

Project Title "Problems in Implementing Regulation Relating to the Financial Statements Under The Ministerial Regulation, No. 2 (B.E.2519) of the Ministry of Commerce"

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#### ABSTRACT

The aim of this research is to identify the problems and propose corrective actions relative to compliance with the Regulations Relating to the Financial Statements issued under Ministerial Regulations No. 2 (1976) which have been in use for over 10 years, in particular List 9 of the Regulations which applies to limited companies engaging in businesses other than commercial banking, life insurance, non-life insurance, financing, securities, financing and securities, credit foncier, and warehouse businesses. The research focuses on problems encountered by the preparers as well as users of financial statements, and involves the collection of data representing their thoughts and opinions, and the study of relevant literatures and text books,

which are then used in the analysis of the Regulations. The structure of the analysis is based on the concepts of qualitative characteristics of accounting information, in particular, relevance, understandability, terminology, classification conciseness, completeness, comparability, and timeliness. The results of the research indicated that the majority of questionnaire respondents are satisfied with the balance sheet format as prescribed by List 9, but suggest that the prescribed single step statement should be revised to multiple steps statement to provide more useful information. The majority of the respondents also suggest that in order to provide users with complete and comparable financial information, businesses should be required to prepare two-year comparative financial statements, and provide additional information as part of the financial statements namely, statement of manufacturing costs, statement of retained earnings, and notes to financial statements. The majority of respondents further suggest that financial statement components and their meanings should be more clearly defined, in particular where meanings are ambiguous and give rise to practical problems in their interpretations.