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Dear Liam,

The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2025

The Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Annotations, Application and Modification of Company Law and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025

The above Statutory Instruments have been laid before Parliament today. These instruments will commence important changes for Companies House, notably identity verification. Together, these instruments form an integral part of the Government's ongoing programme to enhance transparency, improve the reliability of company data, and strengthen the integrity of the register for all users. These Statutory Instruments are as follows:

The Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (Commencement No. 6 and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2025

These regulations will commence provisions in the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (ECCTA) requiring company directors and People with Significant Control (PSCs) to verify their identities. Within these regulations are transitional measures setting out when directors and PSCs must verify their identities to ensure not just new, but all existing directors and PSCs already on the register have their identities verified within 12 months, from 18 November 2025 when the legislation is due to commence. These regulations also commence the ECCTA provisions which remove the requirement for companies to hold director, secretary and PSC information on their own local registers. This information will instead be held centrally at Companies House.

The Companies and Limited Liability Partnerships (Annotations, Application and Modification of Company Law and Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2025

These regulations will enable the Registrar to annotate the register to confirm that a company's director or PSC has had their identity verified. This instrument also extends annotation powers and duties to unregistered companies and makes amendments to

various pieces of secondary legislation, including to make changes resulting from the introduction of ECCTA. The purpose of these new regulations is to enhance the transparency and clarity of register information for users.

The above regulations will enhance the reliability of company information, strengthen protections against fraud and criminal activity and promote a transparent and trusted business environment.

If you have questions on any of the points in his letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Blair McDougall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Blair" and last name "McDougall" clearly distinguishable.

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