



# Companies Act 2006

## 2006 CHAPTER 46

### PART 15

#### ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

#### CHAPTER 10

##### FILING OF ACCOUNTS AND REPORTS

###### *Filing obligations of different descriptions of company*

**444** [<sup>F1</sup>Filing obligations of companies subject to small companies regime][<sup>F1</sup>Filing obligations of small companies other than micro-entities]

- [<sup>F1</sup>(1) The directors of a company that is subject to the small companies regime in relation to a financial year, or that would be so subject but for being or having been a member of an ineligible group, must deliver to the registrar a copy of—
- (a) the company's annual accounts, and
  - (b) the directors' report.

- (2) The directors must also deliver to the registrar a copy of the auditor's report on those accounts (and on the directors' report).

This does not apply if the company is exempt from audit and the directors have taken advantage of that exemption.

- (3) The copies of the balance sheet and directors' report delivered to the registrar under this section must state the name of the person who signed it on behalf of the board.
- (4) The copy of the auditor's report delivered to the registrar under this section must—
- (a) state the name of the auditor and (where the auditor is a firm) the name of the person who signed it as senior statutory auditor, or

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- (b) if the conditions in section 506 (circumstances in which names may be omitted) are met, state that a resolution has been passed and notified to the Secretary of State in accordance with that section.
- (5) If more than one person is appointed as auditor, the reference in subsection (4)(a) to the name of the auditor is to be read as a reference to the names of all the auditors.
- (6) This section does not apply to companies within section 443A (filing obligations of companies that qualify as micro-entities).]

### Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 444 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. 54](#), [219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 444(1)(a) substituted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F3** Words in s. 444(2) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(b\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F4** Words in s. 444(2) substituted (6.4.2008) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Amendment\) \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2008 \(S.I. 2008/393\)](#), [reg. 12](#)
- F5** S. 444(2A) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(c\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F6** S. 444(3) substituted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2) of the amending S.I.) by [The Small Companies \(Micro-Entities' Accounts\) Regulations 2013 \(S.I. 2013/3008\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [6\(a\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F7** Words in s. 444(3) omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(d\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F8** S. 444(3A)(3B) omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F9** S. 444(4) omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(e\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F10** Words in s. 444(5) omitted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by virtue of [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(f\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F11** S. 444(5A)-(5C) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by [The Companies, Partnerships and Groups \(Accounts and Reports\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/980\)](#), [regs. 2\(1\)](#), [8\(3\)\(g\)](#) (with [reg. 3](#))
- F12** S. 444(8) inserted (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(3) of the amending S.I.) by [The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 \(S.I. 2017/1164\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)\(3\)](#), [Sch. 1 para. 8](#) (with [reg. 2\(6\)\(7\)](#))

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Pts. 1-39 modified (31.12.2020) by [Regulation \(EC\) No. 2157/2001](#), Art. AAA1(3) (as inserted by [The European Public Limited-Liability Company \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2018 \(S.I. 2018/1298\)](#), [regs. 1](#), [97](#) (with [regs. 140-145](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/523](#), [regs. 1\(2\)](#), [5\(a\)-\(f\)](#)); [2020 c. 1](#), [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#))

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- C2** Ss. 441-448 applied (6.4.2008) by S.I. 2005/1788, reg. 29 (as substituted by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 242(4)** (with arts. 6, 11, 12))
- C3** Ss. 441-444 applied (with modifications) (6.4.2008) by 1996 c. 52, Sch. 1 para. 16D (as substituted by The Companies Act 2006 (Consequential Amendments etc) Order 2008 (S.I. 2008/948), art. 3(1), **Sch. 1 para. 202(3)** (with arts. 6, 11, 12))
- C4** Ss. 441-444A applied (with modifications) (1.4.2010) by Housing and Regeneration Act 2008 (c. 17), **ss. 132(1)(2)**, 325; S.I. 2010/862, **art. 2** (with Sch.)
- C5** Ss. 441-469 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2009) by The Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2436), regs. 3-5, **Sch. 1 para. 10** (with reg. 7, Sch. 2) (as amended (with application in accordance with reg. 1(3) of the amending S.I.) by The Unregistered Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2013 (S.I. 2013/1972), regs. 1(2), **2(2)(a)**)
- C6** Ss. 441-444 applied (with modifications) (1.10.2008) by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Accounts and Audit) (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2008 (S.I. 2008/1911), **reg. 17** (as amended: (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(2)-(5) of the amending S.I.) by The Limited Liability Partnerships, Partnerships and Groups (Accounts and Audit) Regulations 2016 (S.I. 2016/575), regs. 2(1), **12**); (with effect in accordance with reg. 2(5)(a) of the amending S.I.) by The Statutory Auditors Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1164), reg. 1(2)(3), **Sch. 3 para. 5** (with reg. 2(6)(7)); (1.4.2019) by The Companies (Directors Report) and Limited Liability Partnerships (Energy and Carbon Report) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/1155), regs. 2, **17**; and (with effect for financial years beginning on or after 6.4.2021) by The European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation and Limited Liability Partnerships etc. (Revocations and Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/153), regs. 1, **11**)

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### Commencement Information

- II** S. 444 wholly in force at 6.4.2008; s. 444 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 1300; s. 444 in force for specified purposes at 20.1.2007 by S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 3(3)** (subject to art. 5, Sch. 1 and with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5); s. 444 in force at 6.4.2008 by S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 3(1)(d)** (with savings in arts. 7, 12 and subject to transitional adaptations in Sch. 1 para. 6 and with savings in Sch. 4 paras. 6-8)

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**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. 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. 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\(d\)\(ii\)](#)
- 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))