



# Business Names Act 1985

## 1985 CHAPTER 7

### **2 Prohibition of use of certain business names**

- (1) Subject to the following subsections, a person to whom this Act applies shall not, without the written approval of the Secretary of State, carry on business in Great Britain under a name which—
  - (a) would be likely to give the impression that the business is connected with Her Majesty's Government or with any local authority; or
  - (b) includes any word or expression for the time being specified in regulations made under this Act.
- (2) Subsection (1) does not apply to the carrying on of a business by a person—
  - (a) to whom the business has been transferred on or after 26th February 1982; and
  - (b) who carries on the business under the name which was its lawful business name immediately before that transfer,during the period of 12 months beginning with the date of that transfer.
- (3) Subsection (1) does not apply to the carrying on of a business by a person who—
  - (a) carried on that business immediately before 26th February 1982; and
  - (b) continues to carry it on under the name which immediately before that date was its lawful business name.
- (4) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence.