



# Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 56

### PART 1

#### COMPANIES ETC

##### *Company names*

#### **14 Requirements to change name: removal of old name from public inspection**

- (1) The Companies Act 2006 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 64 (company ceasing to be entitled to exemption in relation to use of “limited” etc), after subsection (6) insert—

“(6A) Where a direction is given under subsection (1), the registrar may omit from the material on the register that is available for public inspection any mention of the name to which the direction relates.”
- (3) In section 67 (power to direct change of name in case of similarity to existing name), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) Where a direction is given under subsection (1), the registrar may omit from the material on the register that is available for public inspection any mention of the name to which the direction relates (so far as it relates to the company to which the direction is given).”
- (4) In section 73 (order requiring name to be changed), after subsection (6) insert—

“(7) Where an order is made under subsection (1), the registrar may omit from the material on the register that is available for public inspection any mention of the name to which the order relates.”
- (5) In section 75 (provision of misleading information), after subsection (4) insert—

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“(4A) Where a direction is given under subsection (1), the registrar may omit from the material on the register that is available for public inspection any mention of the name to which the direction relates.”

(6) In section 76 (misleading indication of activities), after subsection (5A) (inserted by section 13 of this Act) insert—

“(5B) Where a direction is given under subsection (1), the registrar may omit from the material on the register that is available for public inspection any mention of the name to which the direction relates.”

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**Commencement Information**

- I1** S. 14 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)  
**I2** S. 14 in force at 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2024/269](#), [reg. 2\(j\)](#)

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