

Directive (EU) 2017/1132 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2017 relating to certain aspects of company law (codification) (Text with EEA relevance)

TITLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONING OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES

CHAPTER III

Disclosure and interconnection of central, commercial and companies registers

Section 3

Disclosure rules applicable to branches of companies from third countries

Article 36

Disclosure of documents and particulars relating to a branch

1 Documents and particulars concerning a branch opened in a Member State by a company which is not governed by the law of a Member State but which is of a legal form comparable with the types of company listed in Annex II, shall be disclosed in accordance with the law of the Member State of the branch as laid down in Article 16.

2 Article 29(2) shall apply.

Article 37

Compulsory documents and particulars to be disclosed

The compulsory disclosure provided for in Article 36 shall cover at least the following documents and particulars:

- (a) the address of the branch;
- (b) the activities of the branch;
- (c) the law of the State by which the company is governed;
- (d) where that law so provides, the register in which the company is entered and the registration number of the company in that register;
- (e) the instruments of constitution, and memorandum and articles of association if they are contained in a separate instrument, with all amendments to those documents;
- (f) the legal form of the company, its principal place of business and its object and, at least annually, the amount of subscribed capital if those particulars are not given in the documents referred to in point (e);

- (g) the name of the company and the name of the branch if that is different from the name of the company;
- (h) the appointment, termination of office and particulars of the persons who are authorised to represent the company in dealings with third parties and in legal proceedings:
 - as a company organ constituted pursuant to law or as members of any such organ,
 - as permanent representatives of the company for the activities of the branch.The extent of the powers of the persons authorised to represent the company shall be stated, as well as whether those persons may represent the company alone or are required to act jointly;
- (i)
 - the winding-up of the company and the appointment of liquidators, particulars concerning them and their powers and the termination of the liquidation,
 - insolvency proceedings, arrangements, compositions or any analogous proceedings to which the company is subject;
- (j) the accounting documents in accordance with Article 38;
- (k) the closure of the branch.

Article 38

Limits of compulsory disclosure of accounting documents

1 The compulsory disclosure provided for by Article 37(j) shall apply to the accounting documents of the company as drawn up, audited and disclosed pursuant to the law of the State which governs the company. Where they are not drawn up in accordance with or in a manner equivalent to Directive 2013/34/EU, Member States may require that accounting documents relating to the activities of the branch be drawn up and disclosed.

2 Articles 32 and 33 shall apply.

Article 39

Information on letters and order forms

Member States shall prescribe that letters and order forms used by a branch state the register in which the file in respect of the branch is kept together with the number of the branch in that register. Where the law of the State by which the company is governed requires entry in a register, the register in which the company is entered, and the registration number of the company in that register shall also be stated.