

General Notice No. 161 of 2014

**PRACTICE DIRECTION (NO. 1 OF 2014) PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(8) OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2001**

**Approval of company names**

This Practice Direction is issued pursuant to Section 12(8) of the Companies Act 2001

1. In accordance with the <sup>see Annexure A</sup> amendment brought to the Companies Act, the Registrar will not approve a proposed name for purposes of incorporation or change of name if **that name is identical to another as explained in paragraph 4.**

2. The Registrar will continue to have the discretion to direct a change of name if complaint against another company has been made in accordance with the procedures as laid down in paragraph 3.

3. Complaints requesting Registrar's direction for name change must, be made within 6 months for companies incorporated prior to 1 January 2014 or the date of incorporation of the company whichever is the latest. The same conditions apply for complaints where companies apply for a change of name.

4. The Registrar will consider as "**identical**" names which:

- (a) have the same meaning in the French or English Language.
- (b) are, in sound, pronounced the same.
- (c) have been registered under the "**Patents, Industrial Designs and Trademarks Act 2002**".

5. To improve your chances of having the name application approved and to reduce the risk of subsequent complaints being made, it is advisable to conduct a search for identical name before submitting for our approval using the facilities available on our website at <http://companies.gov.mu>.

Annexure A →

*Acts 2013*

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**THE ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MEASURES  
(MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2013**

**Act No. 27 of 2013**

*I assent*

**RAJKESWUR PURRYAG**

*President of the Republic*

*20 December 2013*

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

*Section*

1. Short title
2. Bank of Mauritius Act amended
3. Banking Act amended
4. Cadastral Survey Act amended
5. Central Electricity Board Act amended
6. Community Service Order Act amended
7. Companies Act amended
8. Construction Industry Development Board Act amended
9. Consumer Protection Act amended
10. Data Protection Act amended
11. Dental Council Act amended
12. Electricity Act amended
13. Employment Rights Act amended
14. Energy Efficiency Act amended
15. Environment Protection Act amended

- (c) in section 15(2), by inserting, after the words “and local authority”, the words “, and such other body as may be prescribed,”.

**5. Central Electricity Board Act amended**

The Central Electricity Board Act is amended, in section 20A –

- (a) by inserting, after subsection (2), the following new subsection –

(2A) (a) The Board may, for the purposes of this Act, enter into an agreement with an electricity consumer for the supply of electricity on a prepaid basis.

(b) Notwithstanding this section, where the Board has entered into an agreement under paragraph (a) with an electricity consumer who is liable to pay the licence fee specified in subsection (1), the consumer shall pay that licence fee to the Board in such manner and within such period as it may determine.

- (b) in subsection (3), by inserting, after the words “(2)”, the words “or (2A)(b)”.

**6. Community Service Order Act amended**

The Community Service Order Act is amended, in section 3(3), by deleting the figure “25,000” wherever it appears and replacing it by the figure “30,000”.

**7. Companies Act amended**

The Companies Act is amended –

- (a) in section 12(3), by deleting the figure “14” and replacing it by the figure “7”;
- (b) in section 34(2)(c), by deleting the words “or almost identical”;