

COMPANIES ACT  
(CHAPTER 50, SECTION 27 (2D))

COMPANIES  
(IDENTICAL NAMES)  
RULES

ARRANGEMENT OF RULES

Rule

1. Citation
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[13th January 2003]

**Citation**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Companies (Identical Names) Rules.

**Names and change of names of companies**

**2.** For the purposes of sections 27 and 28 of the Act —

(a) in determining whether one name is identical to another, the following shall be disregarded:

- (i) “The”, where it is the first word of the name;
- (ii) “Private”, “Pte”, “Sendirian”, “Sdn”, “Limited”, “Ltd”, “Berhad” and “Bhd”;
- (iii) the following words and expressions where they appear at the end of the name, except where the corporations concerned are related to each other within the meaning of section 6 of the Act:  
“company”, “and company”, “corporation”,  
“Incorporated”, “Asia”, “Asia Pacific”,  
“International”, “Singapore”, “South Asia”,  
“South East Asia” and “Worldwide”;
- (iv) any word or expression which, in the opinion of the Registrar, is intended to represent any word or

expression in sub-paragraph (iii), except where the corporations concerned are related to each other within the meaning of section 6 of the Act;

(v) the plural version of the name;

(vi) type and case of letters, spacing between letters and punctuation marks; and

(b) the symbol “&” shall have the same meaning as the word “and”.

### **Mediation**

**3.** The Registrar may, with a view to resolving any dispute under section 27 (2A) of the Act, refer the parties involved to mediation before giving any direction under that section.

*[G.N. Nos. S 18/2003; S 341/2004]*

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