



Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 35

THE REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

The register

1083 Preservation of original documents

- (1) The originals of documents delivered to the registrar in hard copy form must be kept for [^{F1}three years][^{F1}two years] after they are received by the registrar, after which they may be destroyed provided the information contained in them has been [^{F2}recorded].

[^{F3}This is subject to section 1087(3) (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection).][^{F3}This is subject to—

- (a) section 1087(3) (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection);
 - (b) section 16A(2) of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection);
 - (c) section 22(5) of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection).]
- (2) The registrar is under no obligation to keep the originals of documents delivered in electronic form, provided the information contained in them has been [^{F2}recorded].
- (3) This section applies to documents held by the registrar when this section comes into force as well as to documents subsequently received.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 1083(1) substituted (26.10.2023 but only so far as it confers a power to make regulations or relates to the exercise of the power, otherwise prosp.) by [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 \(c. 56\), ss. 81, 219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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- F2** Words in s. 1083(1)(2) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Part 35\) \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1802\)](#), **art. 11**
- F3** Words in s. 1083(1) substituted (26.10.2023 but only so far as it confers a power to make regulations or relates to the exercise of the power, otherwise prosp.) by [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 \(c. 56\)](#), **ss. 137(2)**, 219(1)(2)(b)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 1083 applied (1.10.2009) by [The Limited Liability Partnerships \(Application of Companies Act 2006\) Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1804\)](#), regs. 2, **60**, 83, Sch. 1 para. 27
- C2** S. 1083 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by [The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2436\)](#), {regs. 3-5, Sch. 1 para. 17(2)(e)} (with transitional provisions and savings in regs. 7, 9, Sch. 2)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- s. 1083(1) words substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 81](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 1989/638, Sch. 4 by [S.I. 2024/410 Sch. 2 para. 1](#)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 156A-156C inserted by [2015 c. 26 s. 87\(4\)](#)
- s. 156B(5) omitted by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 26](#)
- s. 156C(2) words substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 156C(2A) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 41\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 156C(3) substituted for s. 156C(3)-(5) by [2023 c. 56 Sch. 2 para. 27](#)
- s. 479A(2)(c)(zi) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4 substituted by regs. 4, 4A immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/1392, regs. 1(2), 4)
- s. 479B(a)(iii) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I.2008/1991 reg.34 by [S.R. 2024/78 reg. 31\(4\)](#)
- s. 479B(a)(iii) amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I.2008/1991 reg.34A by [S.R. 2024/78 reg. 31\(5\)](#)
- s. 1047(4)(i)(j) inserted by [2023 c. 56 s. 21\(2\)](#)
- s. 1087(da) substituted by [2023 c. 56 s. 52\(2\)](#)
- s. 1087A-1807C applied by S.I. 2009/2436, Sch. 1 para. 20(1)(ca) (as substituted) by [S.I. 2024/410 Sch. 2 para. 5\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- s. 1110E-110G applied by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 60 (as amended) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 26](#)
- s. 11989A applied (with modifications) by S.I. 2009/1804, reg. 79A (as inserted) by [S.I. 2024/234 reg. 46](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 28\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 28(e) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(e)(iv))
- Sch. 10 para. 7(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 29\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 29 substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(f))