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**Certification Mark**

**Principal Register**

Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association, Inc. (NEW YORK CORPORATION)

1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

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Washington, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 20006

CLASS A: cased pencils and erasers; pencils; erasers; writing instruments

FIRST USE 7-1-1994; IN COMMERCE 7-1-1994

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