

More flexible requirements for dissolving a company due to loses

Royal Decree-Law 27/2021, of November 23

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To relieve the negative effects that the pandemic derived from COVID-19 is producing to the Spanish economy, the Royal Decree-Law 27/2021, of November 23, which has come into force on November 25, 2021, has made flexible the requirements to dissolve a company due to the economic losses.

With the purpose of informing our dearest clients and collaborators of the new regulations in the context of the pandemic, we have prepared the present informative note summarizing the following most important measures:

Exclusion of the losses of the tax years 2020 and 2021 for the purposes of the dissolution cause

For the sole purpose of determining the concurrence of the legal cause for dissolution established under Article 363 e) of the Companies Act, the Decree-Law has established that the losses of the tax years 2020 and 2021, which may reduce the net equity to an amount less than half of the share capital, will not be computed.

With respect to the tax year 2022, if the results for the tax year 2022 appear the losses that could reduce the net equity to an amount less than half of the share capital, the Directors must call a Shareholders Meeting or any shareholder may request, within two months from the end of the tax year in accordance with Article 365 of the Companies Act, a meeting to dissolve the company, unless the share capital is increased or reduced sufficiently.

Therefore, with respect to the tax years 2020 and 2021, the losses will not be computed. And in relation to the tax year 2022, it appears that the time at which the Shareholders Meeting must be called to proceed with the company dissolution has been modified to be two months after the closing date of the tax year instead of having to be called within two months from when equity imbalance situation was known or could have been known.

This measure is especially significant in relation to the liability of the Directors for the obligations incurred by the company after the occurrence of the legal cause for dissolution if they do not call the Shareholders Meeting or do not request the judicial company dissolution or the insolvency proceeding when applicable.



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