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(Section 7-1.1-124)

**APPLICATION FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF**

COUNTRY PRIDE FOODS, INC.

To the Secretary of State  
of the State of Rhode Island

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 7-1.1-103 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, the undersigned corporation hereby applies for a Certificate of Authority to transact business in the State of Rhode Island, and for that purpose submits the following statement:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is COUNTRY PRIDE FOODS, INC.

SECOND: The name which it elects to use in Rhode Island is \_\_\_\_\_

(If the name of the corporation does not contain the word "corporation," "company," "incorporated," or "limited," or an abbreviation of one of such words, insert the name of the corporation with the word or abbreviation which it elects to add thereto for use in Rhode Island;)

THIRD: It is incorporated under the laws of Arizona

FOURTH: The date of its incorporation is June 26th, 1974 and the period of its duration is 25 years

FIFTH: The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is 363 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85003

SIXTH: The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is 111 Westminster Street, Providence, R. I. 02903 and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

SEVENTH: The purpose or purposes which it proposes to pursue in the transaction of business in Rhode Island are

Growing, processing and marketing of chickens, turkeys and ducks; food processing and marketing; production and sale of feeds; all other lawful purposes authorized by Articles of Incorporation.

EIGHTH: The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Address</u>
Jess C. Merkle	Director	2107 West Elm, El Dorado, AR 71730
Clyde M. Sasser	Director	104 Lindell, El Dorado, AR 71730
George R. Haefner	Director	1215 Briarwood, El Dorado, AR 71730

Jess C. Merkle	President	2107 West Elm, El Dorado, AR 71730
Clyde M. Sasser	Vice President	104 Lindell, El Dorado, AR 71730
George R. Haefner	Secretary	1215 Briarwood, El Dorado, AR 71730
George R. Haefner	Treasurer	1215 Briarwood, El Dorado, AR 71730

NINTH: The aggregate number of shares which it has authority to issue, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value</u>
100,000	Common	-----	\$1.00

TENTH: The aggregate number of its issued shares, itemized by classes, par value of shares, shares without par value, and series, if any, within a class, is:

<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Series</u>	<u>Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value</u>
50	Common	-----	\$1.00

ELEVENTH: The amount of its stated capital as defined by §7-1.1-2 of the General Laws, 1956, as amended, is \$ 50.00

TWELFTH: An estimate of the value of all property to be owned by it for the following year, wherever located, is \$ 278,583.00

THIRTEENTH: An estimate of the value of its property to be located within Rhode Island during such year is \$ -0-

FOURTEENTH: An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it during such year is \$ -0-

FIFTEENTH: An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it at or from places of business in Rhode Island during such year is \$ -0-

SIXTEENTH: This Application is accompanied by a copy of its articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto, duly authenticated by the proper officer of the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated.

Dated May 21, 1977

COUNTRY PRIDE FOODS, INC.  
[Exact Corporate Name of Corporation Making Application]

By Jess C. Merkle  
Its President Jess C. Merkle  
and George R. Haefner  
Its Secretary George R. Haefner

STATE OF ARKANSAS }  
COUNTY OF UNION } Sc.

At El Dorado in said County on the 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of May 1977, before me personally appeared  
Jess C. Merkle, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that  
he is the President of COUNTRY PRIDE FOODS, INC.,  
that he signed the foregoing document as such President of the  
corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.

Abraham M. Mayhan  
Notary Public

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

ABRAHAM M. MAYHAN, Notary Public  
Union County, Arkansas  
My Commission Expires October 20, 1978

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