
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations provide the registrar of companies with power, on application and on the registrar's own motion, to change a company's registered office address to a "default address" if the registrar is satisfied that the address is not an "appropriate address" within the meaning of section 86 of the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46).

Part 2 requires the registrar to nominate a default address for the purposes of these Regulations.

Part 3 provides for applications to be made to the registrar to change a company's registered office address and the notice to be given about the application.

Part 4 provides for the registrar to change a company's registered office address after having given prior notice to the company.

Part 5 provides for the registrar to change a company's registered office address without giving prior notice.

Part 6 provides for the registrar to be able to change a registered office address from one default address to another default address.

Part 7 provides for appeals against the registrar's decisions under these Regulations.

Part 8 provides for the effect of changing a company's registered office address to a default address nominated by the registrar.

Part 9 establishes a criminal offence for a company and any officer in default where the company does not change its registered office address to an appropriate address within a certain period. Part 9 also establishes a power for the registrar to initiate strike-off proceedings against the company in these circumstances, and makes provision about the restoration of a struck-off company.

Part 10 revokes the Companies (Address of Registered Office) 2016 Regulations (S.I. 2016/423) and contains transitional provision.

No impact assessment has been prepared in connection with these Regulations.