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**2007 No. 1947**

**COMPANIES**

**BUSINESS NAMES**

**The Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations  
2007**

*Made* - - - - *9th July 2007*

*Coming into force* - - *10th July 2007*

*Laid before Parliament* *10th July 2007*

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 29(1) of the Companies Act 1985(a) and sections 3(1)(a) and 6(1) of the Business Names Act 1985(b).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 10th July 2007.

(2) In these Regulations, “the Act” means the Business Names Act 1985.

**Amendment to the Company and Business Names Regulations 1981**

**2.** The Company and Business Names Regulations 1981(c) are amended by inserting “Government” after “Giro” in column 1 of the Schedule to those Regulations.

**Business names**

**3.**—(1) Section 2(1)(b) of the Act does not apply to the carrying on of a business under a name which includes the word “Government” by a person—

(a) to whom the business is transferred on or after the date on which these Regulations came into force; and

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(a) 1985 c.6.

(b) 1985 c.7.

(c) S.I. 1981/1685, amended by S.I. 1982/1653, 1992/1196, 1995/3022, 1999/1820, 2001/259, 2001/3500, 2002/1397, 2004/1771.

(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 the transfer.

(2) Section 2(1)(b) of the Act does not apply to the carrying on of a business under a name which includes the word “Government” by a person who—

- (a) carried on that business immediately before the date on which these Regulations came into force; and
- (b) continues to carry it on under the name which immediately before that date was its lawful business name.

9th July 2007

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations amend the Company and Business Names Regulations 1981 (S.I. 1981/1685). Regulation 2 provides that the word “Government” cannot form part of—

- (a) a company’s registered name; or
- (b) a business name,

without the prior written approval of the Secretary of State.

Regulation 3 includes savings for business names which included the word “Government” prior to the entry into force of these Regulations.

An Impact Assessment in respect of these Regulations has not been produced as there is no impact on the costs of business.

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