Limited Liability Partnerships

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Regulations

## LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS ACT (CHAPTER 163A, SECTIONS 46(2) AND 56)

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## PART I

## PRELIMINARY

#### Citation

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations.

#### Definitions

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

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"electronic transaction form" or "form" means a form on the electronic transaction system provided by the Registrar for the purpose of carrying out a transaction with the Registrar;

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"electronic transaction system" means the electronic transaction system established by the Authority under section 28B(1) of CAP. 163A, Rg 1]

the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act (Cap. 2A);

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"lodge" means to lodge, file or submit a form or other document.

#### PART II

## GENERAL MATTERS

#### Requirement to use electronic transaction system

**3.**—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) or as the Registrar otherwise requires or permits, any transaction with the Registrar under the Act must be carried out using the electronic transaction system on the electronic transaction form provided for that purpose.

(2) If a transaction with the Registrar referred to in paragraph (1) cannot be carried out using the electronic transaction system, the person seeking to carry out the transaction must carry out the transaction with the Registrar in such other form and manner as the Registrar may determine.

(3) The Registrar may refuse to process a transaction with the Registrar if the person seeking to carry out the transaction —

- (a) does not comply with paragraph (1) or (2);
- (b) does not comply with regulation 4 or 4A;
- (c) being required to complete an electronic transaction form, or other form, provided by the Registrar for that purpose, fails to properly complete the form in accordance with the instructions contained in the form;
- (*d*) being required to attach any document to, or provide any information required in, an electronic transaction form, or other form, provided by the Registrar for that purpose, fails to attach the document or provide the information, as the case may be; or
- (e) fails to pay the fee prescribed for the transaction.

(4) To avoid doubt, a reference to a refusal to process a transaction with the Registrar in paragraph (3) includes, where the transaction relates to the filing or lodging of a document with the Registrar, a refusal to accept the document for filing or lodgment.

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## **Identification documents**

4. The Registrar may require the production of the identity card or the passport, or such other identification documents as may be acceptable to the Registrar, for the verification of the identity of any person who carries out any transaction with the Registrar or whose particulars are to be registered under the Act.

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#### Endorsements

**4A.** Where an electronic transaction form is required to be endorsed by more than one person —

(a) such endorsements must be made —

- (i) if the endorsement is made in respect of registration, within 60 days after the date on which the Registrar informs the applicant that the electronic transaction form is required to be endorsed; or
- (ii) if the endorsement is made in respect of any other matter, within 14 days after the date on which the electronic transaction form is first submitted; and
- (b) payment of the prescribed fee for the transaction with the Registrar to which the electronic transaction form relates must be made by the last person endorsing the electronic transaction.

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## Time for lodging documents

5. Where a document is required under the Act or these Regulations to be lodged with the Registrar but a period of time within which that document is to be lodged is not prescribed, that document shall be lodged —

- (a) within 30 days; or
- (b) in the case of a document required to be lodged by a foreign person, within such further period as the Registrar may in special circumstances allow,

after the occurrence of the event to which the document relates.

**6.** [Deleted by S 282/2015 wef 15/05/2015]

#### Fees and penalties

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7.—(1) The fees specified in the First Schedule are payable to the Registrar.

(2) Where any person fails to comply with the time delimited by the Act for the filing or lodgment of an annual declaration, the penalty specified in Part 1 of the Second Schedule for late filing or lodgment must be paid in addition to the prescribed fee for the filing or lodgment of the document.

(3) Where any person fails to comply with the time delimited by the Act for the filing or lodgment of a document other than an annual declaration, the penalty specified in Part 2 of the Second Schedule for late filing or lodgment must be paid in addition to the prescribed fee for the filing or lodgment of the document.

(4) The Registrar may for any reason waive, refund or remit, whether wholly or in part, any fee specified in the First Schedule or any penalty specified in the Second Schedule.

(5) Payment of fees and penalties under these Regulations must be made in such manner as directed by the Registrar.

(6) Despite paragraph (4), no fee paid is refundable in respect of —

- (*a*) any registration ceased or cancelled under the provisions of the Act; or
- (b) the withdrawal of any application or appeal.

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## PART III

## REGISTRATION OF LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS AND RELATED MATTERS

#### **Documents for registration**

8. For the purposes of section 15(1) of the Act, a person desiring the registration of a limited liability partnership shall submit the application in the applicable form and furnish the Registrar with the information required under paragraphs (a) to (eb) of section 15(1) of the Act and such other information as is required in that form.

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**9.** [Deleted by S 842/2015 wef 03/01/2016]

#### Confirmations to be lodged electronically

**10.**—(1) Where a registered filing agent is engaged to register a limited liability partnership, a relevant registered qualified individual must, in the manner determined by the Registrar, confirm that the person who is to act as manager of the limited liability partnership —

- (*a*) has consented to be a manager of the limited liability partnership; and
- (b) is not disqualified from acting as a manager of a limited liability partnership under the Act.

