



# Companies Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 46

### PART 5

#### A COMPANY'S NAME

### CHAPTER 1

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

##### *Permitted characters etc*

#### **57 Permitted characters etc**

- (1) The Secretary of State may make provision by regulations—
  - (a) as to the letters or other characters, signs or symbols (including accents and other diacritical marks) and punctuation that may be used in the name of a company registered under this Act; and
  - (b) specifying a standard style or format for the name of a company for the purposes of registration.
- (2) The regulations may prohibit the use of specified characters, signs or symbols when appearing in a specified position (in particular, at the beginning of a name).
- (3) A company may not be registered under this Act by a name that consists of or includes anything that is not permitted in accordance with regulations under this section.
- (4) Regulations under this section are subject to negative resolution procedure.
- (5) In this section “specified” means specified in the regulations.

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**Changes to legislation:** There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Companies Act 2006, Cross Heading: Permitted characters etc. (See end of Document for details)

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**Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 57 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Limited Liability Partnerships \(Application of Companies Act 2006\) Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/1804), regs. 2, **9** (with Sch. 1 paras. 3, 34, 35) (as amended (31.1.2015) by [The Company, Limited Liability Partnership and Business \(Names and Trading Disclosures\) Regulations 2015](#) (S.I. 2015/17), reg. 1(1), **Sch. 5 para. 2**)
- C2** S. 57(3) applied (with modifications) by S.I. 1989/638, reg. 10(1A)-(1C) (as substituted (1.10.2009) by [The European Economic Interest Grouping \(Amendment\) Regulations 2009](#) (S.I. 2009/2399), **reg. 13** (with reg. 2))

**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 57 wholly in force at 1.10.2009; s. 57 not in force at Royal Assent, see s. 1300; s. 57 in force for specified purposes at 20.1.2007 by S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 3(3)** (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#) and with [arts. 6, 8](#), [Sch. 5](#)); s. 56 otherwise in force at 1.10.2009 by S.I. 2008/2860, **art. 3(e)** (with [arts. 5, 7, 8](#), [Sch. 2](#)) (as amended by S.I. 2009/1802, [art. 18](#))

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