

*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

### TERRITORIAL EXTENT AND DEVOLUTION

#### **Part 5: a Company's Name**

143. This Part applies to the name under which a company is registered, sometimes called the "corporate name". This Part regulates the choice of name. The rules are primarily intended to ensure that third parties are not misled. There are no property rights in companies' registered names as such. While there is no requirement for a company to use its registered name in the course of business, this Part also requires a company to disclose its name in specified circumstances.
144. [Sections 70 to 74](#) provide for the appointment of adjudicators in cases where there is dispute over the registering of a company name. Section 71 safeguards the independence of the adjudicators and section 74 provides a right of appeal to the court.