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Content : Chapter I General Principles

### Article 1

These Regulations are adopted under Article 11, paragraph 2 of the Certified Public Accountant Act (the "CPA Act").

### Article 2

Unless otherwise required by another competent authority for a given accounting event, a certified public accountant (CPA) engaged to audit and attest financial statements shall do so in accordance with these Regulations. Matters not provided herein shall be subject to generally accepted auditing standards ("the Auditing Standards") issued by the Accounting Research and Development Foundation.

Where the relevant competent authority adopts special provisions for a special industry, the regulation of audit and attestation services for that

industry shall be subject to those provisions.

#### Article 2-1

For the purposes of these Regulations, the terms "parent" and "subsidiary" shall have the meanings determined in accordance with the Regulations Governing the Preparation of Financial Reports by Securities Issuers.

For the purposes of these Regulations, the term "major subsidiary" means any subsidiary with respect to which any of the following circumstances has applied to the financial statements for each of the most recent two fiscal years, or any subsidiary that the CPA deems to have a significant effect on the audited entity's financial statements:

1. Where that subsidiary serves as a source of 15 percent or more of the consolidated operating revenue of the audited entity.
2. Where that subsidiary serves as a source of 25 percent or more of the consolidated total purchase amount of the audited entity.
3. Where that subsidiary serves as a source of 25 percent or more of consolidated total output value of the audited entity.
4. Where the audited entity, if its stock is already listed on a stock exchange (hereinafter referred to as a "listed company") has original investments in that subsidiary in an accumulated amount of 40 percent or more of the paid-in capital of the audited entity and also NT\$300 million or more, or, if a non-listed company, has original investments in that subsidiary in an accumulated amount of 40 percent or more of the paid-in capital of the audited entity and also NT\$100 million or more. However, if the stock of a company has no par value or a par value other than NT\$10, the aforesaid calculation of 40 percent of paid-in capital shall be replaced by 20 percent of the equity attributable to owners of the parent.
5. Where the audited entity, if a listed company, has loaned funds to and/or provided endorsements/guarantees in favor of that subsidiary in a total amount of 40 percent or more of the audited entity's equity attributable to owners of the parent and also NT\$300 million or more, or, if a non-listed company, has loaned of funds to and/or provided endorsements/guarantees in favor of that subsidiary in a total amount of 40 percent or more of the audited entity's equity attributable to owners of the parent and also NT\$100 million or more.
6. If the audited entity is a listed company, where the comprehensive income of that subsidiary alone accounts for 50 percent or more of the total amount of the comprehensive income on the consolidated financial statements and also NT\$300 million or more, or if a non-listed company, where the comprehensive income of that subsidiary alone accounts for 50 percent or more of the total amount of the comprehensive income on the consolidated financial statements and also NT\$100 million or more.

#### Article 3

When an audited entity replaces its CPA, the former and successor CPA shall act in accordance with Article 43, paragraph 3 of the CPA Act and with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 17. If the successor CPA discovers any disagreement between the former CPA and the audited entity, the successor CPA shall record in detail in the working papers the reasons for asserting any opinion.

#### Article 4

If any item in the financial statements of an audited entity for a given period requires adjustment as a result of a CPA audit or a determination by the competent authority for the given accounting event, and if no such adjustment has been made by the time the CPA performs an audit for the ensuing period, the CPA shall request the adjustment to be made or otherwise an explanation to be given in a financial statement footnote, except where the entity only needs to reclassify the item on the financial statements or provide a footnote that no adjustment to any book entry is necessary.

#### Article 5

CPAs and those assistants who help CPAs carry out audit and attestation work (hereinafter collectively referred to as "auditors") shall expand their professional knowledge and practical experience and shall adhere to a

code of professional ethics.

CPAs shall pursue continuing professional development and shall see to it that their assistants pursue continuing development.

#### Article 6

The financial statements to be audited by a CPA engaged for that purpose shall have been prepared by the audited entity on the basis of its account books and other relevant documents. When auditing the financial statements, the CPA shall take materiality and audit risk into account in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards Nos. 48, 51, and 52, and obtain sufficient appropriate evidence in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 53, as a basis for preparing an audit report.

#### Article 7

When initially engaged to audit financial statements, a CPA shall, for its audits on opening balances, perform necessary audit procedures and issue an appropriate audit opinion in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 63.

