



MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER - OCTOBER 2020 ISSUE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MICPA CPD

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REGULATORY DIALOGUES

September 13 - Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector (1/2020)

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES

IASB - IASB Completes Response to IBOR Reform with Amendments to IFRS Standards

Issue Date September 1

Description The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("MICPA") wishes to inform that the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB") has issued a response to the ongoing reform of Inter-Bank Offered Rates (IBOR) and other interest rate benchmarks by issuing a package of amendments to IFRS standards.

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

IAASB - New Illustrative Examples for ISA 540 (Revised) Implementation: Expected Credit Losses

Issue Date September 1

Description The International Standard on Auditing 540 (Revised) Implementation Working Group published illustrative examples for auditing expected credit losses ("ECL") accounting estimates. The examples illustrate how an auditor could address certain requirements of ISA 540 (Revised).

BNM - Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism and Targeted Financial Sanctions (AML/CFT/and TFS) for Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBPS) & Non-Bank Financial Institutions (NBFIS) – FAQs and Guidance

Issue Date September 8

Description The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("MICPA") wishes to inform that the Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") has recently issued a set of Frequently Asked Questions ("FAQs") and two sets of guidance.

RMCD - Public Ruling No. 1/2020: Application for Review and Public Ruling No. 2/2020: The Application of Section 93 of the Customs Act 1967 and Section 19A of the Excise Act 1976 in relation to Drawback Claims

Issue Date September 8

Description Members are informed that the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) has issued Public Ruling No. 1/2020: Application for Review (available in Malay version only) and Public Ruling No. 2/2020: The Application of Section 93 of the Customs Act 1967 and Section 19A of the Excise Act 1976 in relation to Drawback Claims on July 30, 2020.

MOF - Appeal for Consideration of Extension of Time for Tax Agents to Comply with CPD/CPE Points and Recognition of CPD/CPE Points from Online Tax Training

Issue Date September 15

Description The Institute is pleased to inform Members that subsequent to its Circular No. TEC/103/07/2020/W dated July 30, 2020, the Institute together with the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA), Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM) and The Malaysian Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (MAICSA) had received the Ministry of Finance (MOF)'s response on September 8, 2020 subsequent to the submission of the joint appeal letter to the MOF on July 24, 2020.

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

RMCD - Minutes of Meeting of SST Implementation Technical Issues Committee Meeting (Bil. 1/2020)

Issue Date September 22

Description The SST Implementation Technical Issues Committee meetings provide an avenue for private sectors to discuss with the Royal Malaysian Customs Department (RMCD) on SST implementation technical issues arising during the initial stage of SST implementation. The Committee was set-up by the RMCD to resolve such issues in an immediate and effective manner.

IAASB - Invitation to Comment on the IAASB Discussion Paper Entitled 'Fraud and Going Concern in an Audit of Financial Statements'

Issue Date September 22

Description The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("MICPA") wishes to inform members that the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB") has recently released a Discussion Paper, entitled 'Fraud and Going Concern in an Audit of the Financial Statements: Exploring the Differences Between Public Perceptions About the Role of the Auditor and the Auditor's Responsibilities in a Financial Statement Audit'.

SSM - Recognition of Additional CPE Points from Online Training for Renewal of Practising Certificate of Secretary and Company Secretary's License

Issue Date September 25

Description Members are informed that the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) had on September 10, 2020 announced its recognition of additional Continuing Professional Education (CPE) points for online training.

RMCD - Minutes of Meeting of Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector (Bil. 1/2020)

Issue Date September 25

Description The Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector provides a forum for discussion of practical issues and suggestions relating to customs and excise matters.

MICPA TECHNICAL UPDATES (CONT'D)

MITI - Issues for Discussion at Majlis Dialog MITI 2020

Issue Date September 29

Description As Members may be aware, the Majlis Dialog MITI chaired by the YB Minister of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry ("MITI") aims to discuss issues and challenges faced by industry players relating to existing policy and regulatory framework as well as to obtain suggestions / feedback to improve the Government's service delivery system and its policy, aligned to present needs.

RMCD - Issues for Discussion by Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector

Issue Date September 29

Description The Institute serves on the Consultative Panel between Customs and Private Sector. The Panel provides a forum for the discussion of practical issues and suggestions relating to policy related customs and excise matters submitted by the private sector.

BNM - Invitation to Comment on Exposure Draft "*Transitional Arrangements for Regulatory Capital Treatment of Accounting Provisions*"

Issue Date September 29

Description The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("MICPA") wishes to inform that the Bank Negara Malaysia ("BNM") has recently published an Exposure Draft which sets out the Bank's proposals on the transitional arrangements for regulatory capital treatment of accounting provisions.

IAASB - New Support Materials Available for Using Automated Tools and Techniques in Audit Procedures

Issue Date September 29

Description The Malaysian Institute of Certified Public Accountants ("MICPA") wishes to inform that the Technology Working Group ("TWG") of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board ("IAASB") has recently released non-authoritative support for using automated tools and techniques ("ATT") when performing audit procedures.

For further details on MICPA Technical Updates, log on to
<https://www.micpa.com.my/resources/for-members/circulars/>

REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES

BANK NEGARA MALAYSIA (BNM)

Joint Statement by Bank Negara Malaysia and Securities Commission Malaysia - Accelerating climate action through the financial sector

Issue Date September 15

Description The Joint Committee on Climate Change (JC3) held its third meeting on 14 September 2020. The meeting discussed the progress of initiatives under its four sub-committees (namely, Risk Management; Governance and Disclosure; Product and Innovation; and Engagement and Capacity Building), as well as the focus of priorities for the next 12 months.

