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NAME: TROPICAL SPECIALTIES CO.

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XXX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
 CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

November 20, 1996

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
TROPICAL SPECIALTIES CO.

Article I - Name

The name of this corporation is Tropical Specialties Co.

Article II - Capital Stock

This corporation is authorized to issue 10,000 shares of common stock.

Article III - Mailing Address and Principal Office

The mailing address of the corporation is 46 N. Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota FL 34236 and the principal office of the corporation is 5225-A Eighth Avenue South, St. Petersburg FL 33707.

Article IV - Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota, Florida, 34236 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Nevin A. Weiner.


Article V - Initial Board of Directors

This corporation shall have one director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws. The name and address of the initial director of this corporation is Lee E. Beard, 5225-A Eighth Avenue South, St. Petersburg FL 33707.

Article VI - Incorporator

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is Nevin A. Weiner, 46 North Washington Blvd., #1, Sarasota FL 34236.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 3rd day of December, 1996.



Nevin A. Weiner, Incorporator

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**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT,
ACCEPTANCE, AND DESIGNATION OF CORPORATE OFFICE**

The undersigned, NEVIN A. WEINER, having a street address of 46 North Washington Boulevard, #1, Sarasota, Florida 34236, having been appointed by the directors of TROPICAL SPECIALTIES CO., as registered agent, states as follows:

1. The corporation shall maintain an office at 46 North Washington Boulevard, Suite 1, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and shall notify the Department of State of any change in address of this office or the name of the registered agent at this address.

2. He accepts the appointment and consents to serve as registered agent of the corporation pursuant to Section 617.023, Florida Statutes.


NEVIN A. WEINER

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