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TO: QUALIFICATION/REGISTRATION SECTION
DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS

W95-6824

SUBJECT: Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association
(Name of corporation)

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Dear Sir or Madam:

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The enclosed "Application by Foreign Not For Profit Corporation for Authorization to Conduct its Affairs in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign nonprofit corporation to conduct its affairs in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

Jonathan T. Howe

(Name of Person)

Howe & Hutton, Ltd.

(Firm/Company)

20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 3550

(Address)

Chicago, Illinois 60606

(City, State and Zip Code)

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For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Barbara Dunn

(Name of Person)

at (312) 263 - 3001

Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

COURIER ADDRESS:

Qualification/Registration Sec.
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

MAILING ADDRESS:

Qualification/Registration Sec.
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

March 28, 1995

JONATHAN T. HOWE
HOWE & HUTTON, LTD.
20 N. WACKER DR., #3550
CHICAGO, IL 60606

SUBJECT: SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Ref. Number: W9500006824

We have received your document for SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

Section 617.1502(4), Florida Statutes, requires this office to collect a \$500.00 penalty fee as well as the appropriate annual report fees, beginning with the year 1991, when a not for profit corporation conducts its affairs in Florida prior to qualification with our office. The amount due this office to cover both annual report and penalty fees is \$2670.00.

A certificate of existence, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6093.

Freta Lott
Corporate Specialist Supervisor

Letter Number: 995A00014023

**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN FLORIDA**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 617.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS
SUBMITTED TO REGISTER A FOREIGN NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZA-
TION TO CONDUCT ITS AFFAIRS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA:**

1. Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association, Incorporated
(Name of corporation: must include the word "INCORPORATED" or "CORPORATION" or words or abbrevia-
tions of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or
partnership if not so contained in the name at present. "Company" or "Co." may not be used as a corporate
suffix by a nonprofit corporation.)

2. Illinois 3. 36-0753520
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 10/9/75 5. Perpetual
(Date of Incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 5/7/76
(Date corporation first conducted affairs in Florida -
See sections 617.1501, 617.1502, and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 200 Castlewood Drive
North Palm Beach, Florida 33408-5696
(Current mailing address)

8. To protect and advance the sporting goods industry
(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in the state of Florida)

9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent:

Robert Armstrong
(Name)
200 Castlewood Drive
(Office address)
North Palm Beach, Florida, 33408-5696
(City) (Zip Code)

10. Registered agent's acceptance:

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Robert E. Armstrong
(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

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12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Julie Nimmons
Address: 1200 East Union Avenue
Litchfield, Illinois 62056

Vice Chairman: Jack Lacey
Address: 425 Meadow Street
Chicopee, Massachusetts 01021

Director: Kenneth Edelson
Address: 140 Woodbine Street
Bergenfield, New Jersey 07621

Director: Greg Hege
Address: 2500 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60153

B. OFFICERS

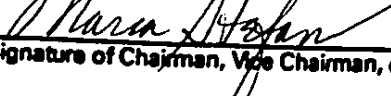
President: John Riddle
Address: 200 Castlewood Drive
North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Vice President: Maria Stefan
Address: 200 Castlewood Drive
North Palm Beach, Florida 33408

Secretary: Greg Hege
Address: 2500 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60153

Treasurer: Greg Hege
Address: 2500 South 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60153

NOTE: If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. 
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

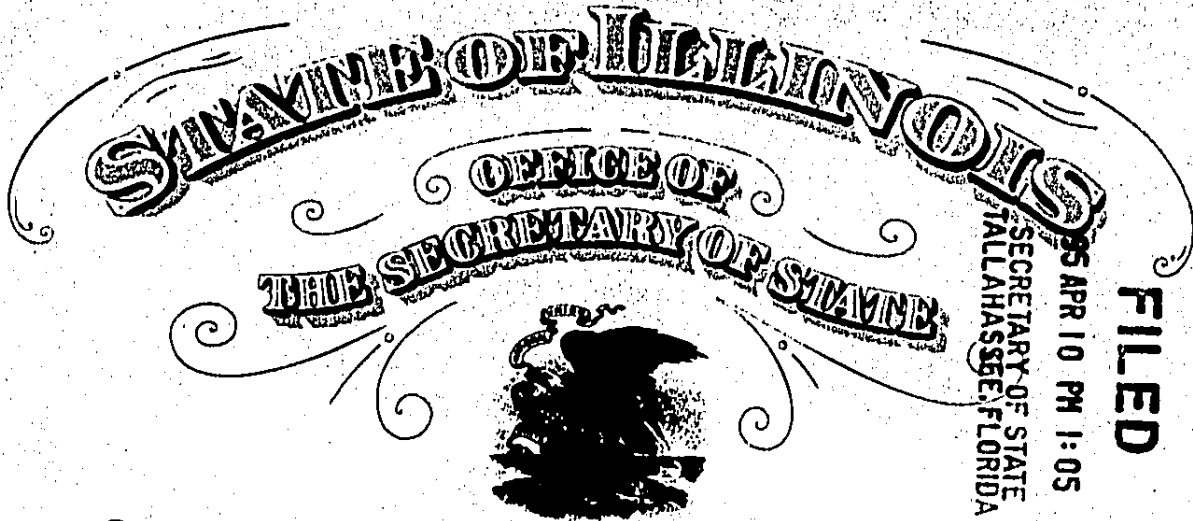
14. Maria Stefan
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that

SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE OCTOBER 9, 1975, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN GOOD STANDING IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS*****



In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois this 31ST day of MARCH A.D., 19 95

George H Ryan
SECRETARY OF STATE

Certificate Number _____



To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting.

