
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 1804

**The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application
of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009**

PART 3

AN LLP'S NAME

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Prohibited names and sensitive words and expressions

8. [^{F1}Sections 53 to 56A] apply to LLPs, modified so that they read as follows—

“Prohibited names

53. An LLP must not be registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12) by a name if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State—

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

[^{F2}Names for criminal purposes

53A. An LLP must not be registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 by a name if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the registration of the LLP by that name is intended to facilitate—

- (a) the commission of an offence involving dishonesty or deception, or
- (b) the carrying out of conduct that, if carried out in any part of the United Kingdom, would amount to such an offence.]

Names suggesting connection with government or public authority

54.—(1) The approval of the Secretary of State is required for an LLP to be registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12) by a name that would be likely to give the impression that the LLP is connected with—

- (a) Her Majesty's Government, any part of the Scottish Administration [^{F3}, the Welsh Assembly Government] or Her Majesty's Government in Northern Ireland,
- (b) a local authority, or
- (c) any public authority specified for the purposes of this section by regulations made by the Secretary of State.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

“local authority” means—

- (a) a local authority within the meaning of the Local Government Act 1972 (c. 70), the Common Council of the City of London or the Council of the Isles of Scilly,
- (b) a council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39), or
- (c) a district council in Northern Ireland;

“public authority” includes any person or body having functions of a public nature.

- (3) Regulations under this section are subject to affirmative resolution procedure.

Other sensitive words or expressions

55.—(1) The approval of the Secretary of State is required for an LLP to be registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12) by a name that includes a word or expression for the time being specified in regulations made by the Secretary of State under this section.

- (2) Regulations under this section are subject to approval after being made.

Duty to seek comments of government department or other specified body

56.—(1) The Secretary of State may by regulations under—

- (a) section 54 (name suggesting connection with government or public authority), or
- (b) section 55 (other sensitive words or expressions),

require that, in connection with an application for the approval of the Secretary of State under that section, the applicant must seek the view of a specified Government department or other body.

(2) Where such a requirement applies, the applicant must request the specified department or other body (in writing) to indicate whether (and if so why) it has any objections to the proposed name.

(3) Where a request under this section is made in connection with an application for the registration of an LLP under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12), the application must—

- (a) include a statement that a request under this section has been made, and
- (b) be accompanied by a copy of any response received.

(4) Where a request under this section is made in connection with a change in an LLP's name, the notice of the change sent to the registrar must—

- (a) include a statement by a designated member of the LLP that a request under this section has been made, and
- (b) be accompanied by a copy of any response received.

- (5) In this section “specified” means specified in the regulations.

[^{F4}Names suggesting connection with foreign governments etc

56A. An LLP must not be registered under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 by a name that, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, would be likely to give the false impression that the LLP is connected with—

- (a) a foreign government or an agency or authority of a foreign government, or

- (b) an international organisation whose members include two or more countries or territories (or their governments).”].

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in reg. 8 substituted (4.3.2024) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/234), regs. 1(2), **6(2)**; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(a)**
- F2** Words in reg. 8 inserted (4.3.2024) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/234), regs. 1(2), **6(3)**; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(a)**
- F3** Words in reg. 8 inserted (14.12.2009) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2995), regs. 1, **2(2)**
- F4** Words in reg. 8 inserted (4.3.2024) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/234), regs. 1(2), **6(4)**; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(a)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009, Section 8.