Companies (Identical Names) Regulations 2015

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(CHAPTER 50)

COMPANIES (IDENTICAL NAMES)
REGULATIONS 2015

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.

(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";