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### BUSINESS NAMES REGISTRATION ACT 2014

#### BUSINESS NAMES REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2024

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 43 of the Business Names Registration Act 2014, the Minister for Finance makes the following Regulations:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Business Names Registration (Amendment) Regulations 2024 and come into operation on 9 December 2024.

#### **Amendment of regulation 8**

2. In the Business Names Registration Regulations 2015 (G.N. No. S 825/2015) (called in these Regulations the principal Regulations), in regulation 8(b)(ii), replace “address” with “residential address, contact address”.

#### **New regulations 11A and 11B**

3. In the principal Regulations, after regulation 11, insert —

##### **“Excluded documents under section 28(4) of Act**

**11A.** For the purposes of section 28(4) of the Act, the following documents filed or lodged with, or obtained by, the Registrar on or after 9 December 2024, are excluded documents to which section 28(1) of the Act does not apply:

- (a) a document (other than a form mentioned in regulation 11B) that contains any of the following information about an individual:
  - (i) the individual’s date of birth;
  - (ii) the individual’s residential address;

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- (iii) the individual's email address;
  - (iv) the individual's mobile telephone number;
- (b) where an application is lodged to reserve a name as a person's proposed registered business name under section 16(1) of the Act — any other document lodged in respect of the application;
- (c) where a person has applied to the Registrar to give a direction to any other person to change that other person's registered business name under section 17(6) of the Act — any other document lodged by the person and that other person in respect of the application;
- (d) where an application to change a person's registered business name is lodged under section 18(1) of the Act — any other document lodged in respect of the application;
- (e) where a notice mentioned in section 21(1)(a), (b) or (c) of the Act is lodged on behalf or in respect of a deceased person or deceased partner — any other document lodged in respect of the notice.

### **Prescribed information under section 28(5)(c) of Act**

**11B.** For the purposes of section 28(5)(c) of the Act, the reference to a document in section 28(1) of the Act excludes the following entries in a form submitted on the electronic transaction system:

- (a) a person's email address;
- (b) an individual's residential address;
- (c) an individual's mobile telephone number.”.

### **Amendment of First Schedule**

4. In the principal Regulations, in the First Schedule, delete item 11.

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## Replacement of Second Schedule

5. In the principal Regulations, replace the Second Schedule with —

### “SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 12(2) and (3)

#### PENALTIES FOR LATE FILING OR LODGMENT OF ANY DOCUMENT (INCLUDING LATE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF REGISTRATION)

<i>Length of default (calculated in terms of months after the date on which document was required to be filed or lodged)</i>	<i>Late lodgment penalty</i>
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| 1. Up to 3 months     | \$50  |
| 2. Exceeding 3 months | \$200 |

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### Transitional provision

6. Despite regulation 5, the Second Schedule to the principal Regulations as in force immediately before 9 December 2024 continues to apply to the late filing or lodgment of a document under the Act, where that document was required to be filed or lodged before that date.

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