



Companies Act 2006

2006 CHAPTER 46

PART 5

A COMPANY'S NAME

CHAPTER 1

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

^{F1}Prohibitions where a company has been required to change a name

Textual Amendments

- F1** [S. 57B and cross-heading](#) inserted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by [Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 \(c. 56\)](#), [ss. 11\(2\)](#), [219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#); [S.I. 2024/269](#), [reg. 2\(g\)](#)

57B Prohibition on re-registering name following direction

- (1) Where a company's name has at any time been changed following a direction under section 67, 75, 76, 76A or 76B, or an order under section 73, the company must not subsequently be registered under this Act by the original name or a name that is similar to it.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not prevent the registration of the company by any name approved by the Secretary of State.
- (3) In subsection (1)—
 - (a) the reference to the name of a company being changed following a direction under a particular section includes a case where a new name is determined for the company under section 76D because of its failure to comply with the direction;

Changes to legislation: Companies Act 2006, Cross Heading: Prohibitions where a company has been required to change a name is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 24 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (b) the reference to the name of a company being changed following an order under section 73 includes a case where a new name is determined for the company under section 73(4) because of its failure to comply with an order.]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 57B, 57C applied (with modifications) (4.3.2024) by S.I. 2009/1804, **reg. 9B** (as inserted by The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2024 (S.I. 2024/234), regs. 1(2), 8; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(a)**)

[^{F2}57C **Name that another company has been directed to change**

- (1) Where a company has at any time been directed under section 67, 75, 76, 76A or 76B, or ordered under section 73, to change its name, no other company may be registered under this Act by that name or a name that is similar if—
- (a) that company is an existing company and there is a person who has, or has had, a relevant relationship with both companies, or
 - (b) an application has been made for the registration of that company and, if it is registered, there will on its incorporation be a person who has, or has had, a relevant relationship with both companies.
- (2) But subsection (1) does not prevent the registration of the company by any name approved by the Secretary of State.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1) it is irrelevant whether the person has, or has had, a relevant relationship with both companies at the same time.
- (4) For the purposes of this section a person has a “relevant relationship” with a company if the person is—
- (a) an officer, or
 - (b) a member or former member.
- (5) In subsection (1)—
- (a) the reference to the name of a company being changed following a direction under a particular section includes a case where a new name is determined for the company under section 76D because of its failure to comply with the direction;
 - (b) the reference to the name of a company being changed following an order under section 73 includes a case where a new name is determined for the company under section 73(4) because of its failure to comply with an order.]

Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 57C inserted (26.10.2023 for specified purposes, 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force) by Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (c. 56), **ss. 12(2), 219(1)(2)(b)**; S.I. 2024/269, **reg. 2(h)**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 11(1) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 9\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)
- Act amendment to earlier affecting provision S.I. 2008/373 reg. 3(4) by [S.I. 2013/1971 reg. 4](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Amending Regulations revoked (1.10.2013) without ever being in force by S.I. 2013/2224, reg. 2)

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 479A(2)(c)(zi) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 4\(b\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 4 substituted by regs. 4, 4A immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2019/1392, regs. 1(2), 4)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(m) inserted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 30 para. 30](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 25(j) omitted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 21 para. 10](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 28 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 29 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Sch. 2 Pt. 2 Section (A) para. 36 words substituted by [2024 c. 13 Sch. 18 para. 9\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 10 para. 6(2D) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 28\(e\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 28(e) omitted immediately before IP completion day by virtue of S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(e)(iv))
- Sch. 10 para. 7(2A) inserted by [S.I. 2019/177 reg. 29\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Reg. 29 substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/523, regs. 1(2), 14(f))