



Simplified procedure introduced for company incorporation

The Greek parliament approved a law on 29 November 2016 (Law 4441/2016) that includes the introduction of simplified procedures for the establishment of new companies.

Law 4441/2016 abolishes the previous rules that apply to company incorporation (Law 3853/2010).

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The most important changes introduced by the new law are as follows:

- A company may be incorporated online via the "electronic one-stop shop" provided by the Commercial Registry ("Γ.Ε.ΜΗ.") business portal.
- Incorporation still may be carried out in person with "one-stop shops" (via Commercial Registry or via a public notary).
- Articles of association templates are available, and if such a template is used at the time of incorporation, an SA or an Ltd company may be established without a notarial deed.
- Registration of the company with the tax authorities (in order to obtain a Greek tax registration number), as well as registration with the social security authorities, can be

carried out via the “one-stop shop” at the time of incorporation.

- Prior duties payable upon incorporation (e.g. name pre-check) are abolished, but the new law requires the payment of a one-time duty.



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