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*Portable Collapsible
Livestock Feeder*

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2. Federal Causes of Action

The federal criminal component of trade secret misappropriation, the Economic Espionage Act, was recently enacted. Although few cases have been tried under the act, at least one has been tried by the U.S. Attorney's Office in Houston, Texas. In the event such a case arises and federal criminal prosecution is sought, it is imperative that sufficient information be provided to the U.S. Attorney to permit an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and a successful outcome. As a result businesses should have clear precautions and protections in place to establish trade secret ownership and criminal conduct by the defendant. The patent attorney may work with the government to pursue the action.