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The information on the stocks and shares of legal entities where public officials are stockholders or shareholders is important for the implementation of the Law on the Anti-Corruption Agency. Therefore, even though it is not explicitly required by the law, from the point of view of public interest it is necessary that public officials report this information in their assets and income declaration. Transparency of the information on all parties connected by interest enables oversight of the work of public officials and, at the same time, strengthens citizens' trust in conscientious and responsible discharge of public offices.

Should a public official fail to report the abovementioned information in his or her assets and income declaration, the ACA may request it from the public official in the course of the procedure of investigating conflicts of interest.

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