

# **UNITED STATES | PRIVATE LIMITED**

GENERAL		
Type of company	C CORPORATION	
Political stability	EXCELLENT	
Common or civil law	COMMON	
Disclosure of beneficial owner	YES	
Recommended states	DELAWARE, FLORIDA, CALIFORNIA, WYOMING, OREGON, NEW JERSEY AND NEVADA	
Migration of domicile permitted	GENERALLY NO	
Corporate Taxation	YES	
Double taxation treaty access	YES	
CORPORATE REQUIREMENTS		
Minimum number of shareholders / members	ONE	
Minimum number of directors / managers	ONE	
Corporate directors / managers permitted	NO	
Company secretary required	NO	
Usual authorised capital	US\$3,000 WITH US\$1 PER VALUE	
Duration	Perpetual	
LOCAL REQUIREMENTS		
Registered office/agent	YES	
Company secretary	NO	
Local directors	NO	
Local meetings	NO	
Government register of directors / managers	NO	
Government register of shareholders / members	NO	
ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS		
Annual return	YES	
Submit accounts	YES	
RECURRING GOVERNMENT COSTS		
Minimum annual tax/licence fee	Varies	
Annual return filing fee	Varies	





#### **COMPANY INFORMATION**

# **Procedure to Form**

Filing of Articles of Incorporation or Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State in the preferred state of incorporation.

# **Language of Legalisation and Corporate Documents**

English. If any other language is used it must be accompanied by a translation in English.

# **Registered Office Required**

Yes. Must be maintained in state of incorporation/formation at the office of a professional registered agent.

## **Shelf Companies Available**

No

#### Time to Incorporate/Form

Generally 2 days, but must allow an additional 7 – 10 business days for delivery of documentation

#### **Name Restrictions**

Anything identical or similar to an existing company within the state of incorporation. Additionally, the use of bank or trust within the name of the corporation is prohibited in all 50 states without first obtaining consent from the banking authorities in the state of incorporation.

# **Language of Name**

The name can be in any language. Some recommended states require an English translation.

# **Suffixes to Denote Corporation**

Incorporated, Corporation, Limited, Company or their abbreviations Inc, Corp, or Ltd. Some of the recommended states allow other suffixes such as Fund, Association, Foundation, Syndicate, Club, Society and Institute.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

#### Tax

US Corporations are required to file a US Federal Income Tax Return (IRS Form 1120 or 1120A) and pay tax at a progressive rate depending upon the amount of net income. This requirement holds true regardless if the owners (shareholders) are US citizens, non-resident aliens or a combination thereof. Even if the corporation conducts no business in the US and there is no US-source income, it must still comply with the federal tax reporting requirements and payment of tax on worldwide income.

Additionally US Corporations may be subject to State Tax.



#### **Annual Report/Licence Fees**

Of the states recommended, there is either a minimum or "flat" annual franchise tax or an annual reportfiling fee.

#### Below is a table:

Franchise Tax	Report Fee	Due date
US\$ 75	US\$ 50	March 1
N/A	US\$ 150	May 1
N/A	US\$ 52	Anniversary
N/A	US\$ 100	Anniversary
N/A	US\$ 50	Anniversary
	US\$ 75 N/A N/A	US\$ 75 US\$ 50 N/A US\$ 150 N/A US\$ 52 N/A US\$ 100

#### **Financial Statements**

There is generally no requirement to file financial statements with the state of formation unless the corporation owns assets within that state or has conducted business within that state.

#### **Directors/Managers**

The minimum number of directors is one, who must be a natural person. Directors may be of any nationality and need not be a citizen of the United States.

#### Shareholders/Members

The minimum number of shareholders is one. A shareholder of a US Corporation may be another corporation (even an international or "offshore" corporation).

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