



Companies Act 1985

1985 CHAPTER 6

PART XIV

INVESTIGATION OF COMPANIES AND THEIR AFFAIRS; REQUISITION OF DOCUMENTS

Requisition and seizure of books and papers

[^{F1}453A Power to enter and remain on premises

- (1) An inspector or investigator may act under subsection (2) in relation to a company if—
 - (a) he is authorised to do so by the Secretary of State, and
 - (b) he thinks that to do so will materially assist him in the exercise of his functions under this Part in relation to the company.
- (2) An inspector or investigator may at all reasonable times—
 - (a) require entry to relevant premises, and
 - (b) remain there for such period as he thinks necessary for the purpose mentioned in subsection (1)(b).
- (3) Relevant premises are premises which the inspector or investigator believes are used (wholly or partly) for the purposes of the company's business.
- (4) In exercising his powers under subsection (2), an inspector or investigator may be accompanied by such other persons as he thinks appropriate.
- (5) A person who intentionally obstructs a person lawfully acting under subsection (2) or (4) [^{F2} is guilty of an offence.]
 - [A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable—
 - ^{F3}(5A) (a) on conviction on indictment, to a fine;
 - (b) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.]
- (6) ^{F4}
- (7) An inspector is a person appointed under section 431, 432 or 442.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Companies Act 1985, Section 453A. (See end of Document for details)

(8) An investigator is a person authorised for the purposes of section 447.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 453A, 453B inserted (6.4.2005) by [Companies \(Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise\) Act 2004 \(c. 27\)](#), **ss. 23, 65**; S.I. 2004/3322, **art. 2(2)**, Sch. 2 (subject to arts. 3-13)
- F2** Words in s. 453A(5) substituted for s. 453A(5)(a)(b) (1.10.2007) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1124, 1300, **Sch. 3 para. 6(2)** (with s. 1133); S.I. 2007/2194, **art. 2(1)(k)** (with art. 12, Sch. 3 para. 48 and subject to Sch. 1)
- F3** S. 453A(5A) inserted (1.10.2007) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1124, 1300, **Sch. 3 para. 6(3)** (with s. 1133); S.I. 2007/2194, **art. 2(1)(k)** (with art. 12, Sch. 3 para. 48 and subject to Sch. 1)
- F4** S. 453A(6) repealed (1.10.2007) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), ss. 1124, 1295, 1300, Sch. 3 para. 6(4), **Sch. 16** (with s. 1133); S.I. 2007/2194, arts. 2(1)(k), **8**, Sch. 2 Pt. 1 (with art. 12, Sch. 3 para. 48 and subject to Sch. 1)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 453A applied (with modifications) (E.W.S.) (6.4.2014) by [The Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies and Credit Unions \(Investigations\) Regulations 2014 \(S.I. 2014/574\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2**
- C2** S. 453A restricted (20.1.2007, 6.4.2007, 1.10.2007 for specified purposes) by [Companies Act 2006 \(c. 46\)](#), **ss. 1126, 1300** (with s. 1133); S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 3(2)(b)** (subject to art. 5, Sch. 1 and with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5 (as amended by S.I. 2007/3495, art. 11, Sch. 5)); S.I. 2007/1093, **art. 2(2)(c)**; S.I. 2007/2194, **art. 2(1)(l)(3)(h)** (with art. 12); S.I. 2007/3495, **art. 3(1)(n)** (with arts. 7, 12)

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