



Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

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PART 2

PARTNERSHIPS

CHAPTER 1

LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS ETC.

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- (1) The Limited Partnerships Act 1907 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 3 (interpretation of terms), in subsection (1) (created by section 110 of this Act), at the appropriate place insert—
 - ““the register of limited partnerships” means the records kept by the registrar under section 1080 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to limited partnerships;”.
- (3) Omit sections 13 and 14.
- (4) For section 16 substitute—

“The register of limited partnerships

16 Inspection and copies of the register of limited partnerships

- (1) Any person may—

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- (a) inspect the register of limited partnerships;
 - (b) require a copy of any material on the register of limited partnerships that is available for inspection.
- (2) The right of inspection extends to the originals of documents delivered to the registrar in hard copy form if, and only if, the record kept by the registrar of the contents of the document is illegible or unavailable (see section 1083(1) of the Companies Act 2006 for provision about the retention of hard copies by the registrar).
- (3) The registrar may specify the form and manner in which an application is to be made for inspection or a copy.
- (4) The registrar may determine the form and manner in which the copies are to be provided.
- (5) Section 1091 of the Companies Act 2006 (certification of copies), and any regulations made under it, apply in relation to copies provided under this section as they apply in relation to the copies provided as mentioned in that section.
- (6) This section has effect subject to section 16A and 16B.”

137 Material not available for public inspection

- (1) After section 16 of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (inserted by section 136 of this Act) insert—

“16A Material not available for public inspection

- (1) The registrar must not make the following material available for public inspection, so far as it forms part of the register of limited partnerships—
- (a) any application or other document delivered to the registrar under section 8G, 8Q or 8W (changes of addresses by registrar) other than an order or direction of the court;
 - (b) so much of any document delivered to the registrar as is required to contain—
 - (i) a limited partnership’s registered email address,
 - (ii) the email address of the named contact for a general partner’s managing officer,
 - (iii) protected date of birth information, or
 - (iv) protected residential address information;
 - (c) so much of any statement delivered to the registrar under any of the following provisions as is required to confirm that an individual is an individual whose identity is verified (within the meaning of section 1110A of the Companies Act 2006)—
 - section 8A(1F)(b);
 - section 8L(3)(a) or (b);
 - section 8R(7)(b);
 - (d) any statement delivered to the registrar by virtue of section 33(3) (documents to be delivered by authorised corporate service providers);

- (e) any statement or other document delivered to the registrar by virtue of section 1067A of the Companies Act 2006 (delivery of documents: identity verification and authorised corporate service providers);
 - (f) any statement made in accordance with regulations made by virtue of section 1082(2)(c) of the Companies Act 2006 (statement of unique identifier);
 - (g) any document provided to the registrar under section 1092A of the Companies Act 2006 (power to require further information);
 - (h) any record of the information contained in a document or part of a document that is unavailable because of any of the previous paragraphs of this subsection;
 - (i) any e-mail address, identification code or password deriving from a document delivered for the purpose of authorising or facilitating electronic filing procedures or providing information by telephone;
 - (j) any other material excluded from public inspection by or under any other enactment.
- (2) The registrar need not retain material to which subsection (1) applies for longer than appears to the registrar reasonably necessary for the purposes for which the material was delivered to the registrar.
- (3) In this section—
- “protected date of birth information” means information as to the day of the month (but not the month or year) on which—
 - (a) a partner was born, or
 - (b) a general partner’s registered officer was born;
 - “protected residential address information” means information as to the usual residential address of—
 - (a) a partner,
 - (b) a general partner’s registered officer, or
 - (c) the named contact for a general partner’s managing officer.
- (4) Information about a partner, registered officer or named contact does not cease to be protected date of birth information or protected residential address information when they cease to be a partner, registered officer or named contact.
- (5) The restrictions on making information available for public inspection imposed by subsection (1)(h) and (i) do not affect the availability for public inspection of the same information contained in material derived from another description of document (or part of a document) in relation to which the relevant restriction does not apply.
- (6) In this section “registered officer” and “named contact” have the meanings given by section 8K(4) and (5).”
- (2) In section 1083 of the Companies Act 2006 (preservation of original documents), in subsection (1), for the second sentence substitute—
- “This is subject to—
- (a) section 1087(3) (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection);

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- (b) section 16A(2) of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection);
- (c) section 22(5) of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 (extent of obligation to retain material not available for public inspection).”

138 Records relating to dissolved or deregistered limited partnerships

After section 16A of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (inserted by section 137 of this Act) insert—

“16B Records relating to dissolved or deregistered limited partnerships

- (1) This section applies where a limited partnership is dissolved or deregistered under section 26.
- (2) The registrar need not make any information contained in records relating to the limited partnership available for public inspection at any time after the end of the period of 20 years beginning with the date on which the limited partnership is dissolved or deregistered.
- (3) The registrar of companies for England and Wales may, at any time after the period of two years beginning with the date on which the limited partnership is dissolved or deregistered, direct that any records relating to the limited partnership that are held by the registrar are to be removed to the Public Record Office.
- (4) The registrar of companies for Northern Ireland may, at any time after the period of two years beginning with the date on which the limited partnership is dissolved or deregistered, direct that any records relating to the limited partnership that are held by the registrar are to be removed to the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.
- (5) Records in respect of which a direction is given under subsection (3) or (4) are to be disposed of under the enactments relating to the Public Record Office or, as the case may be, the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.”