
Channel Islands

Local stock exchange

Channel Islands Stock Exchange (CISX)

<http://www.cisx.com/>

Guernsey and Jersey companies often list on London Stock Exchanges (LSE, AIM and etc.) as well as the German (Frankfurt) and other European exchanges.

Rules for listed filings

IFRS required or permitted for listed companies?

IFRS is permitted for consolidated financial statements of all companies and for separate/standalone financial statements if these are prepared. However, UK GAAP and US GAAP are considered equivalents. Other GAAPs may be considered equivalents as well, depending on where the entity is listed.

Version of IFRS

Both - IFRS as published by the IASB or IFRS as endorsed by the EU are applicable.

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?

Jersey

For an entity regulated by the Jersey Financial Services Commission, the financial statements should be prepared in accordance with either the U.K. Accounting Standards issued by the U.K. Accounting Standards Board or IFRS (unless otherwise agreed in writing by the JFSC)

Guernsey

Entities regulated by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission do not have particular GAAP requirements and refer to Guernsey law with respect to GAAP selection. Whilst there is no restriction on the GAAP applied, it is generally recommended that IFRS, UK GAAP or US GAAP is applied.

Version of IFRS

Both - IFRS as published by the IASB or IFRS as endorsed by the EU are applicable. IFRS for SMEs as published by the IASB is applicable for entities which apply IFRS for SMEs.

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

No

IFRS conversion plans

Plans for converging

Not applicable as IFRS and IFRS for SMEs had already been adopted.

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. Channel Islands have an allowance based tax system, under which some amortizations, revaluations and other adjustments can lead to timing difference.

Plans for IFRS converging as the basis of tax reporting

The local tax authorities have not announced any adoption or convergence plans of tax reporting to IFRS or IFRS for SME.