



Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 5

A COMPANY'S NAME

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Prohibited names

53 Prohibited names

A company must not be registered under this Act by a name if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State—

- (a) its use by the company would constitute an offence, or
- (b) it is offensive.

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 53 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](#)))
- C2** Ss. 53-56 applied (with modifications) (9.7.2009 for certain purposes otherwise 1.10.2009) by [The Limited Liability Partnerships \(Application of Companies Act 2006\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1804\)](#), [regs. 2, 8](#) (with [Sch. 1 paras. 3, 4, 34, 35](#)) (as amended (14.12.2009) by [S.I. 2009/2995](#), [reg. 2\(2\)](#))

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Changes to legislation:

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