#### Article 8

A CPA conducting an audit of group financial statements shall comply with the requirements of Statement of Auditing Standards No. 54 when the CPA audits the component entities included in the financial statements, or if the CPA plans to use the audit work of other CPAs.

#### Article 9

When using the report of an expert as audit evidence, a CPA shall do so in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 20 and carefully evaluate the reasonableness and appropriateness of the data, assumptions, and methods used in the expert's report and of the findings reached in the report.

#### Article 10

When engaged to audit financial statements, a CPA shall observe the provisions of Statement of Auditing Standards No. 29 when evaluating the audited entity's compliance with laws and regulations.

#### Article 11

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#### Article 12

A CPA shall plan audit implementation work in consideration of the characteristics of the relevant industry and in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards Nos. 43, 48, and 49.

If the audited entity is a public company, the CPA shall assess whether the audited entity has effectively implemented the control activities under Articles 7 through 9 of the Regulations Governing Establishment of Internal Control Systems by Public Companies, and on that basis determine the nature, timing, and extent of the substantive procedures.

#### Article 12-1

A CPA shall communicate with those charged with governance of an audited entity in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 62, and if there is an audit committee, must document in the working papers the time, committee member(s), content, and results with respect to the communication with the audit committee.

#### Article 13

At the beginning of an audit, a CPA shall first make the following checks by selecting one month, or by taking sufficient data for that purpose:

1. Check vouchers against supporting source documents on an item-by-item basis.
2. Check vouchers against journal entries on an item-by-item basis.
3. Check vouchers against subsidiary ledger entries on an item-by-item basis.
4. Check journal entries against general ledger entries on an item-by-item

basis.

5. Check the sum of account balances in each subsidiary ledger against the balance in the control account in the general ledger.

If an audited entity processes its accounting data electronically, the CPA may study and test the computerized accounting operations of the audited entity and, to the degree it deems fit, modify or adjust the audit procedures required by the subparagraphs of the preceding paragraph.

#### Article 14

With respect to subsequent events occurring to an audited entity after the balance sheet date, a CPA shall, in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 55, ascertain whether events of material significance have been adjusted or a disclosed in the financial statements.

### Chapter II Audit Procedures

#### Article 15

Before the beginning of an audit, a CPA shall plan the audit work in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 47.

#### Article 16

When using the work of internal auditing as audit evidence in an audit of financial statements, a CPA shall evaluate the quality of the internal audit work in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 25.

#### Article 17

When performing substantive audit procedures, an auditor shall comply with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 49. If applying substantive analytical procedures, an auditor shall adopt appropriate analytical procedures as determined by professional judgment and in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 50.

#### Article 18

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#### Article 18-1

When performing an audit, a CPA shall evaluate the reasonableness and appropriateness of the accounting estimates recognized or disclosed in the financial statements (including fair value accounting estimates) in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 56.

#### Article 18-2

If the audited entity changes an accounting policy, the auditor shall ascertain on an item-by-item basis whether an analysis of reasonableness, and specific evidence, have been provided for matters including pre-change analysis, estimation of the quantitative effect, and peer comparison. If the audited entity has any change in any matter among accounting estimates in relation to a change in the useful life or the depreciation or depletion method of depreciable or depletable assets, a change in the amortization period or amortization method of intangible assets, or a change in the residual value of any such assets, the CPA also shall comply with the provisions specified above.

If the audited entity changes to any new accounting policy, the CPA shall ascertain whether it has applied the change retrospectively; if it is impracticable, the CPA shall ascertain whether it complies with International Accounting Standards 8.

#### Article 19

When engaged to perform an audit, a CPA shall, for information of continuing importance relating to the financial statements of the audited entity, establish relevant audit files cross-referenced to current audit files, which shall continue to be reviewed, and updated or supplemented with new information, in each subsequent audit.

#### Article 20

For the purpose of auditing and attesting financial statements, a CPA shall

first check the balance in each account in the financial statements against that in the general ledger, and shall also check each account in the general ledger against the sum of account balances in the corresponding subsidiary or account ledger, and subsequently, where all accounts are reconciled, perform audit procedures as follows:

1. Cash and cash equivalents:

A. Evaluate the system of internal controls over cash, perform a test count of cash on hand, and, if the date of counting does not fall on the balance sheet date, make reconciliation to see whether the figure agrees.

