

PRESS RELEASE

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IASB proposes an amendment to the accounting for government loans in IFRS 1

The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) today published for public comment a proposed amendment to IFRS 1 *First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards*.

The proposed amendment sets out how a first-time adopter would account for a government loan with a below-market rate of interest when they transition to IFRSs.

If adopted, this amendment would provide the same relief to first-time adopters as is granted to existing preparers of IFRS financial statements when applying IAS 20 *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance*.

The exposure draft, *Government Loans* (Proposed amendments to IFRS 1), is open for comment until 5 January 2012 and can be accessed via the 'Comment on a Proposal' section on www.ifrs.org.

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