

Invitation to Comment

Call for comments on Draft Endorsement Criteria Assessment of *Supplier Finance Arrangements* (Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7)

Deadline for completion of this Invitation to Comment:

Close of business, Wednesday 18 October 2023

Please submit to:

UKEndorsementBoard@endorsement-board.uk

Introduction

The objective of this Invitation to Comment is to obtain input from stakeholders on the endorsement and adoption of *Supplier Finance Arrangements* (Amendments to IAS 7 and IFRS 7) (the Amendments), published by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) in May 2023. The Amendments aim to provide users of financial statements with the information that enables them to assess the effect of supplier finance arrangements on an entity's liabilities and cash flows, as well as on its liquidity risk and risk management. The Amendments will be effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2024. Earlier application is permitted. The information collected from this Invitation to Comment is intended to help with the endorsement assessment.

UK endorsement and adoption process

The requirements for UK adoption are set out in Statutory Instrument 2019/685¹.

The powers to formally adopt international accounting standards for use in the UK were delegated to the UK Endorsement Board in May 2021².

¹ The International Accounting Standards and European Public Limited-Liability Company (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2019/685/made>

² The International Accounting Standards (Delegation of Functions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/609/contents/made>

Who should respond to this Invitation to Comment?

Stakeholders with an interest in the quality of accounts prepared in accordance with IFRS 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 to UKEndorsementBoard@endorsement-board.uk by close of business on Wednesday 18 October 2023.

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

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Assessment against endorsement criteria

Our draft assessment [tentatively] concludes that:

- the Amendments meet the criteria of relevance, reliability, understandability and comparability required of the financial information needed for making economic decisions and assessing the stewardship of management, as required by SI 2019/685 (see Regulation 7(1)(c));
- application of the Amendments is not contrary to the principle that an entity's accounts must give a true and fair view as required by SI 2019/685 (see Regulation 7(1)(a)); and
- that the Amendments are likely to be conducive to the long term public good in the UK as required by SI 2019/685 (see Regulation 7(1)(b)), having considered:
 - whether they will generally improve the quality of financial reporting;
 - the costs and benefits that are likely to result from their use; and
 - whether they are likely to have an adverse effect on the economy of the UK, including on economic growth.

Our assessment of the Amendments is set out in **Section 2** of the DECA on the pages indicated below:

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Questions

Technical accounting criteria assessment

1. Do you agree with our assessment of comparability, and in particular the view that the principle-based approach (not defining but describing the characteristics of supplier finance arrangements in scope of the Amendments) is on balance workable and allows for the application of judgement, thereby assisting preparers (and their auditors) in ensuring the disclosure objectives are met? (please select one option)

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:

In our view paragraph 44G sets out criteria, rather than principles, when an arrangement should be considered a supplier finance arrangements.
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3. Do you agree with the draft assessment of the Amendments against the technical accounting criteria? (please select one option)

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:

No further comment

True and fair view

5. Do you agree with the draft assessment that the Amendments **are not contrary to the true and fair view requirement**? (please select one option)

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:

No further comment

UK long term public good

7. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation that offers supplier finance arrangements, do you currently provide to your clients the relevant information required by the Amendments including the amounts for which suppliers have already received payment from your organisation? If not, have you identified any restrictions or challenges (such as legal or IT systems) that could prevent you from sharing such information? (please select one option)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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8. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 7, including if relevant a description of the challenges your organisation faces in sharing relevant information with your clients:

Question 7 is not applicable

9. Do you agree with the initial assessment of **costs** for preparers, in particular in relation to the accessibility of all the required information, including the carrying amounts of the financial liabilities for which suppliers have already received payment from the finance providers? (please select one option)

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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10. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 9, including if any costs have been omitted or any challenges your organisation faces accessing the information required by the Amendments.

We do not comment on Question 9

11. Do you agree with the initial assessment of **benefits** likely to arise from the Amendments? (please select one option)

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
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12. Please include any comments you may have in response to question 11, including if any benefits have been omitted:

We concur with the analysis on the benefits for users. We do not comment on the benefits for preparers.

13. Do you agree with the initial **overall assessment of costs and benefits** likely to arise from the Amendments? (please select one option)

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

We do not comment on Question 13, please refer to Questions 9 to 12.

15. Do you agree with the draft assessment that the Amendments are likely to be conducive to the **long term public good in the UK**? (please select one option)

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:

No further comments

17. Do you have **any other comments** you would like to add?

No

Thank you for completing this Invitation to Comment

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