

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 II

**MERGERS AND DIVISIONS OF LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES**

CHAPTER I

*Mergers of public limited liability companies*

Section 4

*Acquisition of one company by another which holds 90 % or more of its shares*

Article 110

**Transfer of all assets and liabilities by one or more companies to another company which is the holder of all their shares**

Member States shall make provision, in respect of companies governed by their laws, for the operation whereby one or more companies are wound up without going into liquidation and transfer all their assets and liabilities to another company which is the holder of all their shares and other securities conferring the right to vote at general meetings. Such operations shall be regulated by the provisions of Section 2 of this Chapter. However, Member States shall not impose the requirements set out in points (b), (c) and (d) of Article 91(2), Articles 95 and 96, points (d) and (e) of Article 97(1), point (b) of Article 105(1) and Articles 106 and 107.

Article 111

**Exemption from the requirement of approval by the general meeting**

Member States shall not apply Article 93 to the operations referred to in Article 110 if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the publication provided for in Article 92 is effected, as regards each company involved in the operation, at least one month before the operation takes effect;
- (b) at least one month before the operation takes effect, all shareholders of the acquiring company are entitled to inspect the documents referred to in points (a), (b) and (c) of Article 97(1) at the company's registered office;
- (c) point (c) of the first paragraph of Article 94 applies.

For the purposes of point (b) of the first paragraph of this Article, Article 97(2), (3) and (4) shall apply.

### *Article 112*

#### **Shares held by or on behalf of the acquiring company**

The Member States may apply Articles 110 and 111 to operations whereby one or more companies are wound up without going into liquidation and transfer all their assets and liabilities to another company, if all the shares and other securities specified in Article 110 of the company or companies being acquired are held by the acquiring company and/or by persons holding those shares and securities in their own names but on behalf of that company.

### *Article 113*

#### **Merger by acquisition by a company which holds 90 % or more of the shares of a company being acquired**

Where a merger by acquisition is carried out by a company which holds 90 % or more, but not all, of the shares and other securities conferring the right to vote at general meetings of the company or companies being acquired, Member States shall not require approval of the merger by the general meeting of the acquiring company if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the publication provided for in Article 92 is effected, as regards the acquiring company, at least one month before the date fixed for the general meeting of the company or companies being acquired which is to decide on the draft terms of merger;
- (b) at least one month before the date specified in point (a), all shareholders of the acquiring company are entitled to inspect the documents specified in points (a) and (b) and, where applicable, points (c), (d) and (e) of Article 97(1) at the company's registered office;
- (c) point (c) of the first paragraph of Article 94 applies.

For the purposes of point (b) of the first paragraph of this Article, Article 97(2), (3) and (4) shall apply.

### *Article 114*

#### **Exemption from requirements applicable to mergers by acquisition**

Member States shall not impose the requirements set out in Articles 95, 96 and 97 in the case of a merger within the meaning of Article 113 if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- (a) the minority shareholders of the company being acquired are entitled to have their shares acquired by the acquiring company;
- (b) if they exercise that right, they are entitled to receive consideration corresponding to the value of their shares;
- (c) in the event of disagreement regarding such consideration, it is possible for the value of the consideration to be determined by a court or by an administrative authority designated by the Member State for that purpose.

A Member State need not apply the first paragraph if the laws of that Member State entitle the acquiring company, without a previous public takeover offer, to require all the holders of the remaining securities of the company or companies to be acquired, to sell those securities to it prior to the merger at a fair price.

*Article 115*

**Transfer of all assets and liabilities by one or more companies to another company which is the holder of 90 % or more of their shares**

The Member States may apply Articles 113 and 114 to operations whereby one or more companies are wound up without going into liquidation and transfer all their assets and liabilities to another company, if 90 % or more, but not all, of the shares and other securities referred to in Article 113 of the company or companies being acquired are held by that acquiring company and/or by persons holding those shares and securities in their own names but on behalf of that company.