



Irish Auditing & Accounting Supervisory Authority

IFRS for SMEs

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IAASA's statutory remit

1. To supervise how the prescribed accountancy bodies regulate and monitor their members;
2. To promote adherence to high professional standards in the auditing & accountancy profession;
3. **To monitor whether the accounts of certain classes of companies and other undertakings comply with the Companies Acts and, where applicable, Article 4 of the IAS Regulation [and now Transparency Directive]; and**
4. To act as a specialist source of advice to the Minister on auditing and accounting matters.

Principal Functions of Financial Reporting Supervision Unit

- To monitor whether the accounts of certain classes of companies and other undertakings comply with the Companies Acts, the IAS Regulation and now the Transparency Directive
 - Liaising with other countries' financial reporting monitoring bodies
- Co-operating in the development of accounting standards and practice notes
- Assisting the Board to discharge its functions as an advisor to the Minister on accounting related matters

Proposed IFRS for SMEs – importance to Ireland

- Key determinant of future convergence of ASB Standards (UK/Irish GAAP) with IFRS.
- It is a matter for each EU Member State to decide upon which accounting standards SMEs should follow - the suitability of the IFRS for SMEs is likely to be influential in Ireland's decision making process in this regard.
- This proposed accounting standard could be mandatory for entities ranging in size from small to large in the future.

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» Do you deem it suitable ??????

Some issues to consider -

- IASB Invitation to Comment seeking views on:-
 - Topics omitted
 - Reduction of accounting policy options
 - Simplification of recognition and measurement principles
 - Adequacy of implementation guidance
 - Adequacy of disclosures
 - Etc.

Some issues to consider -

- ASB focus on convergence
 - Is the proposed IFRS for SMEs suitable for “middle tier”?
 - **Is it a suitable replacement for the FRSSE?**
 - What changes should be made to ASB version of IFRS for SMEs if any?

Irish considerations that may differ to the UK?

- Use of FRSSE in Ireland?
- Small open economy ... nature and size of entities
- Small and medium sized thresholds different
- Accounting standard setting in Ireland
- Desirability of having different accounting standards for ROI –v– NI ?
- IFRS moving towards US GAAP?

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