B. With respect to cash on hand and petty cash, ascertain the existence of any non-cash items, such as employee IOUs, uncashed checks, and unreimbursed vouchers, and make appropriate adjustment if necessary.

C. Ascertain expenses reported and reimbursements made through petty cash and revolving funds, determine the remaining balances of each, check unreimbursed vouchers, and make necessary adjustments.

D. Check the amounts on bank statements against those in the ledger. If there is any discrepancy, obtain a bank reconciliation statement prepared by the audited entity and perform a test audit of the reconciliation items, and send a written confirmation request to the bank in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No 69.

E. Perform a test audit of stubs from cash receipt books and check stubs and verify against cash book entries. Take note of whether any check has been issued for use by other parties or affiliated enterprises without being recorded on the books, and if so, make an adjusting entry or footnote disclosure.

F. Ascertain whether bank deposits designated for specific purposes or otherwise restricted have been reported in a footnote or reclassified to an appropriate account.

G. Perform an inventory count of certificates of deposit and audit the estimation and recording of the interest receivable, and for those on deposit with others, assess the reason(s) and check the custody receipt.

H. With respect to certificates of deposit that are provided as security or pledged as loan collateral, ascertain whether the established operating procedures for endorsements/guarantees have been complied with.

I. Where bank deposits increase due to a capital increase, ascertain the source of the capital and how it has been utilized, and whether the amount has been overstated or understated.

J. For any matured note receivable that has not been deposited into the bank by the balance sheet date, ascertain whether such note has been deposited by the beginning of the ensuing period. Also note why such deposit has not been made.

K. Perform a test audit of the supporting source documents for large inflows and outflows of cash and bank deposits, paying attention to changes in cash and bank deposits immediately prior to and after the balance sheet date. If there is a large or irregular fluctuation, ascertain the cause.

L. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for material cash transactions and interbank funds transfer transactions during each period, to ensure that there has been a proper cut-off of cash items.

M. If there are any foreign currency deposits, ascertain whether such deposits have been adjusted to the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

N. If there are any cash equivalents, the audit procedures related to financial assets, as described in subparagraph 2, shall apply mutatis mutandis, and the appropriateness of their classification shall be ascertained.

2. Financial assets, including, among others, financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss, financial assets measured at fair value through other comprehensive income, financial assets measured at amortized cost, and financial assets for hedging (hereinafter collectively referred to as "financial assets"):

A. Assess the system of internal controls over such matters, and check the transaction records and all supporting source documents, to verify the reliability of the classification, calculation, and recording.

B. Review minutes of the meetings of the board of directors or any other units specifically responsible for such matters, and ascertain the adequacy

of the authorization of transactions and the existence of any unrecorded transactions.

C. Obtain and review relevant contracts and documentation, to verify the appropriateness of the accounting treatment.

D. Conduct an on-site inventory of securities on hand jointly with the custodian or check the central securities deposit passbook, and check the amount against account book entries, to verify ownership and liquidity, and for those on deposit with others, assess the reason(s) and check the custody receipt.

F. With respect to securities provided as security or pledged as loan collateral, send a written confirmation request or otherwise check the custody receipt, and ascertain whether the established operating procedures for endorsements/guarantees have been complied with.

G. Ascertain whether the reclassification and accounting treatment are appropriate.

H. Ascertain whether the recognition, measurement, and presentation and disclosure in the financial statements, of the amounts of expected credit losses are appropriate.

I. For financial assets that are material in amount or whose underlying investments are unusual in nature, acquire an understanding of the nature of the transactions, whether any irregularities have been involved, and whether they have been appropriately treated.

J. If any item is identified as having been used to secure an obligation or for any other purpose, ascertain whether the fact has been reported in a footnote or the item has been reclassified to an appropriate account.

K. Ascertain whether dividends or interest income have been properly recorded.

L. Ascertain whether financial assets have been adequately presented and disclosed (in terms of measurement, classification, and furnishing of required information) in the financial statements and footnotes, and whether they are identified as either current or non-current depending on their liquidity.

M. Ascertain whether financial assets that are denominated in a foreign currency have been adjusted to reflect the foreign exchange rate required by generally accepted accounting principles and whether they have been properly accounted for.

