

Czech joint stock companies mainly anonymous

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More than a half of Czech joint stock companies have certificated bearer shares which allow the real company owners to remain in anonymity. “The analysis by the ČEKIA agency, which compared the structure of domestic joint stock companies by the form of the issued shares in May and December, shows that entrepreneurs didn't succumb to fears for the amendment of Law on Public Procurement which was supposed to, in the pre-election politicians' rhetoric, prevent the participation of anonymous first in public tenders,” says ČEKIA analyst, Petra Štěpánová. “On the contrary, the number of joint stock companies with anonymous owners in the monitored period increased by more than 200 companies, ie. 1.7 %,” she added.

More than 91 % (21,941), joint stock companies registered in the Czech Republic issued certificated shares. More than a half of business owners prefer anonymous ownership - 51 % (12,188) of domestic joint stock companies have certificated bearer shares with untransparent ownership structure whereas 40 % (9,490) have certificated registered shares.

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