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Italy - Civil Code



Full title:

Italian Civil Code

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Title of relevant sections:

Section 2250: Indication in documents and correspondence (Book 5: Labour; Title V – Companies; Chapter I: General Provisions)

Section 2497-bis: Advertisement; Title V: Companies, Chapter IX: Management and Coordination of the Company

Section 2598: Acts of Unfair Competition (Book 5: Labour; Title X: Rules of Competition and Consortium; Chapter I: Competition; Section II: Unfair Competition)

Section 2250 & Section 2497-bis

Section 2250:

Companies must provide the following information on their correspondence, corporate documents and deeds:

- -The corporate name.
- -The registered office.
- -The Register of Enterprises where the company is registered and the registration number/fiscal code/VAT number.
- If the company is a stock company, a limited liability company or a partnership limited by shares, the company's corporate capital already paid-in as detailed by the latest financial statements. (Fully paid up share capital)
- If the company has been terminated, it must be stated that the company is in liquidation.
- If the company is a stock company or a limited liability company and it has a sole shareholder, this must be stated.

Section 2497-bis:

Companies must indicate (including on their website) whether they are subject to "management and co-ordination" by another company. The concept of "management and co-ordination" is roughly equivalent to that of control.

Section 2598

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Subject to the provisions that concern the protection of distinctive signs and patent rights, anyone who engages in acts of unfair competition:

1) Uses names or distinctive signs capable of producing confusion with names or distinctive signs legitimately used by others or slavishly imitates the products of a

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competitor, or commits, by any other means, acts likely to create confusion with the products and activities of a competitor.

- 2) Spreads discrediting news and valuations about a competitor's products and activity, or assumes the qualities/values of a competitor's product or company.
- 3) Directly or indirectly uses any other means/methods not in conformity with the principles of professional fairness/correctness and able to damage another's company.

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