
Armenia

Local stock exchange

NASDAQ OMX Armenia

<http://www.nasdaqomx.am/en/index.htm>

Rules for listed filings

IFRS required or permitted for listed companies?

IFRS is required for listed companies. From January 1, 2011 onward IFRS is the only permitted accounting framework adopted by "Law on Accounting and Reporting" in the Republic of Armenia (December 2008).

Version of IFRS

IFRS as published by the IASB

Are subsidiaries of foreign companies or foreign companies listed on local exchanges subject to different rules?

No

Rules for statutory filings

Is IFRS or IFRS for SMEs required, permitted or prohibited for statutory filings?

From January 1, 2011 onward IFRS or IFRS for SMEs is the only permitted accounting framework adopted legislatively by "Law on Accounting and Reporting" in the Republic of Armenia (December 2008). For entities with turnover of up to AMD 100 million (\$270K - current rate) only a special tax reporting is required.

Version of IFRS

IFRS or IFRS for SMEs as published by the IASB

In addition to local GAAP statutory financial statements, are there any other regulatory financial statement requirements that permit or require the use of IFRS?

Not applicable. From January 1, 2011 onward IFRS or IFRS for SMEs is the only permitted accounting framework.

IFRS conversion plans

Plans for converging

Armenia adopted the Accounting Standards of the Republic of Armenia ("ASRA") in 2001 which were based on International Accounting Standards ("IAS") in force at that time. Since then IASs underwent significant changes: A number of IAS were revised, and International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") were introduced and incorporated with IAS under a common framework known as IFRS. ASRA, on the other hand, were not amended with the new developments in IFRS.

To reflect these and future changes, the Ministry of Finance of Armenia has undertaken the formation of a Translation and Review Committee, a council of professional translators and accounting/audit professionals who will scrutinize the IFRS translation into Armenian and ensure their smooth transition in the country. Additionally, the amendment to the "Law on Accounting and Reporting" has been approved (December 26, 2008) by the National Assembly (Parliament) of Armenia requiring all the financial organizations to report under IFRS starting from January 1, 2009 and for all other organizations with turnover of more than AMD 100 million starting from January 1, 2011.

In March 2010 the government of the Republic of Armenia published a translation of IFRS and International Standards Guide in Armenian language.

Other useful websites

Central Bank of Armenia

<http://www.cba.am/>

Ministry of Finance

<http://www.minfin.am/>

State Revenue Committee

<http://www.taxservice.am/>

Tax information

Type of tax regime

Quasi-dependent: Taxable profit is principally based on the legal entity statutory accounts with a number of adjustments provided in the tax law.

Comments on tax regime

In practice, most companies derive their tax books from their statutory accounts, with a number of adjustments for tax.

When determining the object of taxation, accounting of the income and expenses shall be performed on an accrual basis.

When the accounting is performed on the accrual basis, the taxpayer accounts income and expenses respectively from the moment of the acquisition of the right to receive such income or to recognize the expenses, irrespective of the actual period of deriving such income or making the payments.

Plans for IFRS converging as the basis of tax reporting

Not applicable