
NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING INFORMATION THAT MUST APPEAR ON YOUR WEBSITE

Companies Act 2006

As of 01 January 2007, limited companies are required to include certain regulatory information on their website, and within their email footers. This information is required as a statutory instrument of the Companies Act 2006, to implement the First Company Law Amendment EU Directive.

What information is required?

- The name, email address and geographic address of the individual/company owning the website
 - A PO Box address is unlikely to be sufficient
 - Email and geographic addresses must be included, even if a contact form is present
 - If the company uses a trading name, the relationship must be clear. For example:

Wicked Websites is a trading name of websushi limited

- If a company, the company registration number must be included, along with the place of registration. For example:

websushi limited is a company registered in England No. 5267177

- If you are VAT registered, your VAT registration number must appear on your site, even if you are not selling online. For example:

VAT Registration number: GB 850 6893 00

- If the business is a member of a trade or professional body (e.g. ABTA), the membership details (including membership number) must appear on the website
- If you sell online, you must state whether prices are inclusive/exclusive of tax and/or delivery

The above information is not required on every single page, but must be easily accessible on your website. For example, a suitable place may be on the 'contact us' or 'about us' page.

What will happen if I don't update my website?

Failure to include this information on your website is in breach of Companies Act 2006 and may result in a fine.