Whereas, Articles of Incorporation duly signed and verified of

SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

have been filed in the Office of the Secretary of State on the 9th day of October A. D. 19 75 as provided by the "GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT" of Illinois, approved July 17, 1943, in force January 1, A. D. 1944;

Now Therefore, I, MICHAEL J. HOWLETT, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this Certificate of Incorporation and attach thereto a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, Thereto, set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois.

Done at the City of Springfield, this 9th day of October AD. 19 75, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and 00

Michael J. Howlett

SECRETARY OF STATE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
UNDER THE
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT
(These Articles Must Be Filed in Duplicate)

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To MICHAEL J. HOWLETT, Secretary of State, Springfield, Illinois.

We, the undersigned,

(Not less than three)

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Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
Jonathan T. Howe	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611
Joseph P. Zekas	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611
Vicki A. Thompson	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611

being natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more and citizens of the United States, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the "General Not For Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

- The name of the corporation is: Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association
- The period of duration of the corporation is: perpetual
(Please state "perpetual" or a definite number of years)
- The address of its initial Registered Office in the State of Illinois is: One IBM Plaza, Suite 4400
Street in the City of Chicago (60611) County of Cook and
(Zip Code)
the name of its initial Registered Agent at said Address is: Jonathan T. Howe
- The first Board of Directors shall be three in number, their names and addresses being as follows:
(Not less than three)

Name	Number	Street	Address City	State
Jonathan T. Howe	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611
Joseph P. Zekas	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611
Vicki A. Thompson	One	IBM Plaza Suite 4400	Chicago, Ill.	60611

- The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To protect and advance the sporting goods industry; to promote and encourage athletic and sporting activities; to consider and deal by all lawful means with common problems of management, such as those involved in the production, distribution, employment and financial functions of the sporting goods industry; to engage in the general activities of a trade association for the sporting goods industry.

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Michael J. Howlett
Secretary of State

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6. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

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(NOTE: Any special provision authorized or permitted by statute to be contained in the Articles of Incorporation, may be inserted above.)

(INCORPORATORS MUST SIGN BELOW)

Jonathan T. Howe
Joseph P. Zekas
Vicki A. Thompson

Incorporators

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Cook ss.

I, Barbara J. Weber a Notary Public do hereby certify that on the
7th day of October, 1975, Jonathan T. Howe,
Joseph P. Zekas and Vicki A. Thompson (Name of Incorporators)

personally appeared before me and being first duly sworn by me severally acknowledged that they signed the foregoing document in the respective capacities therein set forth and declared that the statements therein contained are true.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

PLACE
(NOTARIAL SEAL)
HERE

Barbara J. Weber
Notary Public

FORM NP-29

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
under the
GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT
INCORPORATION ACT
of
Sporting Goods
Manufacturers Association

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(These Articles Must Be Entered and Filed in Duplicate)

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ANNUAL REPORT

GENERAL NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION ACT

FILE NO. N 5075-164-3

FILE PRIOR TO 10-01-85
ADD \$3.00 PENALTY
FOR LATE FILING

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Annual Report Filing Fee \$ 5.00
Annual Report with Change of Agent or Office \$10.00

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SPORTING GOODS MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
JONATHAN T. HOWE
ONE IBM PLAZA SUITE 4400
CHICAGO, IL. 60611-0000

2.) CHANGES ONLY: Registered Agent
Registered Office 20 North Wacker Drive Yes No
City, County, IL Zip Code Chicago, Cook, Ill. 60606 (Check one)
Is this corporation a Condominium Association?

The above change was duly authorized by resolution of the board of directors. The address of the registered office and the address of the office of the registered agent, as changed, will be identical. THE ADDRESS OF THE REGISTERED OFFICE MUST INCLUDE A STREET NUMBER. A P.O. BOX MAY ONLY BE USED IN ADDITION THERETO.

3.) The above corporation organized under the laws of the state of ILLINOIS, pursuant to the provisions of "The General Not for Profit Corporation Act" of the State of Illinois, hereby makes the following report:

4.) The names and respective addresses of its officers and directors are:

NAME	OFFICE	NUMBER & STREET	CITY	STATE	ZIP
Howard J. Bruns	President	200 Cstlewood Drive,	North Palm Beach,	FL	33408
G. W. Hardy	Secretary	Lee Street,	Alexander City,	AL	35010
Same	Treasurer				
George Dickerman, Chairman	Director	425 Meadow Street,	Chicopee,	MA	01021
Cal James 1st Vice Chairman	Director	309 Williamson Avenue,	Opelika,	AL	36802
See attached for complete list	Director				

NOTE: List all directors above or list them on an additional sheet: Illinois corporations must have three directors.

5.) The following is a brief statement of the character of the affairs which the corporation is actually conducting:
Trade Association

6.) If a foreign corporation, the address of its principal office in the state of its incorporation is:

(Number and Street)

(State or Country)

(Please read reverse side of this report before signing below)

Under the penalty of perjury and as an authorized officer, I declare that this annual report and, if applicable, the statement of change of registered agent and/or office, has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct, and complete.

*** THIS REPORT MUST BE SIGNED ***

BY Howard J. Bruns President & CEO 9/17/85
(Authorized Officer's Signature) (Title) (Date)
(Pres. or V. Pres. required if changes listed in 2)

ATTEST George W. Hardy Secretary/Treasurer 10/11/85
(Secretary's or Ass'l. Secretary's Signature) (Title) (Date)
required only if changes listed in 2)

THIS REPORT MUST BE SIGNED

STATE OF ILLINOIS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE



STATE OF ILLINOIS
Office of the Secretary of State
I hereby certify that this is a true and
correct copy, consisting of *four*
pages, as taken from the original on file in
this office.

George H. Ryan

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State

DATED: *March 14 1995*

BY: *James Brown*