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**TO:** New Filing Section  
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**SUBJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," or "Certificate of Good Standing" and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

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Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- ☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee    ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status    ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy    ☐ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy

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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

**IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.**

**1. The Bruss Company**

(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION,"  
"Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

**2. Illinois**

(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

**3. 36-2338268**

(FEI number, if applicable)

**4. July 26, 1956**

(Date of incorporation)

**5. Perpetual**

(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

**6. UPON FILING**

(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

**7. 2200 Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, AR 72762**

(Principal office address)

**2200 Don Tyson Parkway, Springdale, AR 72762**

(Current mailing address)

**8. Is the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated in the State of Florida**

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

**9. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)**

Name: **GT Corporation System**

Office Address: **1200 South Pine Island Rd.**

**Plantation**

(City)

**Florida 33324**

(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.*

*Katherine Lackey*

Katherine Lackey, Asst. Sec

(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 business addresses of officers and/or directors:

**A. DIRECTORS**

Chairman: See Attached

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. OFFICERS**

President: See Attached

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

13. R. Read Hudson

Signature of Director or Officer

The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 12 above) affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that he or she is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

14. R. Read Hudson, Secretary and Vice President

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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DIRECTORS:

Dennis Leatherby 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
David L. Van Bebber 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762

OFFICERS:

Donnie Smith President and Chief Executive Officer 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
James Lochner Chief Operating Officer 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Noel White Sr. Group VP and Fresh Meats 800 Stevens Port Dr. Dakota Dunes, SD 57049  
Dennis Leatherby Exec. Vice President and CFO 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Craig Hart Senior Vice President and Controller 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Matt Ellis Vice President and Treasurer 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Mark Elser Vice President, Tax 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Tony Certola General Manager 3548 N. Kostner Ave. Chicago, IL 60641  
R. Read Hudson Secretary and Vice President 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Jon Kathol Vice President and Asst. Secretary 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Nathan Hodne Vice President and Asst. Secretary 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762  
Rodney Tadeny Assistant Treasurer 2200 Don Tyson Parkway Springdale, AR 72762



*To all to whom these Presents Shall Come, Greeting:*

*I, Jesse White, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that*

THE BRUSS COMPANY, A DOMESTIC CORPORATION, INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE ON JULY 26, 1956, APPEARS TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE TAXES, AND AS OF THIS DATE, IS IN GOOD STANDING AS A DOMESTIC CORPORATION IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



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*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set  
my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of  
the State of Illinois, this 23TH  
day of FEBRUARY A.D. 2012*

*Jesse White*

SECRETARY OF STATE

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