0000 GIBBS & RUNYAN, P.A. Attomeys At Law 100 Second Avenue South, Suite 704-S St. Petersburg, Florida 33701 Telephone (813) 892-6001 Facsimile (813) 892-6002 February 11, 1997 300002088433--1 -02/14/97--01107--015 \*\*\*\*122.50 \*\*\*\*122.50 CORPORATE RECORDS BUREAU DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS DEPARTMENT OF STATE Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Fl 32301 Mrs. Jo Mynard, Supervisor Charter Section RE: Transatlantic USA, Inc. Dear Mrs. Mynard: Enclosed are two originals of the executed Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Please endorse

your approval of the Articles on the duplicate original provided

records indicate the correct effective date.

telephone rather than returning any documents.

Your attention is directed to Article II of the Articles of Incorporation which provides for February 7, 1997 as the commencement date for this corporation. Please make sure your

A check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed to cover the Registered Agent fee, the fee for a certified copy and the filing

If you find any problems with the enclosed documents or require additional information, please contact the undersigned by

Sincerely,

Deborah L. Knoll Legal Assistant

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and return same.

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

TRANSATLANTIC USA, INC.

## ARTICLE I

## NAME

The name of this corporation is Transatlantic USA, Inc.

EFFECTIVE DATE

ARTICLE II

# DURATION; EFFECTIVE DATE

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing as of February 7, 1997.

## ARTICLE III

# **PURPOSES**

This corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and of this State.

## ARTICLE IV

# CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue Seven Thousand Five Hundred (7,500) shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock.

## ARTICLE V

# REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation and the street address of the initial Registered Office are as follows: Moya Runyan, 151 Treasure Island Causeway, Suite J, Treasure Island, Florida, 33706. The mailing address of the corporation is 151 Treasure Island Causeway, Suite J, Treasure Island, Florida, 33706.

The street address of the principal office of the corporation in this State will be 151 Treasure Island Causeway, Suite J, Treasure Island, Florida, 33706. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida, and the corporation may have other offices, agencies and

branches at such places as may be determined by the Board of Directors.

#### ARTICLE VI

# **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are Moya Runyan, 151 Treasure Island Causeway, Suite J, Treasure Island, Florida, 33706.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

#### ARTICLE VIII

# **BYLAWS**

The initial Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws is vested in the Board of Directors, subject to repeal or change by action of the Shareholders.

## ARTICLE IX

# STOCK TRANSFER AGREEMENTS

If all, or any, of the shareholders or subscribers to stock of the corporation shall enter into any agreement between themselves or with the corporation or third persons, abridging, limiting, restricting or changing the rights or interest of any one or more of the shareholders or subscribers to sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or transfer on the books of the corporation, any and all of the stocks of the corporation held by them and if a copy of the agreement is filed with the corporation, all certificates of shares subject to such agreement or restriction shall have a reference thereto endorsed thereon by an officer of the corporation and such stock shall not thereafter be transferred on the books of the corporation except in accordance with the terms and provisions of the agreement. If the agreement so provides, the certificates of stock shall be registered so that shares standing in the name of any person as pledgee, trustee, or other fiduciary may be voted, in person or by proxy, and without proof of authority.

# ARTICLE X

# INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

The holders of not less than a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the voting stock of the corporation may act by written agreement without a meeting, as provided in Florida Statutes 607.0704 and the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE XI

# CUMULATIVE VOTING

At each election for directors every shareholder entitled to vote at such election shall have the right to cumulate his votes by giving one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected at that time multiplied by the number of his shares, or by distributing such votes on the same principle among any number of such candidates.

## ARTICLE XII

# PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Each shareholder of this corporation shall have the first right to purchase shares (and securities convertible into shares) of any class, kind or series of stock in this corporation that may from time to time be issued (whether or not presently authorized), including shares from the treasury of this corporation, in the ratio that the number of shares he holds at the time of issue bears to the total number of shares outstanding, exclusive of treasury This right shall be deemed waived by any shareholder who shares. does not exercise it and pay for the shares preempted within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice in writing from the corporation stating the prices, terms and conditions of the issue of shares and inviting him to exercise his preemptive rights. This right may also be waived by affirmative written waiver submitted by the shareholder to the corporation within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from the corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1997.

Moya Runyan

**INCORPORATOR** 

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were sworn to and acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1997, by Moya Runyan, who is known to me personally.

DEBORAH L. KNOLL, NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA

My Commission Expires:

DEBORAN L. KNOLL 6 COMMISSION & CC 499682 EXPINES DEC 04, 1999 BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby accept to act as registered agent, and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties and am familiar with and accept the obligations of Florida Statutes Section 617.023.

Moya Runyan

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