
REGISTRATION OF BUSINESS NAMES ACT 1954

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AN ACT

to amend the Registration of Business Names Act, 1918.

1 Extension of Registration of Business Names Act, 1918, to companies

(1) [Amends section 3 of the Registration of Business Names Act 1918 '(which requires registration under that Act of all individuals and firms carrying on business under a business name)'].

(2) Subsection (1) of section five (which relates to the particulars to be registered), and the proviso to section seven (which relates to the time for registration), of the first mentioned Act shall apply in relation to registration by virtue of this section as if references therein to the coming into operation of that Act were references to the coming into operation of this Act.

(3) Section fifteen of that Act (which relates to the removal of names from the register where a firm or individual ceases to carry on business) shall apply in relation to a company registered under that Act by virtue of this section, which ceases to carry on business in such circumstances as to require registration thereunder, as it applies in relation to a firm which ceases to carry on business, but with the substitution for the reference to the partners in the firm of a reference to the directors and any liquidator of the company.

2 Registration of business names

(1) and (2)

[Subss (1) and (2) repealed by Companies, etc. (Amendment) Act 2003 Sch 2.]

(3) So much of any provision of the Registration of Business Names Act, 1918, as requires a person's nationality of origin to be stated shall cease to have effect.

(4) So much of section two of the Registration of Business Names Act, 1918, as provides that references in that Act to a former christian name or surname or to a change of name shall have any special meaning in the case of natural born British subjects shall cease to have effect, and-

(a) references in that Act to a former christian name or surname shall not, in the case of any person, include a former christian name or surname where that name or surname has been changed or disused before the person bearing the name had attained the age of eighteen years or has been changed or disused for a period of not less than twenty years; and

(b) an individual or firm shall not require to be registered under that Act by reason only of a change of his name, or of the name of a member of the firm, if the change has taken place before the person who has changed his name has attained the age of eighteen years or if not less than twenty years have elapsed since it took place.

(5) Where by virtue of the last foregoing subsection an individual or firm registered under the Registration of Business Names Act, 1918, no longer requires to be so registered-

(a) the Financial Supervision Commission, if so requested by the individual or firm, shall remove him or it from the register; and

[Para (a) amended by Companies (Transfer of Functions) Act 2000 Sch 1.]

(b) section thirteen of that Act shall no longer require the individual or firm to keep exhibited the certificate of registration or a copy thereof;

and where, in any other case, the particulars registered under that Act in respect of any individual or firm include a former name or surname which by virtue of the last foregoing subsection no longer requires to be included among those particulars, the Financial Supervision Commission, if so requested by the individual or firm, shall amend the particulars by leaving out that name or surname.

[Subs (5) amended by Companies (Transfer of Functions) Act 2000 Sch 1.]

3 Short title

This Act may be cited as the Registration of Business Names Act, 1954, and shall be construed as one with the Registration of Business Names Act, 1918, and that Act and this Act may be together cited as the Registration of Business Names Acts, 1918 and 1954.

4 Commencement

This Act shall come into operation when the Royal Assent thereto has been by the Governor announced to Tynwald and a certificate thereof has been signed by the Governor and the Speaker of the House of Keys.
