

Possessing a commercial register

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Question: To practice any activity, traders are obliged to have a commercial register. So, is working without possessing the commercial register considered religiously forbidden? And may Allaah reward you.

Answer: All praise is due to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds. Peace and blessing be upon whom Allaah sent as a mercy to the Worlds, upon his Family, his Companions and his Brothers till the Day of Resurrection.

From a religious standpoint, the commercial register is not stipulated in commerce. However, it is imposed by the worldly authority upon the traders so that they pay taxes for the benefit of the treasury of the State. The trader since he has no other alternative to run his business except by having a commercial register which is imposed upon him, he is then compelled to run his business therewith for necessity not for a religious cause. This issue is similar to the commercial insurance which entails Gharar (uncertainty) contracts on cars and suchlike which one is compelled to deal with at least with minimum risks.

The perfect knowledge belongs to Allaah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ; and our last prayer is all the praises and thanks are to Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers of Allaah are to Muhammad and his Family, Companions and Brothers until the Day of Resurrection.

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