N. Ascertain whether financial assets designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss and financial assets designated as measured at fair value through other comprehensive income meet the conditions set out in applicable requirements.

O. Ascertain whether the accounting basis and ending valuation are appropriate.

P. Ascertain whether the accounting treatment of hedging is appropriate.

R. Audit derivative financial assets by the following procedure:

- a. Acquire an understanding of whether any of the audited entity's assets, liabilities, firm commitments, and forecast transactions is significantly exposed to any risk associated with fair value, cash flow, or net investment in a foreign operation; review or inquire about relevant supporting source documents, such as balance statements for trading margins, premiums, bank fees, service fees, and professional service fees, to find out the existence of any unrecorded derivative transactions.
- b. Obtain trading summaries of derivative financial instruments prepared by the audited entity and relevant memorandum entries, inquire of those senior executives and internal auditors authorized by the board of directors of the audited entity, and obtain written records, to acquire knowledge of any irregularity in the derivative transactions by the audited entity.
- c. Analyze any increase or decrease in derivative transactions in relation to the prior period, and, if a significant change or irregularity exists, analyze the reason and reasonableness.
- d. Send written confirmation requests to the banks, securities firms, futures commission merchants, and major trading counterparties.
- e. If embedded derivatives and their host contracts are recognized separately, ascertain whether such separate recognition complies with applicable requirements.

3. Contract assets, notes receivable, accounts receivable, and operating revenues:

A. Evaluate the system of internal controls over operating revenues, and check the transaction records and all supporting source documents, to verify whether revenue records are reliable, and also incorporate in the audit sample any new sales customer from during the present period that is a related party and that has entered into any transaction of a material amount with the audited entity, or any sales customer newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten sales customers, and ascertain the nature and reasonableness of the transactions with any sales customer newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten sales customers, and whether the customer has any connection to any supplier newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten suppliers, to identify whether any irregularity exists in the transactions. If any significant deficiency in internal control of the audited entity is found, ascertain the cause of the deficiency and the reasonableness thereof, and determine whether any extra audit procedures need to be performed.

B. Conduct a comparative analysis against the amounts from the prior period, and also compare the growth rate of contract assets, accounts receivable, and notes receivable against that of operating revenues in the same period, to determine whether the trend of the changes has been reasonable. If there has been any material change, ascertain and analyze the cause.

C. If the audited entity has engaged in consignment sales, distribution services, or any other special type of sales, ascertain whether the accounting records agree with the information from the underlying contractual agreements.

D. Ascertain whether revenues have been appropriately recognized, measured, presented, and disclosed. If the entity recognizes revenue on a gross basis, ascertain whether revenue has been recognized in accordance with applicable requirements.

E. Send written confirmation requests to debtors in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 69.

F. For any note receivable pledged as security, send a written confirmation request to the pledgee, and ascertain whether the fact has been reported in a footnote.

G. Ascertain whether material accounts receivable have been offset against the same parties to which the sales were made, and if any of them is not, assess the reason and reasonableness.

H. Jointly conduct an inventory of notes on hand, and if any notes on hand are held by a third party or have been delivered to a bank for collection, send a written confirmation request to the holder or audit the supporting documents for such bank collection. If the inventory date is not the balance sheet date, reconcile the difference.

I. If it is found that a note has been exchanged with another party, it shall be reported in a footnote or reclassified to an appropriate account.

J. Obtain an aging schedule and perform an aged analysis of accounts receivable, ascertain the collection of notes and accounts receivable during the subsequent period, and, if any such item remains uncollected after the due date, ascertain whether they have been appropriately treated.

K. Ascertain the appropriateness of the recognition, measurement, and write-off of loss allowance. If past-due accounts receivable or notes receivable account for a significant portion of any given account, ascertain the cause and reasonableness and evaluate the adequacy of the loss allowance.

L. Ascertain whether appropriate treatment has been given with respect to contract assets, notes receivable, or accounts receivable under dispute or litigation.

M. Ascertain whether there is any note or account receivable due from a related party or investee company that exceeds the normal loan term and that is required to be reclassified under "other receivables," and if so, ascertain the reason(s) and whether any irregularities have been involved.

N. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for each period, to ensure that there has been a proper cut-off of sales transactions and sales returns.

O. Ascertain whether there have been any material sales returns or allowances in the current period and the subsequent period, and, if so,

inquire about the reason and find out whether they have been adequately presented.

