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COMPANIES ACT  
(CHAPTER 50)

COMPANIES (IDENTICAL NAMES)  
REGULATIONS 2015

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

Regulation

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 411(1)(*ee*) of the Companies Act, the Minister for Finance makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Identical Names) Regulations 2015 and come into operation on 3 January 2016.

**Identical names**

2.—(1) This regulation sets out the rules for determining whether a name is identical to —

- (a) the name of any other company, limited liability partnership, limited partnership or corporation or to any registered business name, referred to in section 27(1)(*b*) of the Act;
- (b) a name reserved under any of the provisions referred to in section 27(1)(*c*) of the Act;
- (c) any name of a company, business name, name of a foreign company, name of a limited liability partnership or name of a limited partnership, referred to in section 27(1A) of the Act; and
- (d) any name of a foreign company, or name of a limited partnership, referred to in section 27(1B) of the Act.

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(2) Subject to paragraph (4), the following are to be disregarded:

- (a) “The”, where it is the first word of a name;
- (b) the following words where they appear at the end of a name:
  - (i) “Berhad” or “Bhd”;
  - (ii) “Limited” or “Ltd”;
  - (iii) “Limited Liability Partnership” or “LLP”;
  - (iv) “Limited Partnership” or “LP”;
  - (v) “Private” or “Pte”;
  - (vi) “Public Accounting Corporation” or “PAC”;
  - (vii) “Sendirian” or “Sdn”;
- (c) the following words or expressions where they appear at the end of a name:
  - (i) “Asia”;
  - (ii) “Asia Pacific”;
  - (iii) “Associates”;
  - (iv) “company” or “and company”;
  - (v) “corporation”;
  - (vi) “Group”;
  - (vii) “Holding” or “Holdings”;
  - (viii) “Incorporated”;
  - (ix) “International”;
  - (x) “Partner” or “Partners”;
  - (xi) “Partnership” or “Partnerships”;
  - (xii) “Singapore”;
  - (xiii) “South Asia”;
  - (xiv) “South East Asia”;
  - (xv) “Trading”;
  - (xvi) “Worldwide”;
  - (xvii) “.co”;
  - (xviii) “.com”;
  - (xix) “.edu”;
  - (xx) “.gov”;
  - (xxi) “.net”;
  - (xxii) “.org”;
  - (xxiii) “.sg”;

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(d) any word or expression which, in the opinion of the Registrar, is intended to represent any word or expression in —

(i) sub-paragraph (a) or (b); or

(ii) sub-paragraph (c);

(e) the plural version of any name;

(f) the type and case of letters, accents, spacing between letters, brackets, parentheses and punctuation marks.

(3) The symbol “&” is to be treated as having the same meaning as the word “and”.

(4) Paragraph (2)(c) and (d)(ii) does not apply if the relevant corporation —

(a) will be related within the meaning of section 6 of the Act to the proposed company to be registered under a proposed name; or

(b) is related within the meaning of section 6 of the Act to the company applying to change its name to a proposed name.

(5) In paragraph (4), “relevant corporation” means a corporation carrying on business or operating under a name which would be identical to a proposed name of a company after the application of the rules set out in paragraphs (2) and (3).

### **Revocation**

**3.** The Companies (Identical Names) Rules (R 3) are revoked.

Made on 21 December 2015.

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