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DRAFT STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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COMPANIES

The Companies (Strategic Report) (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2021

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6th April 2022

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 468(1) and (2) of the Companies Act 2006⁽¹⁾.

In accordance with sections 473(3) and 1290 of the Companies Act 2006 a draft of this instrument has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

PART 1

INTRODUCTION

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Companies (Strategic Report) (Climate-related Financial Disclosure) Regulations 2021.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 6th April 2022 and apply in respect of any financial year of a company which commences on or after that date.

PART 2

AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

Amendment of sections 414C, 414CA and 414CB of the Companies Act 2006

2. In section 414C(2)(2), after “non-financial” insert “and sustainability”.
3. In section 414CA—
 - (a) in the heading after “Non-financial” insert “and sustainability”;
 - (b) before subsection (1), insert—

“(A1) A strategic report of a company to which this subsection applies must include a non-financial and sustainability information statement.”;
 - (c) in the introductory wording of subsection (1), for “A strategic report of a company must include a non-financial information statement if the company” substitute “Subsection (A1) applies to a company if it”;
 - (d) omit “or” at the end of subsection (1)(c);
 - (e) after subsection (1)(d), insert—

“or

(e) a company any securities of which are admitted to trading on the market known as the Alternative Investment Market.”;
 - (f) after subsection (1), insert—

“(1A) Subsection (A1) also applies to a company if it was a high turnover company in relation to that financial year.

(1B) Subsections (1) and (1A) are subject to subsections (3) to (7).”
 - (g) in subsection (2)—
 - (i) for “subsection (1)” substitute “subsection (A1)”; and
 - (ii) after “non-financial” insert “and sustainability” in both places where it occurs;
 - (h) after subsection (2) insert—

“(2A) A company is a “high turnover company” in relation to a financial year—

 - (a) where the company was not a parent company in that financial year, if in that year the company’s turnover was more than £500 million;
 - (b) where the company was a parent company at any time within that financial year, if in that year a group headed by the company had an aggregate turnover of more than £500 million net.

(2B) For a period that is a company’s financial year but not in fact a year the figures for turnover given by subsection (2A) must be proportionately adjusted.

(2C) For the purposes of subsection (2A)(b)—

 - (a) aggregate turnover is ascertained by aggregating the relevant figures determined for each member of the group;
 - (b) “net”, in relation to aggregate turnover, is to be interpreted in accordance with section 383(6).

(2) Sections 414A to 414D were inserted into the Companies Act 2006 by [S.I. 2013/1970](#). Sections 414CA and 414CB were inserted after section 414C by [S.I. 2016/1245](#). Section 414CA was amended by [S.I. 2019/145](#).

- (2D) Section 383(7) applies for the purposes of subsection (2A)(b) of this section as it applies for the purposes of section 383.”;
- (i) in subsection (3), for “Subsection (1) does not apply if” substitute “Subsection (A1) does not apply to a company if”;
 - (j) in subsection (4)—
 - (i) for the words from the beginning to “company in that financial year,” substitute—

“(4) Subsection (A1) does not apply—

 - (a) to a company which was not a parent company in that financial year, if”;
 - and
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for the words “where the company was a parent company at any time within that financial year,” substitute “to a company which was a parent company at any time within that financial year, if”;
 - (k) in subsection (7), for “Subsection (1) does not apply if” substitute “Subsection (A1) does not apply to a company if”;
 - (l) in subsection (8)(c), after “non-financial” insert “and sustainability”;
 - (m) in subsection (10)—
 - (i) for “(1)” substitute “(A1)”;
 - and
 - (ii) after “non-financial” insert “and sustainability” in both places where it occurs.
- 4.** In section 414CB—
- (a) in the heading after “non-financial” insert “and sustainability”;
 - (b) before subsection (1), insert—

“(A1) The non-financial and sustainability information statement must contain the climate-related financial disclosures of the company.”;
 - (c) in subsection (1), for “The non-financial information statement must” substitute “If the company is of a kind described in section 414CA(1)(a), (b), (c) or (d), the non-financial and sustainability information statement must”;
 - (d) in subsection (2), after “The information” insert “required by subsection (1)”;
 - (e) after subsection (2), insert—

“(2A) In this section, “climate-related financial disclosures” mean—

 - (a) a description of the company’s governance arrangements in relation to assessing and managing climate-related risks and opportunities;
 - (b) a description of how the company identifies, assesses, and manages climate-related risks and opportunities;
 - (c) a description of how processes for identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks are integrated into the company’s overall risk management process;
 - (d) a description of—
 - (i) the principal climate-related risks and opportunities arising in connection with the company’s operations, and
 - (ii) the time periods by reference to which those risks and opportunities are assessed;
 - (e) a description of the actual and potential impacts of the principal climate-related risks and opportunities on the company’s business model and strategy;