

L.N. 39 of 2018

Foreign Lawyers Practice (Amendment) Rules 2018

(Made by the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong under section 73 of the Legal Practitioners Ordinance (Cap. 159) subject to the prior approval of the Chief Justice)

1. Commencement

These Rules come into operation on a day to be appointed by the President of The Law Society of Hong Kong by notice published in the Gazette.

2. Foreign Lawyers Practice Rules amended

The Foreign Lawyers Practice Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. R) are amended as set out in section 3.

3. Section 8 amended (control of employment of unqualified persons)

After section 8(3)—

Add

“(4) A principal of a foreign firm must not, except with the written approval of the Council, knowingly employ any unqualified person who is in the part-time or full-time employment of a Hong Kong firm or another foreign firm.”.

Approved this 2nd day of February 2018.

Geoffrey MA
Chief Justice

Made this 27th day of February 2018.

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Explanatory Note

These Rules amend the Foreign Lawyers Practice Rules (Cap. 159 sub. leg. R) (*principal Rules*). A new section 8(4) is proposed to be added to the principal Rules to provide that a principal of a foreign firm must not knowingly employ any unqualified person who is in the part-time or full-time employment of a Hong Kong firm or another foreign firm without the written approval of the Council of The Law Society of Hong Kong.