

Business Names Registration (Identical Names) Regulations 2015

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BUSINESS NAMES REGISTRATION (IDENTICAL NAMES) REGULATIONS 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 43 of the Business Names Registration Act 2014, the Minister for Finance makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Business Names Registration (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 business name is identical to —

- (a)** any other registered business name, or the name of any corporation or limited partnership referred to in section 17(1)(b) of the Act;

- (b) any name reserved under any of the provisions referred to in section 17(1)(c) of the Act;
- (c) any business name, or name of a company, foreign company, limited liability partnership or limited partnership, referred to in section 17(2) of the Act; and
- (d) any name of a foreign company, or name of a limited partnership, referred to in section 17(3) of the Act.

(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”;