

TESCO PLC

United Kingdom - Registry no. 00445790

Company background report - generated 2026-10-18 - free official public sources only

Assessment

No compliance red flags identified from free public sources. Active, long-established listed retailer. One legacy enforcement matter (2017 DPA, concluded 2020) is disclosed below.

- Registry status: active; accounts and confirmation statement up to date.
- No sanctions-list match on the OFAC SDN list or the FCDO UK Sanctions List (downloaded and screened 2026-10-18).
- 2 charges outstanding out of 9 registered (legacy pension trustee security agreements).
- Ownership: PSC register exempt because shares are listed on a UK regulated market.

1. Registry profile

Companies House, the UK official company register.

Status

Active. Public limited company. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Incorporated

27 November 1947. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Registered office

Tesco House, Shire Park, Kestrel Way, Welwyn Garden City, AL7 1GA, UK. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Industry (SIC)

47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating. [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Accounts and filings

Last accounts made up to 28 Feb 2026; next accounts to 26 Feb 2027 (due 26 Aug 2027). Confirmation statement current (last 18 Jun 2026). [2]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/filing-history> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

2. Officers

Officers on record

74 officers on record, 63 of them historic resignations. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Serving board (examples)

Melissa Bethell (Director, appointed 24 Sep 2018, identity verified 29 Jul 2025); Bertrand Bodson (Director); Christopher Jon Taylor (Secretary, appointed 14 Apr 2025). Other serving directors are listed at the source. [3]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/officers> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

3. Ownership (persons with significant control)

PSC register

Exempt from PSC disclosure since 18 June 2018 because voting shares are admitted to trading on a UK regulated market. Ownership is via the public float. [4]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/persons-with-significant-control> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

4. Charges and secured debt

Charges register

9 charges registered: 2 outstanding, 7 satisfied, 0 part satisfied. The outstanding items are legacy account security agreements (2009) in favour of pension scheme trustees, a normal treasury arrangement and no distress signal. [5]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/charges> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

5. Sanctions screening

Exact and fuzzy name match against the lists as downloaded on 2026-10-18. The UN consolidated list is not screened (its terms allow personal, non-commercial use only); the EU list is not yet covered.

OFAC SDN (US)

No match. [6]

Source: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

UK Sanctions List (FCDO)

No match. [7]

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

6. Adverse media and enforcement

Public sources only. Searched for fraud, bribery, insolvency, winding-up and sanctions news.

Serious Fraud Office - Deferred Prosecution Agreement

Tesco Stores Ltd (a subsidiary, not Tesco PLC itself) entered a three-year DPA with the SFO on 10 April 2017 over the 2014 profit overstatement, agreeing to a GBP 129m fine and GBP 3m costs. The SFO confirmed on 10 April 2020 that the terms were fulfilled and the case ended. This is a legacy matter, not a new finding. [8]

Source: <https://www.sfo.gov.uk/2020/04/10/sfo-confirms-end-of-deferred-prosecution-agreement-with-tesco-stores-ltd/> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

Current proceedings

No current criminal proceedings, sanctions designations, insolvency events or winding-up petitions found in the sources searched. The registry overview shows no insolvency history section (it appears only when a company has insolvency events). [1]

Source: <https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790> (retrieved 2026-10-18)

What we could not check

- Court records and civil litigation: No free, reusable court-records source is covered. Civil claims by investors or others would not necessarily appear here.
- Politically exposed persons (PEP) screening: Requires a paid PEP database, which this service does not use.
- Beneficial ownership beyond the register: The PSC register is exempt for listed companies, so shareholders above the public float are not shown.
- Credit score, payment behaviour, financial strength: Credit data is commercial. Only filing dates are reported, not accounts analysis.
- Identity verification of individuals, and personal background of officers: This service covers companies, not personal profiling.
- UN Security Council and EU consolidated sanctions lists: UN terms allow personal, non-commercial use only, so the UN list is not screened in a paid report; an EU list source route is not yet covered.
- Group structure and subsidiaries: Not extracted from the register for this report.

Sources

[1] Companies House - company overview (TESCO PLC) (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790>

[2] Companies House - filing history (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/filing-history>

[3] Companies House - officers (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/officers>

[4] Companies House - persons with significant control (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/persons-with-significant-control>

[5] Companies House - charges (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://find-and-update.company-information.service.gov.uk/company/00445790/charges>

[6] OFAC Sanctions List Search (US Treasury) (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>

[7] UK Sanctions List (FCDO) (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>

[8] Serious Fraud Office - end of DPA with Tesco Stores Ltd (10 Apr 2020) (retrieved 2026-10-18)

<https://www.sfo.gov.uk/2020/04/10/sfo-confirms-end-of-deferred-prosecution-agreement-with-tesco-stores-ltd/>

Free public sources only; no paid databases, no credit scoring, no identity verification beyond registry data. Informational only, not legal, financial or investment advice. Findings reflect the sources on the retrieval date shown.