P. If it is found that a note or account receivable has arisen from a non-operating activity, ascertain whether it has been reclassified to an appropriate account.

Q. Ascertain whether contract assets, notes receivable, and accounts receivable are presented in such a manner as to distinguish between current and non-current items, and ascertain whether they are measured by an appropriate method. However, short-term notes and accounts receivable with no stated interest rate may be measured at the original invoice amount if the effect of discounting is immaterial.

R. Ascertain whether any internal profit from internal transfer pricing has been offset.

S. Ascertain whether the interest income and interest receivable arising from interest-bearing notes receivable have been recorded.

T. For discounted or transferred notes receivable or accounts receivable, if any, check the discount or transfer records, review relevant contracts, inspect supporting documentation, send a written confirmation request, and ascertain whether the degree of retention of risks and rewards and of control meet the criteria for derecognition, whether the disclosure has been made in accordance with applicable requirements, and whether proper accounting treatment has been given.

U. If there are any contract assets, notes receivable, or accounts receivable denominated in a foreign currency, ascertain whether they have been adjusted to the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

V. Ascertain whether contract assets, notes receivable, and accounts receivable arising from transactions with related parties have been adequately presented.

4. Other receivables:

A. Note the nature of each line item under "other receivables" and, for those not constituting current assets, ascertain whether they have been reclassified to an appropriate account.

B. With respect those that are material in amount or unusual in nature, send written confirmation requests and ascertain the status of collections during the subsequent period; no written confirmation is required, however, if "other receivables" have been collected in full by the end of the subsequent period and the supporting source documents have been inspected and other alternative audit procedures have been performed.

C. With respect to those that are in the nature of financing, ascertain whether such an item complies with the statutory provisions as well as the established operating procedures, and whether the content of the financing has been adequately disclosed in the financial statements.

D. Ascertain the appropriateness of the recognition, measurement, and write-off of loss allowance.

E. Ascertain whether "other receivables" that are material in amount have been separately presented.

F. Ascertain whether "other receivables" that are denominated in a foreign currency have been adjusted to the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

5. Inventories and operating overhead:

A. Evaluate the system of internal controls over operating overhead, and check the transaction records and all supporting source documents, to verify the reliability of the classification, calculation, and recording of operating overhead, and also incorporate in the audit sample any new supplier from during the present period that is a related party and that has entered into any transaction of a material amount with the audited entity, or any supplier newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten suppliers, and ascertain the nature and reasonableness of the transactions with any supplier newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten suppliers, and whether the supplier has any connection to any sales customer newly listed during the present period as one of the top ten sales customers, to identify whether any irregularity exists in the transactions. If any significant deficiency in internal control of the audited entity is found, ascertain the cause of the deficiency and the reasonableness thereof, and determine whether any extra audit procedures need to be performed.

B. Conduct a comparative analysis against the amounts from the prior period to determine whether the trend of the change has been reasonable. If there has been any material change, ascertain and analyze the cause.

C. Ascertain the accounting basis and calculation method with respect to inventories, check whether they are consistent with those used in the prior period, and, for any change therein, ascertain the reasonableness thereof and whether appropriate treatment has been given.

D. Perform the audit procedures relating to attendance at physical inventory counting of the audited entity in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70.

E. Check physical inventory counts and results of inventory testing against the inventory list and book entries. If the book quantity of an inventory is materially at variance with the actual quantity counted during the on-site inventory, ascertain the reason.

F. While the on-site inventory is being conducted, if there are items being sold on consignment or held for other parties, verify that they have been separately stored and labeled, and obtain the specifications, quantities, and other relevant information, to ensure that they are not included in the inventory of the audited entity.

G. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for each period, to ensure that there has been a proper cut-off of operating overhead.

H. If the sales costs include any drawback of customs or excise duties on exportation, ascertain whether proper accounting treatment has been given.

I. Ascertain whether any inventory has been provided as pledge or security or possessed in trust, and if so, whether the fact has been reported in a footnote.

J. Ascertain whether damaged, deteriorated, or long-term unmarketable inventory items, if any, have been valued at the lower of net realizable value or cost.

K. Value ending inventories at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

L. Ascertain the ownership of any inventory in transit, and, if it belongs to the audited entity, whether appropriate accounting treatment has been given.

