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# Seychelles IBC 2026

## Client Questions & Director Official Search

International Business Companies (Amendment) Act, 2026 (Act 13 of 2026). Practical answers for clients; legal and procedural points are qualified where the attached legislation does not specify the detail.

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### PART 1 | GENERAL CLIENT ENQUIRIES

#### 01 Will my name become public?

If you are a current director, your name and date of appointment are included in the information addressed by amended sections 346 and 352 from 1 January 2027, subject to the applicable statutory provisions.

#### 02 Will my shareholder information become public?

This Amendment Act does not expressly introduce a new requirement to make shareholder identities publicly searchable. Separate existing reporting requirements continue to apply.

#### 03 I use a nominee director. Is this still permitted?

The amendment does not expressly prohibit nominee directors. It requires filing the nominee status of a director or alternate director and the identity of the nominator.

#### 04 Will the nominator's identity become public?

The amendment requires nominator identity information to be filed with the Registrar but does not expressly state that it will appear in official search results.

#### 05 Should I change my nominee director?

Not necessarily. Review the arrangement with your adviser first. Changes should reflect actual governance and should not be assumed to remove existing disclosure obligations.

#### 06 Do I need to respond immediately?

Review your records now. The transitional deadline for compliance with new section 150(1)(da) and (db) is 31 December 2026.

#### 07 Should I move my company to another jurisdiction?

Not automatically. Evaluate any restructuring individually, including banking, tax, legal, governance and operating implications.

### PART 2 | DIRECTOR OFFICIAL SEARCH

#### 08 Who can request a director official search?

The amendment addresses the director information included in the relevant register and official search provisions. It does not itself set out a complete procedure, eligibility criteria or fee schedule for requesting searches. Confirm access arrangements with the Seychelles registered agent or Registrar.

## 09 What director information is expressly covered?

The **name and date of appointment** of each company's **current directors**, subject to the statutory provisions referenced in sections 346 and 352.

## 10 Will former or resigned directors also be shown?

The new wording expressly refers to **current directors**. It does not establish whether historical director records may be obtainable through other searches or statutory routes.

## 11 Will a director's home address, passport or ID number appear?

These amendments expressly add current directors' **names and appointment dates** to the specified provisions. They do not expressly add residential addresses, passport details or identity numbers to those search particulars. Other disclosure rules should be checked separately.

## 12 Will the name of a nominee director appear?

If a nominee director is a current director, the amended provisions concerning current directors' names and appointment dates are relevant. The amendment does **not** expressly say that the nominator's identity will be displayed in an official search.

## 13 Can my company opt out or keep a current director's name off the search?

The attached Amendment Act does not provide a general opt-out mechanism for current director information. Do not assume confidentiality can be preserved by requesting non-public treatment; obtain specific legal advice on any applicable exception.

## 14 Does this make shareholders or beneficial owners publicly searchable?

Not by these amendments alone. The new sections 346 and 352 wording concerns current directors. Beneficial ownership and shareholder obligations are governed by separate provisions and should not be conflated with director search information.

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**Key dates:** 31 December 2026 — nominee/nominator disclosure transitional deadline. 1 January 2027 — commencement of amendments to sections 346 and 352.

**Source:** Republic of Seychelles, International Business Companies (Amendment) Act, 2026 (Act 13 of 2026), sections 2–6.

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