STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 49

COMPANIES

LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIP

The Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2025

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1(3).

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 7A(1)(a) of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907(**a**), section 15(a) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000(**b**), sections 1042(1)(b) and 1043(2) of the Companies Act 2006(**c**) and section 153(1)(c) of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023(**d**).

In accordance with sections 7A(5) and 38(3) of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907, section 17(4) and (5)(b) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000, sections 1290 and 1292(4) of the Companies Act 2006 and section 217(5)(c) of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, a draft of these Regulations has been laid before Parliament and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

Citation, extent and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Unique Identifiers (Application of Company Law) Regulations 2025.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

(3) These Regulations come into force when section 68 of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023(**e**) (allocation of unique identifiers) comes fully into force.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations, "2006 Act" means the Companies Act 2006(**f**).

(**a**) 1907 c. 24. Section 7A was inserted by section 149 of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (c. 56).
(**b**) 2000 c. 12.
(**c**) 2006 c. 46.
(**d**) 2023 c. 56.
(**e**) 2023 c. 56.
(**f**) 2006 c. 46.

Unique identifiers for use in relation to limited partnerships

3.—(1) Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations (unique identifiers) apply in relation to the register of limited partnerships and dealings with the registrar of limited partnerships(**a**).

(2) In this regulation—

"1907 Act" means the Limited Partnerships Act 1907(**b**);

"2025 Regulations" means the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025(**c**);

"the register of limited partnerships" has the meaning given by section 3(1) of the 1907 Act(**d**).

Amendments to the Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009

4.—(1) The Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009(**e**) are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 64 (annotation and unique identifiers), for section 1082 of the 2006 Act, as applied to limited liability partnerships by that regulation, substitute—

"1082. Allocation of unique identifiers

(1) Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations (unique identifiers) apply in relation to the register and dealings with the registrar.

(2) In this section—

"2025 Regulations" means the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/[xxx]);

"the register" has the meaning given by regulation 63A of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1804);

"the registrar" has the meaning given by section 18 of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12).".

(3) In regulation 79A (business names)—

(a) in section 1198A(2)(c) of the 2006 Act, as applied to limited liability partnerships by that regulation, for "regulation 47" substitute "regulation 46";

(b) in section 1198B(2)(c) of the 2006 Act, as applied to limited liability partnerships by that regulation, for "regulation 47" substitute "regulation 46".

Unique identifiers for use in relation to companies authorised to register

5. After regulation 12 of the Companies (Companies Authorised to Register) Regulations 2009(**f**) (issue of certificate of incorporation) insert—

(**a**) Section 15(1) of the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 provides that the registrar of companies is the registrar of limited partnerships.
(**b**) 1907 c. 24.
(**c**) S.I. 2025/[xxx].
(**d**) Section 3 was amended by section 136(2) of the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023.
(**e**) S.I. 2009/1804, amended by S.I. 2013/618, S.I. 2024/54 and S.I. 2024/234.
(**f**) S.I. 2009/2437.

"Allocation of unique identifiers

12A.—(1) Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations (unique identifiers) apply in relation to registration of a company.

(2) In this regulation, "2025 Regulations" means the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/[xxx]).".

Unique identifiers for use in relation to unregistered companies

6. In paragraph 20 of Schedule 1 to the Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009(**a**) (provisions of the Companies Acts applying to unregistered companies)—

(a) after sub-paragraph (1)(a) insert—

"(aa) section 1082 (allocation of unique identifiers);";

(b) after sub-paragraph (1) insert—

"(1A) For section 1082 as it applies to unregistered companies substitute—

"1082. Allocation of unique identifiers

(1) Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations (unique identifiers) apply in relation to the register and dealings with the registrar.

(2) In this section—

"2009 Regulations" means the Unregistered Companies Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/2436);

"2025 Regulations" means the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/[xxx]);

"the register" has the meaning given by section 1080(2) of the Companies Act 2006 (the register) as applied to unregistered companies by paragraph 20(1)(a) of Schedule 1 to the 2009 Regulations (provisions of the Companies Acts applying to unregistered companies);

"the registrar" has the meaning given by section 1060(1) and (2) of the Companies Act 2006 (the registrar) as applied to unregistered companies by paragraph 17(2)(a) of Schedule 1 to the 2009 Regulations (provisions of the Companies Acts applying to unregistered companies).".".

Unique identifiers for use in relation to qualifying Scottish partnerships

7. After regulation 59 of the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017(**b**), insert—

"59A. Section 1082 of the Companies Act 2006 (allocation of unique identifiers) applies in relation to Scottish qualifying partnerships modified so that it reads as follows—

(**a**) S.I. 2009/2436, amended by S.I. 2019/1511 and S.I. 2024/410.
(**b**) S.I. 2017/694.

"1082. Allocation of unique identifiers

(1) Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations (unique identifiers) apply in relation to the register and dealings with the registrar relating to Scottish qualifying partnerships.

(2) In this section—

"2017 Regulations" means the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/694);

"2025 Regulations" means the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/[xxx]);

"the register" has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the 2017 Regulations;

"the registrar" has the meaning given by regulation 2 of the 2017 Regulations;

"Scottish qualifying partnership" has the meaning given by regulation 3(2)(b) of the 2017 Regulations.".".

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20th January 2025

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision about the application of section 1082 of the Companies Act 2006 (c. 46) (allocation of unique identifiers) ("the Act") to other business entities.

Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the Registrar (Identity Verification and Authorised Corporate Service Providers) Regulations 2025 (S.I. 2025/[xxx]) (the "2025 Regulations") make provision about the use of reference numbers ("unique identifiers") to identify each person who is an authorised corporate service provider (as defined in section 1098A of the Act) or whose identity is verified (as defined in section 1110A(1) of the Act).

These Regulations apply Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 4 of the 2025 Regulations in relation to limited partnerships (formed under the Limited Partnerships Act 1907 (c. 24)), limited liability partnerships (as defined by section 1(2) of the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000 (c. 12)), companies authorised to register (see section 1040 of the Act), unregistered companies (see section 1043 of the Act) and Scottish qualifying partnerships (as defined by regulation 3(2)(b) of the Scottish Partnerships (Register of People with Significant Control) Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/694)). They give the registrar powers to allocate and use unique identifiers for these purposes.

Regulation 4(3) corrects a drafting error in regulation 79A of the Limited Liability Partnerships (Application of Companies Act 2006) Regulations 2009 (S.I. 2009/1804).

A full Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

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