

*These notes refer to the Companies Act 2006 (c.46)  
which received Royal Assent on 8 November 2006*

# COMPANIES ACT 2006

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY

#### *Schedule 5: Communications by a company*

#### **Part 41: Business Names**

#### *Chapter 1: Restricted Or Prohibited Names*

#### *Section 1198: Name giving misleading indication of activities*

1529. This section makes it an offence to use a business name that gives so misleading an indication of the nature of the activities of the business as to be likely to cause harm to the public. This section complements section 76 which gives the Secretary of State power to direct a company to change its registered name in these circumstances.