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British Virgin Islands
Legitimate Interest - Access to Inspect BO Register

The Government of the Virgin Islands has launched its new **Legitimate Interest (LI) system**, which is now operational and allows persons who can demonstrate they have legitimate interest may apply for access inspect the entity's beneficial ownership (BO) information.

The LI system reflects extensive legislative, operational and technical work and is aligned with international approaches, including the European Union's 6th Anti-Money Laundering Directive (AMLD6).

This is an important step in strengthening the Virgin Islands' financial system and supporting the global fight against economic crime, while maintaining appropriate protections for individuals' privacy.

Application Timeframe

Once an application is submitted to the Registrar of Corporate Affairs, the registrar must notify the entity in order to allow them an opportunity to object to the access being granted:

- The entity's Registered Agent will have five (5) days to file a Notice of Objection;
- The entity's Registered Agent will then have a further five (5) days to file an Application Opposing Disclosure of Beneficial Ownership Information.

Following the decision of the Registrar of Corporate Affairs regarding the application:

- An Intent to Appeal must be filed within three (3) days of the Registrar's decision;
- A Notice of Appeal must be filed within twenty-one (21) days.

The operational processing timeline for a LI application is twelve (12) days, where there has been no objection or opposition to disclosure.

Information Disclosed

If access is granted, the particulars released will be limited to:
- Full Name
- Month and Year of birth
- Nationality
- Nature of interest or control

Prevention of Access

If an entity desires for their information to be inaccessible, they may file an application for exemption from disclosure of the BO information however the entity must be eligible for exemption.