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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1085**

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

**PART 2**

**COMPANY NAMES**

**Permitted characters**

**2.—(1)** This regulation sets out the characters, signs, symbols and punctuation that may be used in the name of a company registered under the Act (“the permitted characters”).

(2) The following permitted characters may be used in any part of the name—

- (a) any character, sign or symbol set out in table 1 in Schedule 1;
- (b) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9;
- (c) full stop, comma, colon, semi-colon or hyphen; and
- (d) any other punctuation referred to in column 1 of table 2 in Schedule 1 but only in one of the forms set out opposite that punctuation in column 2 of that table.

(3) The signs and symbols set out in table 3 in Schedule 1 are permitted characters that may be used but not as one of the first three permitted characters of the name.

(4) The name must not consist of more than 160 permitted characters.