

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Bill

AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN GRAND COMMITTEE

[Supplementary to the Marshalled List]

After Clause 155

LORD VAUX OF HARROWDEN

Insert the following new Clause—

“Updating register of overseas entities

In section 7 of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022, after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A registered overseas entity must, as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event within 14 days of becoming aware of any change, deliver to the registrar details of any change to the information that has been previously provided to the registrar in accordance with section 4 or, if information has been previously delivered to the registrar under this section, any change to the latest information provided under this section, including the date such change occurred.””

Member’s explanatory statement

The Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022 only obliges an entity to update the information on the register annually. This amendment introduces a requirement that changes should be notified within 14 days of the entity becoming aware of any change, which would bring it into line with the obligations that UK companies have to notify changes of Persons with Significant Control under the Companies Act 2006.

Insert the following new Clause—

“Updating register of overseas entities before undertaking a property transaction

In section 7 of the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022, after subsection (10) insert—

“(10A) A registered overseas entity must deliver to the registrar the information required in accordance with subsection (1) no more than 14 days prior to entering into an agreement to acquire or dispose of any property in the United Kingdom, and may not enter into an agreement to acquire or dispose of property in the United Kingdom until such information has been delivered.””

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment addresses the issue that a person buying a property from, or selling a property to, a registered entity might not be able to register that transaction if the registered entity is in breach of its reporting requirements, by ensuring that the information held must be updated prior to any property transaction being agreed to. This amendment works in conjunction with the other amendment in the name of Lord Vaux of Harrowden after Clause 155 to allow the reporting of changes to the registered information to be updated within 14 days, rather than just annually.

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