(2) The confirmations referred to in paragraph (1) must be lodged with the Registrar in the manner determined by the Registrar.

- (3) In paragraph (1)
  - "registered filing agent" has the same meaning as in section 28A of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act (Cap. 2A);
  - "registered qualified individual" has the same meaning as in section 28A of the Accounting and Corporate Regulatory Authority Act;
  - "relevant registered qualified individual" means a registered qualified individual who is, or who is employed, engaged or

appointed by, the registered filing agent that is engaged to register the limited liability partnership.

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## Notice of registration

**11.** For the purposes of section 16 of the Act, the Registrar shall issue a notice of registration via electronic mail or otherwise to the applicant upon the successful registration of the limited liability partnership.

## **Register of Limited Liability Partnerships**

**12.** The Registrar shall keep and maintain a Register of Limited Liability Partnerships in such manner and in such place as he thinks fit.

**13.** [Deleted by S 842/2015 wef 03/01/2016]

## Statement to be signed by deceased person's personal representative

14. Whenever a change of registered particulars is required to be filed for registration owing to the death of a person, the personal representative of the deceased person or such other person as may be approved for that purpose by the Registrar may submit the form to be filed for registration.

## Prescribed departments or Ministries of Government, etc., under section 40B(1)(b)(ii) of Act

**15.** The departments or Ministries of the Government, statutory bodies and bodies corporate prescribed for the purposes of section 40B(1)(b)(ii) of the Act are —

- (a) the Department of Statistics, Ministry of Trade and Industry;
- (b) the Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (c) the Ministry of Manpower; and
- (d) Singapore Post Limited.

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#### Prescribed circumstances under section 40B(2) of Act

15A. The Registrar need not give the written notice referred to in section 40B(2) of the Act before the Registrar rectifies or updates the register under section 40B(1) of the Act if —

- (a) the conflict between the particulars of the limited liability partnership or person, and the other information relating to that limited liability partnership or person obtained from the department or Ministry of the Government, or statutory body or other body corporate prescribed under section 40B(1)(b)(ii) of the Act, relates to —
  - (i) the Singapore Standard Industrial Classification obtained from the Department of Statistics, Ministry of Trade and Industry;
  - (ii) the particulars (including residential address) of the person registered under the National Registration Act (Cap. 201) obtained from the Ministry of Home Affairs;
  - (iii) the foreign identification number of a foreigner obtained from the Ministry of Manpower; or
  - (iv) the building name, postal code or street name of a property obtained from Singapore Post Limited; and
- (*b*) the Registrar is satisfied that the effort involved in giving the written notice referred to in section 40B(2) of the Act would be excessive, having regard to the likelihood that the limited liability partnership or person whose particulars are to be rectified or updated would object to the rectification or updating.

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#### PART IV

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO DOCUMENTS

#### Receivership

**16.**—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 8(1)(c)(i) of the Fourth Schedule to the Act, the copy of the statement of affairs of a limited liability partnership to be lodged with the Registrar shall be a copy certified in writing to be a true copy of the original statement by the receiver or manager of the property of the limited liability partnership.

(2) The affidavit verifying the account of receipts and payments by the receiver or manager under paragraph 10(1) of the Fourth Schedule to the Act need not be lodged with the applicable form if the lodgment is personally done by the receiver or manager concerned and he declares in that form that the accounts and statements are true and correct.

#### Winding up

17.—(1) For the purposes of paragraph 18(1) of the Fifth Schedule to the Act, a statement of affairs of a limited liability partnership shall be verified by affidavit in accordance with the applicable document sworn or affirmed by the person who submits, or by one of the persons who submits, the statement to the Official Receiver or the liquidator of the limited liability partnership, as the case requires, under paragraph 18(2) of the Fifth Schedule to the Act.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph 18(3) of the Fifth Schedule to the Act, the copy of the statement of affairs of a limited liability partnership to be lodged with the Registrar shall be a copy certified in writing to be a true copy of the original statement by the liquidator of the limited liability partnership.

(3) A form lodged with the Registrar in compliance with paragraphs 18(3), 42(4), 55(3) and (4), 63(1) and (3) and 64(1) of the Fifth Schedule to the Act shall be deemed to have been lodged with the Official Receiver upon payment of the prescribed fees for both the lodgments.

**18.** [*Deleted by S 842/2015 wef 03/01/2016*]

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## Affidavit and statutory declaration

**19.**—(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Act, these Regulations or in any form, an affidavit or a statutory declaration sworn or declared for the purposes of the Act or these Regulations on behalf of a limited liability partnership shall be sworn or declared by a manager of the limited liability partnership.

