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Turasóireachta agus Fostaíochta
Department of Enterprise,
Tourism and Employment

Public Consultation on proposed changes to the Companies Act 2014 and related legislation

Response Template

As set out in the Public Consultation paper, the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment is seeking the views of stakeholders and interested parties on proposed changes to the Companies Act 2014 (“the 2014 Act’), in relation to access to the residential addresses of company officers and with similar changes to be reflected in the drafting of the Co-Operative Societies Bill and the Registration of Limited Partnership and Business Names Bill.

Please include your response in the space underneath each question and set out/ explain your views. Completing the template will assist with achieving a consistent approach in responses returned and facilitate collation of responses.

Respondents have the opportunity to comment more generally in the questions at the end of each section should they wish.

When responding please indicate whether you are providing views as an individual or representing the views of an organisation.

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Respondents are requested to return their completed templates by email to companylawconsultation@enterprise.gov.ie by **5pm on Friday, 19th December 2025**.

Section A: Proposed amendments to the Companies Act 2014

Implications of the proposed changes for information maintained by companies:

Question A1:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the maintenance by companies of address details of relevant officers?

Response:

How do we link these address exemptions to the internal register of beneficial owners that is held, albeit separate covers it, noting that the individuals on the register of directors may be similar to those on the internal register of beneficial owners.

Will there be two separate forms provided from the CRO re: entry of usual address and entry of contact address and similarly when these addresses are changed.

Letterheads and business letters require the residential country of any director that is not resident in Ireland to be in brackets after their name. Will this change noting that they do not need to disclose their residential address to the public. If it is will it be the 'usual' or 'contact' address to be considered as country.

Suspect PO box addresses will not be applicable to the addresses.

Implications of the proposed changes for filing with the Companies Registration Office:

Question A2:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the filing with, and maintenance by, the Companies Registration Office of address details of relevant officers?

Response:

Misunderstanding around the previously successful applicants in the form T1 application. This should be made clearer on what is expected for these individuals.

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How do we then identify who is the EEA resident director and if this obligation has been fulfilled when doing due diligence on a company where we can only access public information in the first parts of information gathering.

Restricted access to the “usual residential address”:

Question A3:

Do you have any views on the proposed list of entities that may be granted access to the “usual residential address” of relevant officers?

Response:

No

Question A4:

Are there any other comments you wish to make on the proposed approach to dealing with the “usual residential address” of relevant officers?

Response:

Yes - How do we link these address exemptions to the internal register of beneficial owners that is held, albeit separate covers it, noting that the individuals on the register of directors may be similar to those on the internal register of beneficial owners. What address do we utilise – the usual or the contact, where it is an SMO/ officer.

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Section B: Proposed changes to the Co-operative Societies Bill:

Implications for information retained by a Co-operative Society:

Question B1:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the maintenance by co-operative societies of address details of relevant officers?

Response:

How do we link these address exemptions to the internal register of beneficial owners that is held, albeit separate covers it, noting that the individuals on the register of directors may be similar to those on the internal register of beneficial owners. What address do we utilise – the usual or the contact, where it is an SMO/ officer.

Will there be two separate forms provided from the CRO re: entry of usual address and entry of contact address and similarly when these addresses are changed.

Implications of the proposed changes for information maintained by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies:

Question B2:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the filing with, and maintenance by, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies of address details of relevant officers of co-operative societies?

Response:

Will there be a requirement to have separate page entries on the register of directors to have a section for 'usual' address and 'contact' address to avoid the human error of releasing the incorrect information when requested for a copy of the register of directors. Or will there be separate books to complete.

Restricted access to the “usual residential address”:

Question B3:

Do you have any views on the proposed list of entities that may be granted access to the “usual residential address” of relevant officers of co-operative societies?

Response:

No

Question B4:

Are there any other comments you wish to make on the proposed approach to dealing with the “usual residential address” of relevant officers of co-operative societies?

Response:

Not outside the main ones mentioned in response to Question A

Section C: Changes to the Registration of Limited Partnerships and Business Names Bill:

Implications for information retained by the LP:

Question C1:

In relation to the implications for Limited Partnerships, do you have any comments on the proposals?

Response:

No

Implications of the proposed changes for information on LPs maintained by the Registrar of Companies:

Question C2:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the filing with, and maintenance by, the Registrar of Companies of address details of a partner in a Limited Partnership?

Response:

No

Implications of the proposed changes for information on Register of Business names maintained by the Registrar of Companies:

Question C3:

Do you have any views on the intended approach relating to the filing with, and maintenance by, the Registrar of Companies of address details of a person registering a business name?

Response:

No

Restricted access to the “usual residential address” for an LP and a registered business name:

Question C4:

Do you have any views on the proposed list of entities that may be granted access to the “usual residential address” of a partner of a Limited Partnership or a registered business name applicant?

Response:

No

Question C5:

Are there any other comments you wish to make on the proposed approach to dealing with the “usual residential address” of a partner of a Limited Partnership or a registered business name applicant?

Response:

No

Freedom of Information Act 2014 and Publication of Submissions

Your attention is drawn to the fact that information provided by you in submissions is subject to release by the Department under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. In responding to

this public consultation, all individuals and organisations should clearly indicate where their submission contains personal information, commercially sensitive information, or confidential information which they would not wish to be made publicly available by being published on the Department's website or released by the Department pursuant to the receipt of an FOI Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2014.

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