

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

TITLE II

**FORMATION**

Section 2

**Formation by merger**

*Article 26*

1 The legality of a merger shall be scrutinised, as regards the part of the procedure concerning the completion of the merger and the formation of the SE, by the court, notary or other authority competent in the Member State of the proposed registered office of the SE to scrutinise that aspect of the legality of mergers of public limited-liability companies.

2 To that end each merging company shall submit to the competent authority the certificate referred to in Article 25(2) within six months of its issue together with a copy of the draft terms of merger approved by that company.

3 The authority referred to in paragraph 1 shall in particular ensure that the merging companies have approved draft terms of merger in the same terms and that arrangements for employee involvement have been determined pursuant to Directive 2001/86/EC.

4 That authority shall also satisfy itself that the SE has been formed in accordance with the requirements of the law of the Member State in which it has its registered office in accordance with Article 15.

**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\(a\)](#)