content has been increased—which is clearly a disclaimer. The amendment of the lower limit is fairly based on page 8 (lines 8-12) of the specification which discloses that "*reference to a range of numbers disclosed herein [such as 50-90] also incorporates reference to... any range of rational numbers within that range [such as 52-90]*";

Claim 27 requires the calcium particles (as defined) to comprise from 50-90% w/w of the granules, and requires each granule to include monensin as an inclusion. When compared with granted claim 1, the granules must now contain a specific inclusion, rather than *any* inclusion being *merely* optional—which is clearly a disclaimer. The specific inclusion of monensin in the granules is fairly based on granted claim 25 and page 3 (line 16) of the specification; and

Claim 28 requires the calcium particles (as defined) to comprise from 50-90% w/w of the granules, and requires each granule to include zinc as an inclusion. When compared with accepted

claim 1, the granules must now contain a specific inclusion, rather than *any* inclusion being merely *optional*—*which* is clearly a disclaimer. The specific inclusion of zinc in the granules is fairly based on granted claim 24 and page 3 (line 15) of the specification.

Dependent claim 29 contains further details of an original feature covered by the pre-amended claims and is fairly based on page 7 (lines 3-4) of the specification. In line with the decision in *Sherman v Merck & Co Inc* IPO P46/2006 the introduction of such a dependent claim is allowable. In addition, or in the alternative, the insertion of dependent claim 29 is allowable since it further concretely defines (explanation) that the claimed method includes a drying step in which not only some of the water is removed, but most of the water used for granulation is removed.

A number of common disclaimers and/or explanations are applied to each of claims 1, 27, and 28:

the amendment to specify that the excess water has been removed is a disclaimer of those embodiments in which, for example, no water is removed, or only a *de minimus* amount of water is removed. The amendment thus also adds to the clarity of the claim language (explanation). The claim language is now more in line with the text on pages 3, 7, and 9 (line 28);

the amendment to define the granulation process in more detail is clearly a disclaimer of the use of those granulation processes that would otherwise not, for example, produce granules of the size range specified. The claim language is now more in line with the text on page 7 (lines 3-4), page 9 (line 28), and in previous claims 2 and 3; and

the amendment to require that some granules that are greater than 8mm in size are returned to the granulator via a crusher to obtain the desired size is a further limitation and hence a disclaimer. The amendment finds fair basis on page 9 of the specification.

The amendment to the remaining dependent claims is made by way of disclaimer and/or correction to renumber the claims accordingly and to refer to the more appropriate language of "dietary supplement granules" rather than "granules."

The patentee has referred in the above penultimate paragraph to "fair basis". However, IPONZ considers that all proposed amendments are also supported, as required by regulation 87.

Thus, IPONZ considers that for the latest proposed amendments s85(3)(a), s85(3)(b) remain met, that r87 has been met in full, and that all amendments now proposed are allowable *prima facie*.

Any person may, give notice to the Commissioner of opposition to a proposed amendment within 2 months after the date of the publication in Journal 1737 publication date 22 March 2024, as per s87(1) and r89(1).