

CONSOLIDATION OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS filed with the Department shall be paid to the Department.

13-101.

(c) (1) "Instrument of writing" means a written instrument that conveys title to, or a leasehold interest in real property.

(2) "Instrument of writing" includes:

(i) a deed or contract;

(ii) a lease;

(iii) an assignment of a lessee's interest;

[and]

(iv) articles of transfer;

(V) ARTICLES OF MERGER OR OTHER DOCUMENT WHICH EVIDENCES A MERGER OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS; AND

(VI) ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION OR OTHER DOCUMENT WHICH EVIDENCES A CONSOLIDATION OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS.

(3) "Instrument of writing" does not include:

(i) a mortgage, deed of trust, or other contract that creates an encumbrance on real property; or

(ii) a security agreement, as defined in § 12-101(e) of this article.

(D) "SUCCESSOR" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § ~~1-101(V)~~ 1-101(U) OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE.

(E) "ARTICLES OF MERGER" MEANS A DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 3-107 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE WHICH EVIDENCES A MERGER INVOLVING AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND CORPORATION.

(F) "ARTICLES OF CONSOLIDATION" MEANS A DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 3-107 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE WHICH EVIDENCES A CONSOLIDATION OF AT LEAST ONE MARYLAND CORPORATION WITH ANOTHER CORPORATION TO FORM A NEW MARYLAND CORPORATION.

(G) "DOCUMENTS WHICH EVIDENCE THE MERGER OR CONSOLIDATION OF FOREIGN CORPORATIONS" MEANS THOSE DOCUMENTS THAT ARE FILED OR RECORDED WITH:

(1) THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 3-117 OF THE CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS ARTICLE; OR