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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 4

Section 1144(1)

DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION SENT OR SUPPLIED TO A COMPANY

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Application of Schedule

- 1 (1) This Schedule applies to documents or information sent or supplied to a company.
- (2) It does not apply to documents or information sent or supplied by another company (see section 1144(3) and Schedule 5).

Commencement Information

- I1** Sch. 4 para. 1 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), **art. 3(1)(e)** (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

PART 2

COMMUNICATIONS IN HARD COPY FORM

Introduction

- 2 A document or information is validly sent or supplied to a company if it is sent or supplied in hard copy form in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

Commencement Information

- I2** Sch. 4 para. 2 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), **art. 3(1)(e)** (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

Method of communication in hard copy form

- 3 (1) A document or information in hard copy form may be sent or supplied by hand or by post to an address (in accordance with paragraph 4).
- (2) For the purposes of this Schedule, a person sends a document or information by post if he posts a prepaid envelope containing the document or information.

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Commencement Information

- I3** Sch. 4 para. 3 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

Address for communications in hard copy form

- 4 A document or information in hard copy form may be sent or supplied—
- (a) to an address specified by the company for the purpose;
 - (b) to the company's registered office;
 - (c) to an address to which any provision of the Companies Acts authorises the document or information to be sent or supplied.

Commencement Information

- I4** Sch. 4 para. 4 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

[^{F1}PART 2A

COMMUNICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM FROM THE REGISTRAR OR THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Textual Amendments

- F1** [Sch. 4 Pt. 2A](#) inserted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 \(c. 56\)](#), [ss. 29\(9\)\(a\)](#), [219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2024/269](#), reg. 2(w)

- 4A (1) A document or information is validly sent or supplied to a company by the registrar or the Secretary of State if it is sent or supplied in electronic form in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) or (3).
- (2) Where the document or information is sent or supplied by electronic means it may only be sent—
- (a) in the case of a company registered under this Act, to the company's registered email address;
 - (b) in the case of any company, to an address specified by the company for that purpose (generally or specifically).
- (3) Where the document or information is sent or supplied in electronic form by hand or by post, it must be sent or supplied to an address to which it could be validly sent if it were in hard copy form.]

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Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 4 para. 4A applied (with modifications) (4.3.2024) by S.I. 2009/1804, **reg. 75A** (as inserted by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/234), regs. 1(2), **45**; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(a)**)

PART 3

COMMUNICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM [^{F2}IN OTHER CASES]

Textual Amendments

- F2** Words in Sch. 4 Pt. 3 heading inserted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (c. 56), **ss. 29(9)(b)**, 219(1)(2)(b); S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(w)**

Introduction

- 5 A document or information is validly sent or supplied to a company [^{F3}by a person other than the registrar or the Secretary of State] if it is sent or supplied in electronic form in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

Textual Amendments

- F3** Words in Sch. 4 para. 5 inserted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (c. 56), **ss. 29(9)(c)**, 219(1)(2)(b); S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(w)**

Commencement Information

- I5** Sch. 4 para. 5 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 3(1)(e)** (subject to **art. 5**, Sch. 1) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

Conditions for use of communications in electronic form

- 6 A document or information may only be sent or supplied to a company in electronic form if—
- (a) the company has agreed (generally or specifically) that the document or information may be sent or supplied in that form (and has not revoked that agreement), or
 - (b) the company is deemed to have so agreed by a provision in the Companies Acts.

Commencement Information

- I6** Sch. 4 para. 6 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and S.I. 2006/3428, **art. 3(1)(e)** (subject to **art. 5**, Sch. 1) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

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Address for communications in electronic form

- 7 (1) Where the document or information is sent or supplied by electronic means, it may only be sent or supplied to an address—
- (a) specified for the purpose by the company (generally or specifically), or
 - (b) deemed by a provision in the Companies Acts to have been so specified.
- (2) Where the document or information is sent or supplied in electronic form by hand or by post, it must be sent or supplied to an address to which it could be validly sent if it were in hard copy form.

Commencement Information

- I7** Sch. 4 para. 7 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

PART 4

OTHER AGREED FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

- 8 A document or information that is sent or supplied to a company otherwise than in hard copy form or electronic form is validly sent or supplied if it is sent or supplied in a form or manner that has been agreed by the company.

Commencement Information

- I8** Sch. 4 para. 8 wholly in force at 20.1.2007, see s. 1300 and [S.I. 2006/3428](#), [art. 3\(1\)\(e\)](#) (subject to [art. 5](#), [Sch. 1](#)) (with arts. 6, 8, Sch. 5)

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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. 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)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(m) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 30 para. 30](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(j) omitted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 21 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 28 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 29 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 36 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- 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))