

Invitation to Comment

Call for comments on the Exposure Draft *International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules: Proposed amendments to IAS 12*

Deadline for completion of this Invitation to Comment:

Midday, Friday 3 March 2023

Please submit to:

UKEndorsementBoard@endorsement-board.uk

Introduction

The objective of this Invitation to Comment is to obtain input from stakeholders on the Exposure Draft (ED) *International Tax Reform – Pillar Two Model Rules: Proposed amendments to IAS 12* (the Amendments), published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) on 9 January 2023. The IASB's comment period ends on 10 March 2023.

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Who should respond to this Invitation to Comment?

Stakeholders with an interest in the quality of accounts prepared in accordance with international accounting standards.

How to respond to this Invitation to Comment

Please download this document, answer any questions on which you would like to provide views, and return it together with the 'Your Details' form to UKEndorsementBoard@endorsement-board.uk by midday on Friday 3 March 2023.

Brief responses providing views on individual questions are welcome, as well as comprehensive responses to all questions.

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Questions

Mandatory temporary exception and ‘sunset clause’

1. The UKEB’s draft comment letter supports the introduction of a mandatory temporary exception from accounting for deferred tax arising from the Pillar Two model rules. Do you agree with this? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 1:

We agree with the exception given the complexity of the rules. We consider that given that significant assumptions may be required the information value of deferred tax amounts may be of limited use to users of financial statements.
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3. The UKEB’s draft comment letter supports the absence of a ‘sunset clause’. Do you agree with the absence of a ‘sunset clause’? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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4. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 3:

We agree with the reasons stated in paragraph 9 and A4 of the draft letter.

Disclosures in periods in which Pillar Two legislation is enacted or substantively enacted, but not yet in effect

5. The UKEB’s draft comment letter raises concerns about the clarity of draft paragraph 88C (a). Do you share these concerns? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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6. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 5:

It is unclear what ‘information’ this disclosure requirement refers to, and we share the concerns articulated in UKEB’s draft letter
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7. The UKEB’s draft comment letter raises concerns that the disclosures required by draft paragraph 88C (b) may not meet the disclosure objective expressed at paragraph BC19, i.e. *“to help users assess an entity’s exposure to paying top-up tax”*, as effective tax rates calculated on an IAS 12 basis could be a poor proxy for

those calculated on a Pillar Two basis. Do you share these concerns? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 7:

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9. The UKEB draft comment letter notes that stakeholders expressed concerns that 88C (c) does not provide a sufficient corrective to 88C (b). Do you share those concerns? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 9:

We agree with the concerns as set out in paragraphs A15 and A16

11. The UKEB's draft comment letter recommends the IASB considers replacing the detailed requirements in paragraph 88C with a more general requirement to provide information sufficient to meet the objective. Do you agree with this recommendation? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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12. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 11.

While the framework proposed by the IASB in paragraph 88C does appear to have limitations, it should however aid comparability, at least within a jurisdiction. The UKEB's proposal would, in our view, not necessarily achieve that.

13. The UKEB's draft comment letter recommends that the more general disclosure requirement should remain in place for the life of the temporary exception, but should be reconsidered when the IASB reviews the Amendments, once most jurisdictions have implemented the Pillar Two model rules. Do you agree with this recommendation? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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14. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 13:

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15. The UKEB’s draft comment letter supports the proposed requirement for entities to disclose their current tax expense in relation to Pillar Two income taxes separately, once Pillar Two is effective. Do you agree with this proposal? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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16. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 15:

We agree with the reasons stated in paragraph A24

17. Should the IASB retain its disclosure requirements for 88C (a), (b) and (c) as drafted, the UKEB’s draft comment letter recommends that the IASB incorporates the objective of the disclosure requirement, i.e. *“to help users assess an entity’s exposure to paying top-up tax”* (ED/2023/01 paragraph BC19) in the disclosure requirement itself at paragraph 88C. Do you agree with this recommendation? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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18. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 17:

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Disclosures in periods in which Pillar Two legislation is in effect

19. The UKEB’s draft comment letter supports the proposed requirement for entities to disclose their current tax expense in relation to Pillar Two income taxes separately, once Pillar Two is effective. Do you agree with this proposal? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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20. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 19:

See Question 16

Effective date and transition

21. The UKEB's draft comment letter supports the effective date and transition requirements. Do you agree with the support for these proposals? Please explain why or why not.

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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22. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 21:

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