Beneficial Ownership Information Reporting starts January 1, 2024 For Certain Companies

Beginning on January 1, 2024, many companies in the United States will have to report information about their beneficial owners, i.e., the individuals who ultimately own or control the company. They will have to report the information to the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN). FinCEN is a bureau of the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Companies required to report are called reporting companies. Reporting companies may have to obtain information from their beneficial owners and report that information to FinCEN. Your company may be a reporting company and need to report information about its beneficial owners if your company is:

- A corporation, a limited liability company (LLC), or was otherwise created in the United States by filing a document with a secretary of state or any similar office under the law of a state or Indian tribe; or
- 2. A foreign company and was registered to do business in any U.S. state or Indian tribe by such a filing.

Twenty-three types of entities are exempt from the beneficial ownership information reporting requirements. These entities include publicly traded companies, nonprofits, and certain large operating companies. For a list of the exempt companies, please review FinCEN's <u>Small Entity Compliance Guide</u>, which includes checklists for each of the 23 exemptions that may help determine whether your company qualifies for exemption.

Reports will be accepted starting on January 1, 2024.

- If your company was created or registered prior to January 1, 2024, you will have until January 1, 2025, to report BOI.
- If your company was created or registered on or after January 1, 2024, and before January 1, 2025, you must report BOI within 90 calendar days after receiving actual or public notice that your company's creation or registration is effective, whichever is earlier.
- If your company was created or registered on or after January 1, 2025, you must file BOI within 30 calendar days after receiving actual or public notice that its creation or registration is effective.
- Any updates or corrections to beneficial ownership information that you previously filed with FinCEN must be submitted within 30 days.

Please visit https://www.fincen.gov/boi for more information. FinCEN has updated their 'Frequently Asked Questions' page on January 4, 2024 which contains a lot of valuable information https://www.fincen.gov/boi-faqs.

Alert: There have been recent fraudulent attempts to solicit information from individuals and entities who may be subject to reporting requirements under the Corporate Transparency Act. The fraudulent correspondence may be titled "Important Compliance Notice" and asks the recipient to click on a URL or to scan a QR code. Those e-mails or letters are fraudulent. FinCEN does not send unsolicited requests. Please do not respond to these fraudulent messages or click on any links or scan any QR codes within them.