

**2007 No. 344**

**COMPANIES**

**BUSINESS NAMES**

**The Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations  
(Northern Ireland) 2007**

*Made - - - - 23rd July 2007*

*Coming into operation - 24th July 2007*

*Approved by resolution of the Assembly on 2nd October 2007*

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment<sup>(a)</sup>, in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 39 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(b)</sup> and Articles 5 and 8 of the Business Names (Northern Ireland) Order 1986<sup>(c)</sup> makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and come into operation on 24th July 2007.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the 1984 Regulations” means the Company and Business Names Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984<sup>(d)</sup>; and

“the Order” means the Business Names (Northern Ireland) Order 1986.

**Amendment to Regulations**

2. In column 1 of the Schedule to the 1984 Regulations, at the appropriate place insert “Government”.

**Business Names**

3.—(1) Article 4(1)(b) of the Order does not apply to the carrying on of a business under a name which includes the word “Government” by a person—

(a) to whom the business is transferred on or after the date on which these Regulations came into operation; and

(b) who carries on the business under the name which was its lawful business name immediately before that transfer,

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(a) Formerly the Department of Economic Development: see S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(5)

(b) S.I. 1986/1032 (N.I. 6)

(c) S.I. 1986/1033 (N.I. 7)

(d) S.R. 1984 No.49, as amended by S.R. 2004 No. 334

during the period of 12 months beginning with the date of the transfer.

(2) Article 4(1)(b) of the Order does not apply to the carrying on of a business under a name which includes the word “Government” by a person who—

- (a) carried on that business immediately before the date on which these Regulations came into force; and
- (b) continues to carry it on under the name which immediately before that date was its lawful business name.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment on 23rd July 2007



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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

These Regulations amend the Company and Business Names Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 (S.R. 1984 No. 49). Regulation 2 provides that the word “Government” cannot form part of—

- (a) a company’s registered name; or
- (b) a business name,

without the prior written approval of the Department.

Regulation 3 includes savings for business names which included the word “Government” prior to the entry into operation of these Regulations.

An Impact Assessment has not been produced in respect of these Regulations as there is no impact on the costs of business.