

U.S. Federal Government Clarifies Registering Certain LLC or Corporation

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The U.S. Department of Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network's (FinCEN) new national registry is up and running. FinCEN is working to make the requirement for owners of certain LLCs and corporations as easy as possible. To make a point, FinCEN released more clarification on the federal requirements.

What Happened?

On January 1, 2024, the U.S. federal government issued a new national law that requires certain LLCs and companies to register. On January 1, 2024, the U.S. Federal government through the U.S. Department of Treasury's FinCEN provided more clarification about the registration requirements to its U.S. Beneficial Ownership Information Registry (registry).

What are the Specifics?

As part of the NDAA of 2021, the U.S. Senate and House approved a new bill called the the Corporate Transparency Act that requires certain LLCs and companies owned and operated in the United States to register ownership information into a registry.

New clarification include the following:

- Registration is a one and done deal. In other words, those required to register their LLC or company only need to do so once.
- Additional registration is only required if there are the following:
 - Changes to the original registration such as ownership or business information or
 - Correction to the registration information.
- It is easy to register and does not require the need for accountants, lawyers, or consultants to complete the registry.

Why It Happened?

The clarification is part of FinCEN's effort to educate individuals and groups of certain LLCs and corporations about the registration process and the registry. FinCEN wants to minimize any anxiety or perceived burden related to the registration process.

Why It Matters?

The new law, which takes effect on January 1, 2024, will keep a running record of ownership for certain LLCs and corporations starting and operating in the United States. The purpose is to have a better idea of who is operating certain LLCs in the United States under the guise of transparency, accountability, and nation security.

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What's Next?

We can anticipate that FinCEN will issue more clarification and guidance to ensure that the initial year of the law and regulations is not too much of a burden to those impacted. However, we believe the communication about the registry and requirements is still not getting through, resulting in more surprises for LLCs and corporations impacted by the law.

For Deeper Context

More information is available at [FinCEN](#).

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