



# Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

## 2023 CHAPTER 56

### PART 1

#### COMPANIES ETC

##### *Disqualification in relation to companies*

#### **32 Disqualification for persistent breaches of companies legislation: NI**

- (1) The Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 ([S.I. 2002/3150 \(N.I. 4\)](#)) is amended as follows.
- (2) In Article 6 (disqualification for persistent breaches of companies legislation)—
- (a) in paragraph (1), for the words from “provisions of the companies legislation” to the end substitute “relevant provisions of the companies legislation (see paragraph [\(3ZA\)](#))”;
  - (b) in paragraph (2), for “such provisions as are mentioned in paragraph (1)” substitute “relevant provisions of the companies legislation”;
  - (c) in paragraph (3), after sub-paragraph (a) (but before the “or” at the end of that sub-paragraph) insert—
    - “(aa) a financial penalty is imposed on the person by the registrar in respect of such an offence by virtue of regulations under—
      - (i) section 1132A of the Companies Act 2006, or
      - (ii) section 39 of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022,”;
  - (d) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3ZA) In this Article “relevant provisions of the companies legislation” means—

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- (a) any provision of the companies legislation requiring any return, account or other document to be filed with, delivered or sent, or notice of any matter to be given, to the registrar,
  - (b) sections 167M and 167N of the Companies Act 2006 (prohibitions on acting as director where identity not verified or where there has been a failure to notify a directorship), and
  - (c) sections 790LQ and 790LR of the Companies Act 2006 (persons with significant control: ongoing duties in relation to identity verification).”;
- (e) for paragraph (3A) substitute—
- “(3A) In this Article “the companies legislation” means—
- (a) the Companies Acts,
  - (b) Parts 1A to 7 of the Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 (company insolvency and winding up), and
  - (c) Part 1 of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 (registration of overseas entities).”
- (3) In Article 25A (application of Order to registered societies), in paragraph (2)(c), for “Articles 6(1) and 8(1)” substitute “Article 6(3ZA)(a)”.
- (4) In Article 25B (application of Order to credit unions), in paragraph (3)(b), for “Articles 6(1) and 8(1) references” substitute “Article 6(3ZA)(a) the reference”.

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**Commencement Information**

**II** S. 32 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)

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