



Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 56

PART 1

COMPANIES ETC

Company names

8 Names for criminal purposes

(1) The Companies Act 2006 is amended as follows.

(2) After section 53 insert—

“53A Names for criminal purposes

A company must not be registered under this Act by a name if, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, the registration of the company by that name is intended to facilitate—

- (a) the commission of an offence involving dishonesty or deception, or
- (b) the carrying out of conduct that, if carried out in any part of the United Kingdom, would amount to such an offence.”

(3) In section 1047 (registered name of overseas company), in subsection (4), after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) section 53A (names for criminal purposes);”.

Commencement Information

11 S. 8 in force at Royal Assent for specified purposes, see [s. 219\(1\)\(2\)\(b\)](#)

12 S. 8 in force at 4.3.2024 in so far as not already in force by [S.I. 2024/269, reg. 2\(d\)](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023, Section 8.