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**Company Records (Inspection and Provision of Copies)  
(Amendment) Regulation 2021**

(Made by the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury under  
section 657 of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation comes into operation on the day on which  
section 657(2)(g) of the Companies Ordinance (Cap. 622)  
comes into operation.

**2. Company Records (Inspection and Provision of Copies)  
Regulation amended**

The Company Records (Inspection and Provision of Copies)  
Regulation (Cap. 622 sub. leg. I) is amended as set out in  
section 3.

**3. Part 5 added**

After Part 4—

**Add**

## “Part 5

### **Protection of Certain Particulars in Register of Directors or Register of Company Secretaries from Inspection**

#### **14. Extent to which company may exercise power under section 644(1)(b) or 651(1) of Ordinance**

- (1) For the purposes of section 644(2) of the Ordinance, a company may withhold the number of an identity card or a passport under section 644(1)(b) of the Ordinance except the first part of the number.
- (2) For the purposes of section 651(2) of the Ordinance, a company may withhold the number of an identity card or a passport under section 651(1) of the Ordinance except the first part of the number.
- (3) In subsections (1) and (2), a reference to the first part of the number of an identity card or a passport (*identification number*) is a reference to—
  - (a) if the identification number comprises a sequence of an even number of alphanumeric characters—the first half of the sequence; or
  - (b) if the identification number comprises a sequence of an odd number of alphanumeric characters—the part that begins with the first character in the sequence and ends with the character that falls on the middle of the sequence.”.

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## **Explanatory Note**

This Regulation adds a new Part 5 to the Company Records (Inspection and Provision of Copies) Regulation (Cap. 622 sub. leg. I). That Part prescribes the extent to which a company may withhold the number of the identity card or passport of a director or reserve director in its register of directors, or that of a company secretary in its register of company secretaries, from inspection.