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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1085**  
**COMPANIES**  
**BUSINESS NAMES**

The Company and Business Names  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2009

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THE COMPANY AND BUSINESS NAMES  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) REGULATIONS 2009

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7. Name not to be the same as another in the registrar's index of company names
8. Consent to registration of a name which is the same as another in the registrar's index of company names

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9. Interpretation and permitted characters
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11. Name not to be the same as another in the registrar's index of company names
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#### PART 4

#### BUSINESS NAMES

13. "Limited" and permitted alternatives
14. Other indications of legal form
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Signature

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#### SCHEDULE 1 — CHARACTERS, SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND PUNCTUATION

#### SCHEDULE 2 — SPECIFIED WORDS, EXPRESSIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1. The words and abbreviations specified are— (a) "LIMITED" or (with...
2. The words and abbreviations specified as similar to the words...
3. The expressions and abbreviations specified are— (a) "PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY"...
4. The expressions and abbreviations specified as similar to the expressions...

#### SCHEDULE 3 — NAME SAME AS ANOTHER IN THE REGISTRAR'S INDEX OF COMPANY NAMES

1. In determining whether a name is the same as another...
2. Disregard any word, expression or abbreviation set out in inverted...
3. (1) Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraph...
4. (1) Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs...
5. Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs 2...
6. Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs 2...
7. Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs 2...
8. Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs 2...
9. Taking the name remaining after the application of paragraphs 2...

Explanatory Note