

Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001 of 8 October  
2001 on the Statute for a European company (SE)

TITLE II

**FORMATION**

Section 1

**General**

*Article 16*

1 An SE shall acquire legal personality on the date on which it is registered in the register referred to in Article 12.

2 If acts have been performed in an SE's name before its registration in accordance with Article 12 and the SE does not assume the obligations arising out of such acts after its registration, the natural persons, companies, firms or other legal entities which performed those acts shall be jointly and severally liable therefor, without limit, in the absence of agreement to the contrary.

**Changes to legislation:**

There are outstanding changes not yet made to Council Regulation (EC) No 2157/2001. Any changes that have already been made to the legislation appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- Art. 14-37 omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 109](#)

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole legislation item and associated provisions**

- Title 3 heading words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 110](#)
- Signature words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 138](#)
- Art. AA1(1) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1298, reg. 97 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 4\(a\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. AA1(2) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1298, reg. 97 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 4\(a\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. AA1(5) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1298, reg. 97 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 4\(a\)\(ii\)\(cc\)](#)
- Art. A1 words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2018/1298, reg. 97 by [S.I. 2020/523 reg. 4\(a\)\(i\)](#)
- Art. 000A1-AAA1 inserted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 97](#)
- Annex 1 omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 139](#)
- Annex 2 omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 139](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c)(i) substituted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 104\(a\)\(ii\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c)(iii) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 104\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c)(ii) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 104\(a\)\(iii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 9(1)(c)(ii) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 104\(a\)\(iii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 40(2)(a)-(c) Art. 40(2)(a)-(c) substituted for words by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 113\(b\)](#)
- Art. 43(2)(a)(b) Art. 43(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 115\(b\)\(iv\)](#)
- Art. 43(3)(a)-(c) Art. 43(3)(a)(b) substituted for words by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 115\(c\)](#)
- Art. 47(2)(a) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 117\(b\)\(ii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 47(2)(a) words substituted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 117\(b\)\(ii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 47(2)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 117\(b\)\(iii\)\(aa\)](#)
- Art. 47(2)(b) words omitted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 117\(b\)\(iii\)\(bb\)](#)
- Art. 52(b) substituted by [S.I. 2018/1298 reg. 122\(a\)](#)