(2) Where an affidavit or a statutory declaration prescribed by the Act or these Regulations purports to be sworn or declared at a place outside Singapore, the affidavit or statutory declaration shall be sufficient for the purposes of the Act or these Regulations if it purports to be sworn or declared in accordance with the requirements of the law of that place.

## Order of court

20. An order of court shall, unless expressly provided in the applicable form, be lodged in the form relating to the general lodgment of orders of court.

## Translation

**21.**—(1) Where a limited liability partnership is required under the Act to lodge with the Registrar any instrument, certificate, contract or document or a certified copy thereof and the same is not written in the English language, the limited liability partnership shall lodge at the same time with the Registrar a certified translation thereof in the English language.

(2) Where any accounts or other records of a limited liability partnership required by the Act to be kept are not kept in the English language, the managers of the limited liability partnership shall cause —

- (a) a true translation of such accounts and other records to be made from time to time at intervals of not more than 7 days; and
- (b) such translations to be kept with the original accounts and other records for so long as the original accounts and other records are required by the Act to be kept.

(3) The Registrar may, before accepting a translation for lodgment, require the person lodging the translation to furnish to the Registrar such evidence as the Registrar thinks sufficient of the ability of the person by whom the translation is made to make the translation.

(4) In this regulation, "certified translation" means a translation that is certified by a person approved by the Registrar to be a correct translation in the English language.

#### PART V

#### MISCELLANEOUS

#### **Compoundable offences**

22. Any offence (other than a continuing offence) under the Act or any subsidiary legislation made under the Act which is punishable only by a fine or a fine and default penalty may be compounded by the Registrar in accordance with section 46(1) of the Act.

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#### **Appeal to Minister**

**23.**—(1) Any person intending to lodge an appeal to the Minister under the Act shall deliver to the Registrar a notice of appeal stating the grounds of appeal.

(2) The Registrar shall submit to the Minister a copy of the notice of appeal together with the grounds of appeal stated therein.

## THE SCHEDULE

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## FIRST SCHEDULE

Regulation 7(1) and (4)

#### FEES

1. For registration under section 16 of the Act \$100

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2.	partnership with section private com partnership	sion of a firm to a limited liability under section 20 of the Act read a 16 of the Act, or conversion of a apany to a limited liability under section 21 of the Act read a 16 of the Act	
3.	For application for approval of name or approval of change of name of a limited liability partnership under section 19(1) of the Act		\$15 upon approval of each name
4.	For application to the Registrar to direct a change of name of a limited liability partnership under section 19A(6) of the Act		\$200
5.	confirmatio	ng a hard copy of a certificate of n of registration under 4) of the Act	\$50
6.		g a notice of error under A(1) of the Act	\$60
7.		g of annual declaration of insolvency under section 24(1)	\$30
8.	5. For lodging an application to maintain an alternate address under section 28C of the Act		\$40
9.	<ul> <li>P. For supplying a copy of, or an extract from, \$11 per fo any form (excluding attachments) filed with the Registrar</li> </ul>		-
10.		ng a copy of, or an extract from, ncluding attachments) filed with ar	-
11.	documents	tion for certification of filed or lodged with the Registrar on 28B(1) of the Act	( <i>a</i> ) \$2 per page or part thereof for manual certification
			(b) \$1 per page or part thereof for electronic certification

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12. On any subpoena served on the Registrar to produce any document in the Registrar's custody Government rates

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## SECOND SCHEDULE

Regulation 7(2), (3) and (4)

#### PART 1

#### PENALTIES FOR LATE LODGMENT OF ANNUAL DECLARATION

Length of Default (calculated in terms of days after the date on which document was required to be lodged)	Late lodgment penalty
1. Up to 30 days	\$60
2. 31 days to 60 days	\$120
3. 61 days to 90 days	\$170
4. 91 days to 180 days	\$220
5. 181 days to 365 days	\$250
6. 366 days to 730 days	\$350
7. 731 days to 1095 days	\$350
8. Exceeding 1095 days	\$350

#### PART 2

#### PENALTIES FOR LATE LODGMENT OF ANY DOCUMENT OTHER THAN ANNUAL DECLARATION

Length of Default (calculated in terms of days after the date on which document was required to be lodged)	Late lodgment penalty
1. Up to 30 days	\$50
2. 31 days to 60 days	\$75
3. 61 days to 90 days	\$100
4. 91 days to 180 days	\$150

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SECOND SCHEDULE — continued				
5. 18	1 days to 365	days	\$200	
6. 366 days to 730 days \$250			\$250	
7.73	1 days to 109	5 days	\$300	
8. Ex	ceeding 1095	days	\$350	

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[G.N. Nos. S 244/2005; S 551/2005; S 881/2005]

## LEGISLATIVE HISTORY LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS REGULATIONS (CHAPTER 163A, RG 1)

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