

China Accounting Alert

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This edition of *China Accounting Alert* provides news and updates about financial reporting in Mainland China , IFRS and EY publications.

Mainland news and updates

 MOF releases announcement on the equivalence of accounting standards between China and Switzerland

Recently, the MOF releases <u>Announcement No.31 2021</u> and clarifies that International Financial Reporting Standards adopted by companies listed and based in Switzerland are considered equivalent to China Accounting Standards for Business Enterprises since the release date of the announcement on 7 September 2021.

 CSRC publishes Accounting Regulatory Report on 2020 Annual Financial Reports of Listed Companies

The CSRC has reviewed the 2020 annual financial reports of 869 listed companies on a sampling basis and has recently published the <u>Accounting Regulatory Report on 2020 Annual Financial Reports of</u> <u>Listed Companies</u>. The issues regarding the implementation of accounting standards by listed companies and requirements on financial information disclosures mainly include, but not limited to, the following:

- Inappropriate revenue recognition and measurement
- Improper classification of financial assets
- Imprudent decisions on impairment estimates
- Unreasonable judgment on the scope of consolidation of financial statements
- Inappropriate offsetting of provisions and contingent assets
- Inappropriate recognition of gains and losses on debt restructuring

CSRC publishes 2020 Annual Analysis Report on Securities Audit

In order to facilitate the understanding of the securities audit market for different parties, the CSRC has recently published <u>2020 Annual Analysis</u> <u>Report on Securities Audit</u>. The main content of the report includes the basic information of accounting firms engaged in securities services, the market conditions of audit of annual reports of listed companies, changes of auditors, audit opinions, key audit matters, and the practice issues of securities audit.

The Shanghai Stock Exchange (SSE) issues Formats of Quarterly Reports

In order to standardize the information disclosure of quarterly reports, the SSE has issued Circular on the Issuing of Shanghai Stock Exchange Guideline No.1 on Self-Regulation of Listed Companies -Formats of Announcements (Shang Zheng Han [2021] No.1632), which revised Memorandum on Routine Information Disclosure by Listed Companies - No.1 Guidelines for Formats of Provisional Announcements, added a new appendix No.101 Quarterly Report of Listed Companies and formed Shanghai Stock Exchange Guideline No.1 on Self-Regulation of Listed Companies - Formats of Announcements ("Guideline No.1"). Guideline No.1 became effective upon release on 28 September 2021. Memorandum on Routine Information Disclosure by Listed Companies - No.1 Guidelines for Formats of Provisional Announcements has been repealed simultaneously.

In order to standardize the information disclosure of quarterly reports, the SSE has issued <u>Circular on</u> <u>the Revising to the Guideline No.3 on Information</u> <u>Disclosure by Listed Companies on the Sci-Tech</u> <u>Innovation Board - Routine Information Disclosure</u> (Shang Zheng Han [2021] No.1633), which revised Guideline No.3 on Information Disclosure by Listed Companies on the Sci-Tech Innovation Board -Routine Information Disclosure ("Guideline No.3") and added a new appendix No.28 Quarterly Reports of Listed Companies on the Sci-Tech Innovation Board to Guideline No.3. Guideline No. 3 became effective upon release on 28 September 2021.

The Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) issues Formats of Quarterly Reports

In order to help listed companies better prepare the disclosure of quarterly reports, the SZSE has issued Circular on the Issuing of Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.11 on Business Matters of Listed Companies - Formats of Information Disclosure Announcements (revised in September 2021) (Shen Zheng Shang [2021] No.962), which added a new appendix No.47 Formats of Quarterly Report Announcements of Listed Companies to Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.11 ("Guideline No.11"). Guideline No.11 became effective upon release on 28 September 2021. Circular on the Issuing of Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.11 on Business Matters of Listed Companies -Formats of Information Disclosure Announcements (revised in 2021) (Shen Zheng Shang [2021] No.27) has been repealed.

In order to help listed companies better prepare the disclosure of quarterly reports, the SZSE has issued Circular on the Issuing of Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.6 on Business Matters of Listed Companies on the ChiNext Board - Formats of Information Disclosure Announcements (revised in September 2021) (Shen Zheng Shang [2021] No.959), which added a new appendix No.47 Formats of Quarterly Report Announcements of Listed Companies to Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.6 ("Guideline No.6"). Guideline No.6 became effective upon release on 28 September 2021. Circular on Issuing Shenzhen Stock Exchange Guideline No.6 on Business Matters of Listed Companies on the ChiNext Board - Formats of Information Disclosure Announcements (revised in 2021) (Shen Zheng Shang [2021] No.28) has been repealed.

MOF issues product cost accounting system of oil and pipeline network industry

In order to standardize the product cost accounting of oil and gas pipeline network industry and help enterprises operating oil and gas pipeline network facilities to strengthen cost management, the MOF has promulgated <u>Product Cost accounting System</u> for Business Enterprises - Oil and Gas Pipeline <u>Network Industry</u> (Caikuai [2021] No.21), which will become effective on 1 January 2022.

IASB news and updates

IASB Update for September 2021

The <u>September 2021</u> issue of the *IASB Update* contains the IASB staff summary of the IASB meeting held remotely from 20 to 24 September 2021 when the board discussed:

- Board work plan update
- Post-implementation Review of IFRS 9 -Classification and Measurement
- Dynamic Risk Management
- Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Equity
- Goodwill and Impairment
- Extractive Activities
- Primary Financial Statements
- IFRIC Update for September 2021

At its September 2021 meeting, the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) discussed:

Committee's tentative agenda decisions

- IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows Demand Deposits with Restrictions on Use
- IFRS 9 Financial Instruments Cash Received via Electronic Transfer as Settlement for a Financial Asset

Agenda decisions for Board consideration

- IFRS 16 Leases Non-refundable Value Added Tax on Lease Payments
- IAS 32 Financial Instruments: Presentation -Accounting for Warrants that are Classified as Financial Liabilities on Initial Recognition

Other matters

- Lease Liability in a Sale and Leaseback
- Work in Progress

The <u>September 2021</u> issue of the *IFRIC Update* summarizes what you need to know about these and other issues discussed at the IFRIC's September 2021 meeting.



EY publications

Applying IFRS: Accounting by holders of crypto-assets (Updated October 2021)

<u>This edition</u> of *Applying IFRS* considers the accounting by holders of crypto-assets. It has been updated for new illustrations and standard-setting developments and examines classification, initial recognition and subsequent measurement of crypto-assets held and considerations for appropriate disclosure.

IFRS Update of standards and interpretations in issue at 30 September 2021

<u>This edition</u> of *IFRS Update* is an overview of upcoming changes in standards and interpretations issued by the IASB and the IFRIC as at 30 September 2021 that will be effective for the first time for reporting periods ended at that date or thereafter. It also summarizes key features of selected IASB projects and recent IFRIC agenda decisions.

International GAAP® Disclosure Checklist for Annual Financial Statements (IFRS in issue at 31 August 2021)

<u>This updated checklist</u> is applicable to entities with a year end of 31 December 2021. It captures disclosure requirements of IFRS standards and interpretations in issue as at 31 August 2021.

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International GAAP® Disclosure Checklist for Interim Condensed Financial Statements (IFRS in issue at 31 August 2021)

<u>This updated checklist</u> is applicable to any interim periods of entities with a year end of 30 June 2022. This disclosure checklist for interim condensed financial statements captures the disclosure requirements for IFRS standards and interpretations in issue at 31 August 2021.

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