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**Legislative Decree No. (51) of 2018 amending certain Provisions of the Commerce Law Promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987**

We, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

Having reviewed the Constitution, particularly Article (38) thereof;

And the Commerce Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987, as amended;

And upon the submission of the Prime Minister,

And after the approval of the Council of Ministers;

**Hereby Decree the following Law:**

**Article One**

The phrase (Minister concerned with commerce affairs) shall be replaced with the phrase (Minister of Commerce and Agriculture), the phrase (Minister concerned with commerce affairs) with the phrase (Minister of Commerce and Agriculture) and the phrase (Ministry concerned with commerce affairs) with the phrase (Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture) wherever it appears in the Commerce Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987.

**Article Two**

Paragraph (1) of Article (20) of the Commerce Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (7) of 1987 shall be replaced with the following:

1- Each trader, whether an individual or a company, shall keep the commercial books that are consistent with the nature and significance of his business in a manner that ensures his financial position is stated and his commerce-related rights and obligations are outlined.

These books shall be regular, and the trader, establishment manager, or liquidator - as the case may be - shall be responsible for the accuracy and integrity of the data of commercial books, bookkeeping, and delivery of the same to the Ministry concerned with commerce affairs upon request.

**Article Three**

The Prime Minister and the Ministers -each within his jurisdiction- shall implement provisions of this Law, and it shall come into force from the day following the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**King of the Kingdom of Bahrain**

**Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa**

**Prime Minister**

**Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa**

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