
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 594

COMPANIES

The Companies (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

Made - - - - *5th March 1996*

Coming into force - - *1st April 1996*

The Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 224(2), 225(1) and (2), 701 and 744 of the Companies Act 1985(1) and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st April 1996.

(2) In these Regulations—

“the 1985 Act” means the Companies Act 1985; and

“the 1990 Regulations” means the Companies (Forms) (Amendment) Regulations 1990(2).

2. With effect from 1st April 1996, form 225 in the Schedule to these Regulations, with such variations as circumstances require, is the form prescribed for the purposes of section 225 of the 1985 Act, including that section as applied by section 701 of the 1985 Act.

3.—(1) With effect from 1st April 1996, forms 225(1), 225(2), 701b and 701c in Schedule 2 to the 1990 Regulations are revoked, save that those forms may be used until 1st April 1997 for those purposes of section 225 of the 1985 Act (including that section as applied by section 701) which correspond to the purposes for which the forms were originally prescribed.

(2) With effect from 1st January 1997, forms 224 and 701a in Schedule 2 to the 1990 Regulations are revoked.

(1) 1985 c. 6. Sections 224 and 225 were substituted by section 3 of the Companies Act 1989 (c. 40) and prospectively amended by regulations 2 and 3 of S.I. 1996/189. Section 701 was substituted by section 23 of, and paragraph 13 of Schedule 10 to, the Companies Act 1989. See the definition of “prescribed” in section 744 of the Companies Act 1985.

(2) S.I. 1990/572.

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225**Change of accounting reference date****Company Number**

Company Name In Full

NOTES

You may use this form to change the accounting date relating to either the current or the immediately previous accounting period.

- a. You **may not** change a period for which the accounts are already overdue.
- b. You **may not** extend a period beyond 18 months unless the company is subject to an administration order.
- c. You **may not** extend periods more than once in five years unless:
1. the company is subject to an administration order, or
 2. you have the specific approval of the Secretary of State, (please enclose a copy), or
 3. you are extending the company's accounting reference period to align with that of a parent or subsidiary undertaking established in the European Economic Area.
 4. the form is being submitted by an overseas company.

The accounting reference period ending

Day Month Year

is shortened/extended[†] so as to end on

Day Month Year

Subsequent periods will end on the same day and month in future years.

If extending more than once in five years, please indicate in the box the number of the provision listed in note c. on which you are relying.

Signed

Date

[†] Please delete as appropriate

Please give the name, address, telephone number, and if available, a DX number and Exchange, for the person Companies House should contact if there is any query

[†] a director / secretary / administrator / administrative receiver / receiver and manager / receiver (Scotland) / person authorised on behalf of an overseas company

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When you have completed and signed the form please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF4 3UZ DX 33050 Cardiff
for companies registered in England and Wales

or

Companies House, 37 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2EB
for companies registered in Scotland **DX 235 Edinburgh**

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe a new form 225 to be used by companies (including certain overseas companies) in order to change their accounting reference date under section 225 of the Companies Act 1985. The new form reflects amendments to section 225 to be made by regulation 3 of the Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996, and will take effect on 1st April 1996, the date on which those amendments come into force.

The Regulations revoke existing forms 225(1), 225(2), 701b and 701c with effect from 1st April 1996. Those forms will be replaced by new form 225. There is, however, a transitional provision permitting the existing forms to be used until 1st April 1997 in certain circumstances.

The Regulations revoke existing forms 224 and 701a with effect from 1st January 1997, after which they become obsolete due to amendments to section 224 of the Companies Act 1985 to be made by regulation 2 of the Companies Act 1985 (Miscellaneous Accounting Amendments) Regulations 1996.