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Dear Sirs,

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Thank you for your letter of 3 October 2016. I apologise for the delay in responding.

We are aware of the ECJ cases that you have cited and we note what you say in your letter.

This is an issue that needs to be dealt with at European Union level and the UK has been waiting for the EU Commission to come forward with its proposal for a directive on the transfer of registered office (the 14th Company Law Directive). This has been promised for some time but has not yet been published. It is crucial, when considering a transfer along the lines suggested in your letter, that all EU companies are subject to similar legal requirements which would create consistency and clarity for all those involved.

The UK does not have procedures in place to allow transfers of companies out of England and Wales (or Scotland or Northern Ireland) without the company dissolving, and therefore Companies House will not be able to act on your request.

Yours faithfully,

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