

Circular 291: Articles of Association for an FZLLC (“AOA”)

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Dear Business Partner,

In response to enquiries, we are writing to clarify for our business partners organised as FZLLCs the requirements with respect to the AOA.

When business partners are setting up as an FZLLC in the Dubai Creative Clusters Zone, they are provided, as a courtesy, with a standard precedent set of AOA (the “**Precedent AOA**”). These are drafted to conform with the [DCC Private Companies Regulations 2016 \(the “PCR”\)](#) and for the vast majority of our business partners the Precedent AOA will provide practical and comprehensive governance for their company.

However, the PCR was designed in a way to allow an element of flexibility in the AOA and therefore business partners may opt to modify the Precedent AOA to take account of their particular circumstances, or to use their own AOA if they wish.

Where business partners do wish to use their own AOA, Dubai Creative Clusters Authority (the “**Authority**”) recommends that they consult with a lawyer in Dubai on the drafting of their AOA. The minimum requirements for an AOA are set out in [Article 12](#) of the PCR. It is the responsibility of the company (via its shareholders and directors) to ensure that the AOA conforms with the requirements of the PCR and that it provides workable governance for the company. The Authority is not responsible for any errors or failures to comply with the PCR where a company is set up using its own form of AOA.

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