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We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

having reviewed:

- Law No. (3) of 2003 on the Establishment of the Executive Council of the Emirate of Dubai;
- Law No. (25) of 2008 on the Department of Economic Development; and
- Law No. (7) of 2009 establishing Dubai e Government.

Hereby Promulgate the Following Law:

Article (1)

This Law shall be cited as “**Law No. (22) of 2009 on the Unified Record for Establishments and Companies in the Emirate of Dubai**”.

Article (2)

Unless the context otherwise requires, the following words and phrases, wherever mentioned herein, shall have the meanings respectively assigned next thereto:

Emirate	:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Executive Council	:	The Executive Council of the Emirate.
Department	:	The Department of Economic Development.
Competent Authority	:	The licensing authority for establishments and companies in the Emirate including free zone authorities.
Establishments and Companies	:	Any natural or corporate person licensed by the Competent Authority to practice any economic business or activity.
Unified Record	:	The Department approved record to authenticate data and information relating to establishments and companies.

Article (3)

A record called the “Unified Record for Establishments and Companies in the Emirate of Dubai” in which all data and information relating to Establishments and Companies operating in the Emirate including free zones shall be prepared at the Department.

Article (4)

The Department shall have the following functions and competences:

1. Preparing the Unified Record and overseeing its operation, maintenance and development in coordination with Dubai e Government;
2. Furnishing the Competent Authorities with the electronic program of the Unified Record, its installation and operation;
3. Permitting the Competent Authority to enter data and information relating to Establishments and Companies into the Unified Record;
4. Connecting the Competent Authority and any government department, public institution or body to the Unified Record and defining the powers of access thereto; and
5. Collecting and updating statistical data and information relating to Establishments and Companies and providing the same to anybody desiring to benefit therefrom as per the approved controls and requirements in this regard.

Article (5)

The Competent Authority must enter the data and information relating to the Establishments and Companies licensed thereby, including any changes or amendments made thereto as per the classification of the Unified Record, dates and procedures approved by the Department in this regard.

Article (6)

The Department shall be the sole owner of the Unified Record, including any programs, systems, data and information. The Competent Authority or any third party may not use such programs, systems, data and information without obtaining the prior written approval of the Department.

Article (7)

The Department may publish the results of the statistical data and information relating to Establishments and Companies entered into the Unified Record in periodical bulletins or annual reports.

Article (8)

The Competent Authority or third parties may access the data and information entered into the Unified Record within the limits of the controls and powers set by the Department in this Regard.

Article (9)

The Competent Authority shall incur any financial costs arising out of any amendments to the Unified Record or to the relevant systems or electronic programs by the Department to cope with the programs and systems held by the Competent Authority.

Article (10)

The Competent Authorities must conciliate their positions in accordance with this Law within a period not exceeding six months from the date of entry into force.

Article (11)

The Chairman of the Executive Council shall issue the regulations, decisions and resolutions necessary to implement the provisions hereof.

Article (12)

This Law shall come into force from the date of its issue and shall be published in the Official Gazette.

**Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum,
Ruler of Dubai**

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