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COMPANIES

BUSINESS NAMES

The Company and Business Names Regulations 1981

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under sections 31 and 32 of the Companies Act 1981(a) hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Company and Business Names Regulations 1981 and shall come into operation on 26th February 1982.
2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, “the Act” means the Companies Act 1981.
3. The words and expressions stated in column (1) of the Schedule hereto are hereby specified as words and expressions for the registration of which as or as part of a company’s corporate name the approval of the Secretary of State is required by section 22(2)(b) of the Act or for the use of which as or as part of a business name his approval is required by section 28(2)(b) of the Act.
4. Subject to Regulation 5, each Government department or other body stated in column (2) of the Schedule hereto is hereby specified as the relevant body for the purposes of section 31(2) and (3) of the Act in relation to the word or expression opposite to it in column (1).
5. Where two Government departments or other bodies are specified in the alternative in Column (2) of the Schedule hereto the second alternative is to be treated as specified,
 - (a) in the case of the corporate name of a company,
 - (i) if the company has not yet been registered and its principal or only place of business in Great Britain is to be in Scotland or, if it will have no place of business in Great Britain, its proposed registered office is in Scotland, and

- (ii) if the company is already registered and its principal or only place of business in Great Britain is in Scotland or, if it has no place of business in Great Britain, its registered office is in Scotland, and
- (b) in the case of a business name, if the principal or only place of the business carried on or to be carried on in Great Britain is or is to be in Scotland,

and the first alternative is to be treated as specified in any other case.

Reginald Eyre,

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Trade.

24th November 1981.

Regulations 3, 4 and 5.

SCHEDULE

SPECIFICATION OF WORDS, EXPRESSIONS AND RELEVANT BODIES

Column (1)	Column (2)
Word or expression	Relevant body
Abortion	Department of Health and Social Security
Apothecary	Worshipful Company of Apothecaries or Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain
Association	
Assurance	
Assurer	
Authority	
Benevolent	
Board	
Breed	} Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
Breeder	
Breeding	
British	
Building Society	
Chamber of Commerce	
Chamber of Industry	
Chamber of Trade	} Charity Commission or Scottish Home and Health Department
Charitable	
Charity	
Charter	
Chartered	
Contact Lens	General Optical Council
Co-operative	
Council	
Dental	} General Dental Council
Dentistry	
District Nurse	
Duke	Home Office or Scottish Home and Health Department

Column (1)	Column (2)
Word or expression	Relevant body
England English European Federation Friendly Society Foundation Fund Giro Great Britain Group Health Centre Health Service Health Visitor	} Department of Health and Social } Security Council for the Education and Training of Health Visitors
Her Majesty His Majesty Holding Industrial and Provident Society Institute Institution Insurance Insurer International Ireland Irish King	} Home Office or Scottish Home and } Health Department Home Office or Scottish Home and Health Department
Midwife Midwifery	} Central Midwives Board or Central } Midwives Board for Scotland
National Nurse Nursing	} General Nursing Council for England } and Wales or General Nursing Council } for Scotland
Nursing Home	Department of Health and Social Security
Patent Patentee Police	Home Office or Scottish Home and Health Department
Post Office Pregnancy Termination	Department of Health and Social Security
Prince Princess Queen Reassurance Reassurer Register Registered Reinsurance Reinsurer	} Home Office or Scottish Home and } Health Department
Royal Royale Royalty Scotland Scottish Sheffield Society	} Home Office or Scottish Home and } Health Department

Column (1)	Column (2)
Word or expression	Relevant body
Special School Stock Exchange Trade Union Trust United Kingdom Wales Welsh Windsor	Department of Education and Science Home Office or Scottish Home and Health Department

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations specify those words and expressions for the use of which as or as part of a company or business name the approval of the Secretary of State is required pursuant to sections 22(2)(b) or 28(2)(b) of the Companies Act 1981. In the case of certain words or expressions, a Government department or other body is specified as the relevant body which must be requested in writing to indicate whether and if so why it has any objection to the use of a particular word or expression as or as part of a name pursuant to section 31(2) or (3) of the Act (a statement that such a request has been made and a copy of any response is required to be submitted to the Secretary of State by section 31(3) of the Act).

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