

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 56

PART 1

COMPANIES ETC

Promoting the integrity of the register

83 Power to require additional information

- (1) The Companies Act 2006 is amended in accordance with subsections (2) to (4).
- (2) After section 1092 insert—

"Additional information

1092A Power to require information

- (1) The registrar may by notice in writing require a person to provide information to the registrar for the purposes of enabling the registrar to determine—
 - (a) whether a person has complied with any obligation imposed by an enactment to deliver a document to the registrar,
 - (b) whether any information contained in a document received by the registrar falls within section 1080(1)(a).
- (2) A requirement under this section may specify—
 - (a) the form and manner in which the information is to be provided;
 - (b) the period within which it is to be provided.
- (3) The registrar may by notice in writing extend a period specified in a requirement under this section.

1092B Offence relating to provision of information

- (1) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a requirement under section 1092A commits an offence.
- (2) Where an offence under this section is committed by a firm, an offence is also committed by every officer of the firm who is in default.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - (a) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine (or both);
 - (b) on summary conviction—
 - (i) in England and Wales, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding the general limit in a magistrates' court or a fine (or both);
 - (ii) in Scotland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both) and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding one-fifth of the statutory maximum;
 - (iii) in Northern Ireland, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum (or both), and, for continued contravention, a daily default fine not exceeding one-fifth of the statutory maximum.

1092C Privilege against self-incrimination

- (1) A statement made by a person in response to a requirement under section 1092A may not be used against the person in criminal proceedings in which the person is charged with an offence to which this subsection applies.
- (2) Subsection (1) applies to any offence other than—
 - (a) an offence under one of the following provisions (which concern false statements etc)—
 - (i) section 1112 or 1112A;
 - (ii) section 5 of the Perjury Act 1911;
 - (iii) section 44(2) of the Criminal Law (Consolidation) (Scotland) Act 1995;
 - (iv) Article 10 of the Perjury (Northern Ireland) Order 1979 (S.I. 1979/1714 (N.I. 19));
 - (v) section 32 or 32A of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022;
 - (vi) section 34 or 35 of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907;
 - (b) any offence, not within paragraph (a), an element of which is the delivery to the registrar of a document, or the making of a statement to the registrar, that is misleading, false or deceptive."
- (3) In section 1059A (scheme of Part 35), in subsection (2), at the appropriate place insert—

[&]quot;sections 1092A to 1092C (powers to require further information),".

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- (4) In section 1087 (material not available for public inspection), in subsection (1), after paragraph (e) insert—
 - "(ea) any information provided to the registrar under section 1092A (power to require further information);".

Commencement Information

- I1 S. 83 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see s. 219(1)(2)(b)
- I2 S. 83 in force at 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2024/269, reg. 2(z25)

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