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# The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 (Register of Persons Holding a Controlled Interest in Land) Regulations 2021

## PART 3

## Duties to provide information

Information to be provided by persons who own or tenant land subject to the control of another

## Duty to notify of controlled interest and associates

- **10.**—(1) This regulation applies to a person who is a recorded person.
- (2) This regulation does not apply to any person of a type listed in schedule 2 (list of persons subject to other transparency regimes).
  - (3) A person to whom this regulation applies must provide the Keeper with—
    - (a) the person's name, address and, if applicable, registered number,
    - (b) in relation to the land—
      - (i) if the land is registered in the Land Register, the title number of the land,
      - (ii) if the land is not registered in the Land Register, a description of the land which is sufficient for it to be identified,
    - (c) details of the capacity in which the person owns or tenants the land (for example as an individual, partner or trustee), and
    - (d) in relation to each associate—
      - (i) the required details, and
      - (ii) if a security declaration has effect in respect of an associate, a copy of that declaration.
- (4) For the purposes of paragraph 3(d), where an associate has more than one association with a person to whom this regulation applies in relation to the land, a person to whom this regulation applies is only required to provide the Keeper with the information mentioned in paragraph 3(d) once.
  - (5) Before providing any information under paragraph (3), the person must—
    - (a) take reasonable steps to verify the accuracy of the associate's required details with the associate, and
    - (b) inform the associate about—
      - (i) the timescales for responding (see regulation 15(2)),
      - (ii) the offences in this regulation for failure to comply,
      - (iii) the right to make a security declaration, and

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- (iv) the duty of an associate to notify the person about changes to the associate's required details.
- (6) Information provided under paragraph (3) must be in a notice in the specified form.
- (7) The notice must be given within the period of 60 days beginning with the day on which the associate becomes an associate of the person.
- (8) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this regulation commits an offence.
- (9) Without limiting paragraph (8), a person has a reasonable excuse in respect of a particular associate if—
  - (a) the person, having taken reasonable steps to do so, is unable—
    - (i) to establish that there any associates for the person, or
    - (ii) to obtain, or verify the accuracy of, the required details of the associate, and
  - (b) the person has given notice to that effect to the Keeper in the specified form.
- (10) A person who commits an offence under paragraph (8) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

#### Required details of an associate

- 11.—(1) For the purposes of these Regulations, the "required details" of an associate are—
  - (a) the information about the associate specified in paragraph (2), and
  - (b) in every case—
    - (i) the date on which the associate's association with the person who owns or tenants the land was formed, or
    - (ii) a statement that such date is not known.
- (2) The information referred to in paragraph (1)(a) is—
  - (a) in a case where the associate is an individual, the associate's—
    - (i) name,
    - (ii) contact address, and
    - (iii) day, month and year of birth,
    - (iv) if applicable, any unique reference number allocated to the associate by the Keeper under regulation 7,
  - (b) in a case where the associate is a non-natural person, other than a person of a type listed in schedule 2, the associate's—
    - (i) name,
    - (ii) if applicable, registered number,
    - (iii) the address of its registered office or, where it does not have such an office, an address at which it may be contacted,
    - (iv) if applicable, any unique reference number allocated to the associate by the Keeper under regulation 7, or
  - (c) in a case where the associate is a person of a type listed in schedule 2 (list of persons subject to other transparency regimes), the associate's—
    - (i) name,
    - (ii) if applicable, registered number,

- (iii) the address of its registered office or, where it does not have such an office, an address at which it may be contacted,
- (iv) if applicable, any unique reference number allocated to the associate by the Keeper under regulation 7,
- (v) the paragraph of schedule 2 that applies to the associate.

## Information about events affecting the RCI

- 12.—(1) If an event mentioned in column 1 of the following table occurs, the person mentioned in column 2 of that table for the event must give the Keeper notice, in the specified form, of—
  - (a) the event, and
  - (b) the information specified in column 3 in relation to the event.

Event	Person	Information to be given
(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
a recorded person becoming aware that a person notified under regulation 10(3) as being an associate ceases to be an associate	the recorded person	<ul> <li>(a) the recorded person's name and address,</li> <li>(b) the title number of the land, or where there is no title number, a description of the land that the recorded person owns or tenants which is sufficient for it to be identified,</li> <li>(c) the former associate's required details, and</li> <li>(d) the date (if known) on which the former associate ceased to be an associate</li> </ul>
a recorded person ceasing to be a person to whom regulation 10 applies	the recorded person	<ul> <li>(a) the person's name and address,</li> <li>(b) the title number of the land, or where there is no title number, a description of the land that the person owns or tenants which is sufficient for it to be identified,</li> <li>(c) the date on which regulation 10 ceased to apply to the person,</li> </ul>
a recorded person becoming aware that any other information notified by the person under regulation 10(3) has changed	the recorded person	<ul> <li>(a) the recorded person's name and address,</li> <li>(b) the title number of the land, or where there is no title number, a description of the land that the recorded person owns or tenants which is sufficient for it to be identified,</li> <li>(c) the change to the information, and</li> <li>(d) the date (if known) on which the change occurred.</li> </ul>

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- (2) The notice must be given—
  - (a) in a case where the associate has notified the recorded person of the event, as soon as practicable after receipt of the notification, or
  - (b) in any other case, within 60 days beginning with the date on which the event occurred.
- (3) Before giving notice under paragraph (2) the recorded person must take reasonable steps to verify the accuracy of the information to be given in the notice with the associate.
- (4) A person who is subject to a duty under this regulation commits an offence if the person, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this regulation.
- (5) Without limiting paragraph (4), a recorded person has a reasonable excuse in respect of a particular associate if—
  - (a) the recorded person, having taken reasonable steps to do so, is unable to verify the accuracy of the information to be given in the notice, and
  - (b) the recorded person has given notice to that effect to the Keeper in the specified form.
- (6) A person who commits an offence under paragraph (4) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

#### Notification of associates about registration

- **13.**—(1) This regulation applies if a person gives the Keeper a notice about an associate under regulation 10(3).
  - (2) The person must give notice of that fact to the associate in the specified form.
- (3) The notice must be given within the period of 7 days beginning on the day on which the notice was given under regulation 10(3).
- (4) For the purpose of this regulation, the form of notice specified by the Keeper under regulation 24(3) must—
  - (a) require the date that the notice under regulation 10(3) was given to be specified, and
  - (b) inform the associate about the effect of the following provisions—
    - (i) regulation 15(3) and (5) (the duty of associates to provide information upon request),
    - (ii) regulation 16 (the right to make a security declaration).
- (5) A person who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with this regulation commits an offence.
- (6) A person who commits an offence under paragraph (5) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.