

Federal Law No. (10) of 2007
Amending of Some Provisions of Federal Law No. (8) of
1984
On Commercial Companies

We, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of The United Arab Emirates,

Having reviewed:

The Constitution,
Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 on the Competences of
Ministries and Powers of Ministers as amended,
Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 on Commercial Companies as
amended,
Federal Law No. (9) of 1984 on Insurance Companies and
Agencies as amended, and
Federal Law No. (4) of 2000 on UAE Securities and
Commodities Market and Authority as amended,

And based on the proposal of the Minister of Economy and
the approval by the National Federal Council and the
Ratification by the Federal Supreme Council,

Hereby enact the following law:

Article (1)

A new Article No. (273) bis. shall hereby be added to Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 on Commercial Companies, the context of which shall be as follows:

- 1- The term “Local Family Company” shall mean a company owned in whole by natural persons of a sole family relating to each other by blood until the fourth grandfather or by juristic persons owned in whole by members of a sole family relating to each other on the level of the Local Family Company irrespective of the form of the company.

2- By way of exception to the provisions of Articles (78) and (273), partners in a Local Family Company that convert into a public joint stock company, may retain not more than 70% of company's capital and offer not less than 30% thereof for public subscription.

Article (2)

This law shall be published in the official gazette and shall come into force as of the date of publication.

Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab Emirates

Issued by us in the Presidency Palace in Abu Dhabi

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