

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

Under sections 54(1)(c) and 1193(1)(c) of the Companies Act 2006 (“the Act”) a person is required to obtain the approval of the Secretary of State to register a company by a name, or carry on business in the United Kingdom under a name, that would be likely to give the impression that the company or business is connected with a public authority specified by the Secretary of State. These Regulations, in column (1) of the Schedule, specify the public authorities for these purposes.

Column (2) of the Schedule sets out the relevant Government department or other body whose view an applicant must seek in connection with an application for approval of the Secretary of State for use of a name under section 54(1)(c) or 1193(1)(c) of the Act. The power to prescribe such Government departments or other bodies is set out in sections 56(1) and 1195(1) of the Act.

The Regulations make the same provision for limited liability partnerships.

An Impact Assessment in respect of these Regulations has been produced and copies are available from the Company Law and Governance Directorate, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0ET or on www.bis.gov.uk.