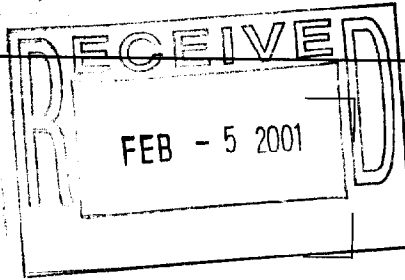


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Name Deep Run Packing Company, Inc.

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Name Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc.

DBA/AKA/TA \_\_\_\_\_

Composed of \_\_\_\_\_

Address (line 1) Two Maryland Farms

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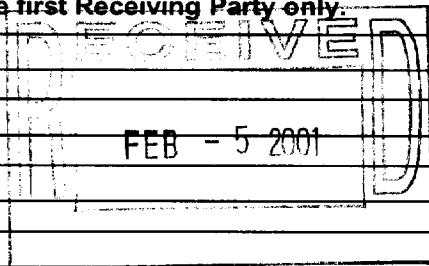
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## SECRETARY OF STATE

### CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

I, Joan Anderson Grove, Secretary of State of Minnesota, certify that: the documents required to effectuate a merger between the entities listed below and designating the surviving entity have been filed in this office on the date noted on this certificate; and the qualification of the individual merging entities to do business in Minnesota is terminated on the effective date of this merger.

Merger Filed Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter: 302A

State of Formation and Names of Merging Entities:

MN: WINDY HILL PET FOOD COMPANY, INC.

PA: DEEP RUN PACKING COMPANY INC.

State of Formation and Name of Surviving Entity:

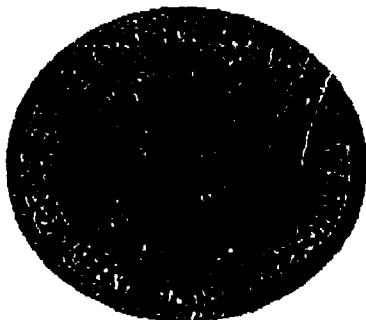
MN: WINDY HILL PET FOOD COMPANY, INC.

Effective Date of Merger: 6/5/98

Name of Surviving Entity After Effective Date of Merger:

WINDY HILL PET FOOD COMPANY, INC.

This certificate has been issued on: 5/5/98



*Joan Anderson Grove*  
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ARTICLES OF MERGER  
OF  
WINDY HILL PET FOOD COMPANY, INC.  
AND  
DEEP RUN PACKING COMPANY INC.

To the Secretary of State  
State of Minnesota

Pursuant to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act Governing the merger of a foreign wholly-owned subsidiary corporation for profit into its domestic parent corporation for profit, the domestic parent corporation hereinafter named does hereby adopt the following Articles of Merger.

1. The following is the Plan of Merger for merging Deep Run Packing Company Inc. into Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc. as set forth in a resolution approved by the unanimous affirmative vote of the Board of Directors of Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc. under the provisions of Section 602A.621 of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act.

"(1) The name of the subsidiary corporation, which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is Deep Run Packing Company Inc.

"(2) The name of the parent corporation, which is a corporation for profit organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and which is subject to the provisions of the Minnesota Business Corporation Act, is Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc.

"(3) The issued shares of Deep Run Packing Company Inc. shall not be converted in any manner, but each said share which is issued as of the effective date of the merger shall be surrendered and extinguished."

2. The number of outstanding shares of Deep Run Packing Company Inc. is 83,000, all of which are of one class, and all of which are owned by Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc.
3. Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc., as the holder of all outstanding shares of Deep Run Packing Company Inc., waived the mailing of a copy of the Plan of Merger to itself.

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- 4. The laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Deep Run Packing Company Inc. permit the merger of a corporation for profit of that jurisdiction with and into a corporation for profit of another jurisdiction; and the merger of Deep Run Packing Company Inc. with and into Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc. is in compliance with the laws of the jurisdiction of organization of Deep Run Packing Company Inc.
- 5. The merger of Deep Run Packing Company Inc. into Windy Hill Pet Food Company, Inc. shall become effective in the State of Minnesota on the date on which the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota files these Articles of Merger.

I certify that I am authorized to execute this document and I further certify that I understand that by signing this document, I am subject to the penalties of perjury as set forth in Section 609.48, Minnesota Statutes as if I had signed this document under oath.

Executed on June 14, 1998.

WINDY HILL PET FOOD COMPANY, INC.

By: *Roberta*  
Its President

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