

Redaction Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Why did you black out (redact) more than just the SSN?

The redaction software was designed to be overinclusive to ensure that a SSN that may have been included on the form would be found in other places on the document besides the SSN box, and would be found in a variety of formats (e.g. letters in front or behind). Any string of 9-digit numbers has been redacted.

There still is a SSN showing on the document. Can that SSN be removed?

If you find a SSN on a UCC document and request that the SSN be removed, we will redact the SSN and create a redacted public filing image of that document within 10 business days of the request. The filing or document number and the location of the SSN to be redacted must be included with the redaction request. For more information, see Uniform Commercial Code Section 9526.5(g).

Can you remove the black box (un-redact)?

If we have redacted vital information that is not a SSN, please let us know the filing or document number, what field or area of the document the redaction appears and the reason why the redaction should be removed. We will review and respond to the request.

How can I get a copy of the original document with no redacted information?

The un-redacted official filing image only is available with a subpoena or order from a court of competent jurisdiction pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Section 9526.5 (e)(2).

Why aren't copies of the document with the SSN available?

Pursuant to Uniform Commercial Code Section 9526.5(e)(1), only the redacted public filing version of a filed document is available to the public.

Are SSN's on electronic filings being redacted, too?

SSN's have been removed on any UCC filing that was active as of December 31, 2007 no matter how filed. We are manually redacting the SSN, if included, on any paper document that is submitted to our office (UCC Section 9526.5(d)). Since no SSN field is included for a filer to provide an SSN on an electronic filing, electronic filings are not being redacted. For privacy reasons, filers are requested to exclude SSN's from all filings.