

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

CORPORATIONS DIVISION

100 NORTH MAIN STREET

PROVIDENCE, RI 02903

APPLICATION FOR  
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF

Corp. I.D. #

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Commodity Specialists Company

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 Commodity Specialists Company

SECOND: The name which it elects to use in Rhode Island is *N/A*

(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 Delaware

FOURTH: The date of its incorporation is November 24, 1992 and the period of its duration is Perpetual

FIFTH: The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801

SIXTH: The address of its proposed registered office in Rhode Island is 123 Dyer Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02903 and the name of its proposed registered agent in Rhode Island at that address is C T Corporation System.  
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*Kristine G. Tami*  
Signature

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

Sale and distribution of animal feed or food products. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized to do business under the laws of Rhode Island.

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

Name	Office	Address
Philip J. Lindau,	Director	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
O. William Mikkelson,	Director	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Robert E. Schreck,	Director	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Moiz Akhtar, Director		780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Jerome J. Jenko, Director		780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Philip J. Lindau	President	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
Robert E. Schreck	Vice President	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
O. William Mikkelson	Secretary	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415
O. William Mikkelson	Treasurer	780 Grain Exchange Bldg., 301 4th Av., Minneapolis, Minnesota 55415

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:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
20,000	Class A Common	(No series)	\$0.001
1,000	Class B Common	(No series)	\$0.001
1,000	Preferred	10% Redeemable	\$0.001

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:

Number of Shares	Class	Series	Par Value per Share or Statement that Shares are without Par Value
9,200	Class A Common	(No series)	\$0.001
1,000	Class B Common	(No series)	\$0.001
1,000	Preferred	10% Redeemable	\$0.001

ELEVENTH: An estimate of the value of all property to be owned by it for the following year, wherever located, is \$ 100,000,000

TWELFTH: An estimate of the value of its property to be located within Rhode Island during such year is \$ 2,000,000

THIRTEENTH: An estimate of the gross amount of business to be transacted by it during such year is \$ 800,000,000

FOURTEENTH: 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 \$ 8,000,000

FIFTEENTH: 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 November 14, 19 94

Commodity Specialists Company  
(Exact Corporate Name of Corporation Making Application)

By *Philip J. Lindau*

Its CEO & President

and *D. William Minn*

Its CFO & Secretary

STATE OF MINNESOTA }  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN } Sc.

At 301 Fourth Ave So, Minneapolis, MN in said County on the 14TH day  
of November 19, 94, before me personally appeared

Philip J. Lindau, who being by me first duly sworn, declared that  
he is the President & CEO of Commodity Specialists Company  
that he signed the foregoing document as such President of the  
corporation, and that the statements therein contained are true.

*Jean A. Maxwell*  
Notary Public

(NOTARIAL SEAL)



*State of Delaware*  
*Office of the Secretary of State*

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF "COMMODITY SPECIALISTS COMPANY", FILED IN THIS OFFICE ON THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D. 1992, AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Freel", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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