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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1085**

**The Company and Business Names  
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2009**

**PART 1**

**INTRODUCTORY**

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Company and Business Names (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2009 and come into force on 1st October 2009.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Companies Act 2006;

“expression or abbreviation specified as similar” has the meaning given in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 and “abbreviation specified as similar” has the meaning that would be given to it in that paragraph if that paragraph made no reference to “expressions”;

“permitted characters” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1);

“word or abbreviation specified as similar” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2;  
and

“word specified as similar” has the meaning given in paragraph 2 of Schedule 2.

(3) For the purposes of computing the number of permitted characters in regulation 2(4) and paragraph 7 of Schedule 3 (but not in regulation 2(3)), any blank space between one permitted character and another in the name shall be counted as though it was a permitted character.