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New Act on the Commercial Register

Act No. 29/2026 Coll. on the Commercial Register (hereinafter the “Act”), effective as of 17 August 2026, replaces the previous legal regulation dispersed across several legal acts and introduces a number of new measures, a concise summary of which is set out below.

Strengthening publicity and trust in Commercial Register data

Registered data and documents deposited in the collection of documents will be publicly and freely accessible through a dedicated portal. **Published data will not have to be proven before public authorities or in commercial dealings.**

Automatic takeover of data from public registers

The Commercial Register will automatically take over data from reference and source registers of public administration, which currently include the Register of Addresses, the Register of Natural Persons, the Register of Legal Entities, Entrepreneurs and Public Authorities, and the Register of Public Sector Partners. **It will therefore no longer be necessary to file applications with the Commercial Register for the registration of data that the State already records in other information systems.**

Registrar

Certain acts within registration proceedings may, in addition to registration courts, newly be performed by a registrar, who is a notary. However, the registrar will not be authorised to register entries, changes to entries or deletions of data

from the Commercial Register, for example in relation to transformations, foreign transformations and cross-border changes of legal form. **Nor may the registrar carry out a registration where the registrar prepared the registration documents for the person being registered or for a person whose data is proposed to be registered in the Commercial Register, such as a notarial deed on the incorporation of a company.**

Register of Reserved Business Names

Any person having a legal interest will be able, after payment of a court fee of EUR 50, to reserve the business name of a company or cooperative in the Register of Reserved Business Names (the “Register”) before filing an application for the registration of the business name in the competent Commercial Register. The Register will be publicly accessible on the dedicated portal of the District Court Žilina. The reservation will be valid for 60 days and, during its term, it will not be possible to reserve or register an identical business name for another entity.

Note

The purpose of the new legal institute of a note, following the model of a seal in the real estate cadastre, is to record significant facts in relation to a registered person which, on the basis of an issued decision, such as a decision under the Act on the Criminal Liability of Legal Persons, or a notification, constitute an obstacle to the registration of the data to be registered concerning that registered person.

Representation in registration proceedings

The Act expressly limits the range of persons authorised

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to represent applicants in registration proceedings to an attorney-at-law, a notary or an employee of the applicant. This measure responds to the long-standing practice of unqualified provision of services in connection with the incorporation of, and changes to, companies.

Amendment to the Commercial Code

Through an amendment to the Commercial Code, the Act introduces several obligations concerning the preparation of corporate documents of a company, including, for example:

- ▶ the obligation to execute every founding document of a company, or an agreement on the transfer of an ownership interest in a limited liability company ("s.r.o."), in the form of a notarial deed or in the form of a document authorised by an attorney-at-law;
- ▶ the course of a General Meeting at which the appointment or recall of Managing Directors is resolved must be certified by a notarial deed;
- ▶ the minutes of a General Meeting of an s.r.o. which agenda includes a decision on the remuneration of Managing Directors will require the officially certified signature of the chair of the General Meeting.

The provision prohibiting the chaining of single-member limited liability companies is also repealed, which in practice means that:

- ▶ a single-member limited liability company may be the sole shareholder of another limited liability company (s.r.o.); accordingly, it will be possible to create multi-level holding structures consisting even exclusively of single-member companies;
- ▶ a natural person will no longer be limited in the number of single-member s.r.o.s in which he or she may be the sole shareholder.

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