

Federal Decretal Law no. (1) of 2009
Amending certain provisions of
Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 concerning commercial companies

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

- Having perused the Constitution;
- Federal Law No. (1) of 1972 On Competencies of Ministries and Powers of Ministers and the laws amending thereto;
- Federal Law No. (5) of 1975 On the Commercial Register;
- Federal Law No. (13) of 1976 On Cooperative Societies;
- Federal Law No. (10) of 1980 On the Central Bank, Monetary System and Regulation of the Banking Profession and the law amending thereto;
- Federal Law No. (18) of 1981 Concerning the Organization of Commercial Agencies and the laws amending thereto;
- Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 On Commercial Companies and the laws amending thereto;
- Federal Law No. (5) of 1985 Issuing the Law of Civil Transactions of the United Arab Emirates and the law amending thereto;
- At the presentation of the Minister of Economy and the approval of the Cabinet.

Have Issued the following Decretal Law:

Article (1)

Article (227) of the aforementioned Federal Law No. (8) of 1984 shall be substituted for the following provision:

“A limited liability company shall have a capital that is sufficient to achieve its purpose of incorporation and shall be fixed by partners. The capital shall consist of equal shares.

A share shall be indivisible. If a share is held by several persons, they shall select from amongst themselves one shareholder vis-à-vis the company and the Company may set a date by which the shareholders shall make such selection and upon the expiry of such date, the company shall have the right to sell the share to its holders; in which case, partners shall have priority to purchase the same.

Profits and losses on shares shall be distributed equally, unless the memorandum of association stipulates otherwise.”

Article (2)

This Decretal Law shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall go into effect as of 1 June 2009 [01.06.2009].

**Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan,
President of the United Arab Emirates**

Issued by us in Abu Dhabi Presidential Palace;

12 Rajab 1430 A.H.

5 July 2009 A.D.