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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**Shelter Box USA, Inc.**  
a Florida Nonprofit Corporation

**ARTICLE ONE**

**Name**

The name of the corporation is **Shelter Box USA, Inc.**

**ARTICLE TWO**

**Mailing Address**

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation is **P. O Box 203, 8374 Market Street, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202.**

**ARTICLE THREE**

**Duration**

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual; and the corporate existence will commence on its existence on the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles, as hereinafter set forth, if these Articles are filed with the Department of State within five (5) days exclusive of legal holidays, after such date. If these Articles are not so filed, this corporation shall commence existence upon the filing hereof with the Department of State.

**ARTICLE FOUR**

**Purposes**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are for scientific, educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and in this connection:

(1) To provide humanitarian relief and aid in the form of equipment and materials that provide shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural or others disasters.

(2) Generally to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of Florida, or which may hereafter be conferred, including the power to contract, rent, buy or sell personal or real property.

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(3) Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purposes or powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of the corporation.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE**

##### **Exempt Purpose**

The corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income, or profit of the corporation is distributable to, or inures to the benefit of its directors or officers except to the extent permitted by the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Therefore, the Corporation is subject to the following restrictions and provisions:

(1) The purposes for which the corporation is organized is to provide humanitarian relief and aid in the form of equipment and materials that provide shelter, warmth and comfort to people displaced by natural or other disasters.

(2) No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director, Officer, or member of the corporation, or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more of the corporation's purposes), and no Director or Officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets part of the activities of the corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall neither participate nor intervene (including the publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, at any time.

(3) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(4) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(5) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(6) The corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

(7) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any

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subsequent federal tax laws.

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(9) Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court in Sarasota County, Florida, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE SIX**

##### **Members**

The Corporation shall not have members.

#### **ARTICLE SEVEN**

##### **Election of Directors**

Directors shall be elected in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE EIGHT**

##### **Initial Directors**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be ten and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Griff Griffiths	7922 Royal Birkdale Circle, Lakewood Ranch FL 34202
Denise Hearn	11011 Water Lily Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
Jerry Hearn	11011 Water Lily Way, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
Ron Myers	10706 Winding Stream Way, Bradenton, FL 34212
Beth Palmer	6104 Winchester Place, Sarasota, FL 34243
Greg Pasler	10358 Palmbrooke Terrace, Bradenton, FL 34202

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Steve Ryon	8428 Palm Lake Court, Sarasota, FL 34243
Richard Smith	P.O. Box 511, New London, WI 54961
Karyn Heckman	22236 Panther Loop, Bradenton, FL 34202
Dave Minton	c/o Bosshardt Realty, 6751 Professional Pkwy Sarasota, FL 34240

#### ARTICLE NINE

##### Registered Office and Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is **6104 Winchester Place, Sarasota, FL 34243**. The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at such address is **Beth Palmer**. The registered office and registered agent may be changed from time-to-time by the Board of Directors as authorized by law.

#### ARTICLE TEN

##### Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is:

Beth Palmer                      6104 Winchester Place, Sarasota, Florida 34243

In Witness Whereof, I have subscribed my name this 4 day of January 2004.

*Beth Palmer*

Beth Palmer, Incorporator

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**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for Shelter Box USA, Inc., a Florida nonprofit corporation.

*Beth Palmer*

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