[Read more](#)

Detailed Disclosure of International Reserves as at end-August 2020

Issue Date September 30

Description In accordance with the IMF SDDS format, the detailed breakdown of international reserves provides forward-looking information on the size, composition and usability of reserves and other foreign currency assets, and the expected and potential future inflows and outflows of foreign exchange of the Federal Government and Bank Negara Malaysia over the next 12-month period.

[Read more](#)

Transition to targeted repayment assistance

Issue Date September 30

Description Bank Negara Malaysia (BNM) wishes to assure that the banking sector remains committed to help households and businesses who need assistance after the automatic moratorium ends on 30 September. To this end, banks have introduced a range of packages for affected borrowers.

[Read more](#)

REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

MALAYSIAN ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (MASB)

MASB publishes Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2 (Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139, MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16) (30 September 2020)

Issue Date September 30

Description The Malaysian Accounting Standards Board (MASB) has today issued Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2 (Amendments to MFRS 9, MFRS 139, MFRS 7, MFRS 4 and MFRS 16).

[Read more](#)

MINISTRY OF FINANCE (MOF)

Media Release - Sukuk Prihatin: From RM500 Million To More Than RM666 Million; Proof Of Malaysians' Solidarity In Supporting Economic Recovery Efforts

Issue Date September 20

Description Read the media release from MOF official website.

[Read more](#)

SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC)

Accelerating Digitisation, Promoting SRI and Addressing Scams and Unlicensed Activities are Key Issues Discussed at SC Industry Dialogue

Issue Date September 15

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) today concluded its annual Industry Dialogue 2020, which involved 60 industry leaders from various market segments in the capital market engaging on key challenges and risks in the current environment as well as the opportunities for the future of the Malaysian capital market.

[Read more](#)

REGULATORY BODIES' UPDATES (CONT'D)

SECURITIES COMMISSION (SC) (CONT'D)

Investor Alert List (as at 21/09/2020)

Issue Date September 21

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) has updated the Investor Alert List that contains the list of unauthorised websites, investment products, companies and individuals.

[Read more](#)

SC and Bursa Malaysia Extend Temporary Margin Financing Flexibilities to 31 December 2020

Issue Date September 28

Description The Securities Commission Malaysia (SC) and Bursa Malaysia Berhad (Bursa Malaysia) have extended the temporary relief measures relating to margin financing to 31 December 2020. The relief measures, which took effect on 27 March 2020, are due to expire on 30 September 2020.

[Read more](#)

ROYAL MALAYSIAN CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT (CUSTOMS)

Service Tax Treatment on Disbursement and Reimbursement (as at September 15, 2020)

Description Click to download the Specific Guide on Sales and Service Tax.

[Read more](#)

Panduan Perkhidmatan Perundingan, Latihan dan Tunjuk Ajar (as at September 15, 2020)

Description Click to download the Industry Guide on Sales and Service Tax.

[Read more](#)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL BODIES

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND (CAANZ)

OCTOBER 2020 Acuity is out now

Description Acuity - CAANZ's bi-monthly magazine on economics, finance and business.

Main article: The rise of virtual CIOs

[Read more](#)

Using analytics to drive business forward

Issue Date September 16

Description The Analytics in Finance and Accounting paper examines the benefits of using forward-looking analytics data, and the risks finance teams face in not embracing these tools.

[Read more](#)

OTHER INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC)

Securing Sustainable Finances – Advancing a Global Approach

Issue Date September 2

Description Across the world, governments face the unprecedented impact of major simultaneous public health and economic crises. The on-going pandemic and looming economic recession require government interventions, which will impact public finances for years to come.

[Read more](#)

The Implications of New Reporting Trends on Accounting Education

Issue Date September 9

Description During the past decade, key developments in the field of accounting and reporting have raised the bar for future accountants, with significant implications for accounting education.

[Read more](#)

OTHER INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF ACCOUNTANTS (IFAC) (CONT'D)

Enhancing Corporate Reporting: The Way Forward

Issue Date September 11

Description The time for a global solution is now—to answer the demand from investors, policymakers and other stakeholders for a reporting system that delivers consistent, comparable, reliable, and assurable information relevant to enterprise value creation, sustainable development and evolving expectations.

[Read more](#)

Public Sector Accounting—A Discipline in Its Own Right

Issue Date September 29

Description According to the April 2020 IMF Fiscal Monitor, expenditure by governments in advanced economies represent around 40% of GDP. Also, from an employment perspective, government entities and their public enterprises are often by far the largest employer.

[Read more](#)

COVID-19: Urgent Government Finance Reforms Essential for a Sustainable Future

Issue Date September 30

Description The COVID-19 pandemic is proving to be one of the greatest challenges that many governments have ever faced. Managing both the resulting public health and economic crises poses major short, medium and long-term challenges.

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INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB)

September 2020 IASB meeting papers and agenda now available

Issue Date September 11

Description The agenda papers and agenda for the International Accounting Standards Board meeting to be held on 22–23 September 2020 are now available.

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OTHER INTERNATIONAL UPDATES

INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS BOARD (IASB) (CONT'D)

Help enhance the value of eIFRS

Issue Date September 22

Description All eIFRS subscribers are being asked to complete a simple 20-minute survey and give their input on the current eIFRS site and possible new features.

[Read more](#)

September 2020 IFRIC Update available

Issue Date September 23

Description The September 2020 IFRS Interpretations Committee Update is now available.

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September 2020 IASB Update available and work plan updated

Issue Date September 25

Description The September 2020 IASB Update has been published.

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