M. Ascertain the appropriateness of the procedures for handling idle and obsolete materials.

6. Prepayments:

A. Where a prepayment is required to be reclassified as an expense or to an appropriate account, ascertain whether such reclassification has been made and whether the amounts agree, and in the case of reclassification under "other receivables," ascertain whether a sufficient amount of allowance for losses has been recognized for that purpose.

B. Ascertain the reason, period, and nature of any significant prepayment, and acquire an understanding of the reasonableness.

C. Ascertain whether any prepayment involves a contractual relationship, and, if so, the content of contract and the extent to which the counterparty has performed its contractual obligations. With respect to those that are material in amount or unusual in nature, send a written confirmation request to the counterparty.

D. Ascertain whether there is any significant offset during a certain time period before or after the balance sheet date to any of those payments that are temporary in nature, and if so, assess reason and reasonableness.

7. Other current assets:

Ascertain the nature of each item falling under the category of "other current assets," find out whether it has been appropriately classified and given proper accounting treatment, and if an item is unusual in nature, find out whether the fact has been stated in detail in a footnote.

8. Funds, subsidiaries, and investments accounted for using the equity method:

A. Evaluate the system of internal controls over subsidiaries and investments accounted for using the equity method, and check the transaction records and all supporting source documents, to verify the reliability of the accounting records.

B. Ascertain the basis for setting aside funds and whether such has been reported in a footnote.

C. Conduct, jointly with the custodian, an on-site inventory of securities

acquired by subsidiaries or through investments accounted for using the equity method, and inspect the supporting source documents. If any part or all of such securities are deposited with others, acquire an understanding of the reason and send a written confirmation request, and also check the custody receipt or perform other necessary audit procedures to verify the ownership.

D. Ascertain whether an appropriate accounting basis was applied in recording investments accounted for using the equity method, and whether they have been properly classified.

E. If any investment in a subsidiary or investment accounted for using the equity method has been provided as security, pledged, or is otherwise subject to any restriction or limitation, ascertain whether the fact has been reported in a footnote, and whether the established operating procedures for endorsements/guarantees have been complied with.

F. In the case of interests in joint ventures, and investment that confers material influence over the investee company, ascertain whether the investment has been valued under the equity method. Ascertain whether the audited entity has substantive control over such investee company or related party, and if so, whether consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable requirements.

G. In the case of any change in shareholding in an investment in a subsidiary or an investment accounted for using the equity method, ascertain the appropriateness of the accounting treatment.

H. Ascertain the appropriateness of the accounting treatment of those classified as disposal groups held for sale.

I. When ascertaining the share of recognized profit or loss of subsidiaries and investment accounted for using the equity method, the CPA should identify any material events in the financial statements of major subsidiaries and ascertain how they affect the audited entity's financial statements, and for associates that have been determined, pursuant to Statement of Auditing Standards No. 51, to have a material effect on the fair presentation of the financial reports of the audited entity, the CPA shall ascertain whether the financial reports of the associate comply with these Regulations and the Statements of Auditing Standards.

J. Ascertain whether any unrealized profit or loss among the group entities has been written off.

K. Ascertain whether the difference between the cost of an investment accounted for using the equity method and the net equity value has been amortized or offset as required.

L. Ascertain whether there is any indication that an investment accounted for using the equity method of the audited entity may be impaired and the appropriateness of the impairment test performed by the audited entity and of the corresponding accounting treatment.

M. Acquire an understanding of whether there is mutual investment between the audited entity and any subsidiary or associate, and if so, whether it complies with the provisions of the Company Act and whether it has been adequately disclosed in the financial statements. In the case of a subsidiary holding shares in its parent, acquire an understanding of whether it has been handled in accordance with applicable requirements.

N. Ascertain whether dividends from investments accounted for using the equity method have been properly recorded.

O. Ascertain whether all subsidiaries or associates are going concerns, and if any of them is not, whether proper adjustment or footnote disclosure has been made.

P. Ascertain whether the financial reports of associates and the audited entity are prepared as of the same date. If there is a difference in date, ascertain whether adjustments have been made for the effects of significant transactions or events occurring between the date of the associate's financial reports and the date of the audited entity's financial reports; and ascertain whether there is any difference of greater than 3 months between the balance sheet dates of associates and that of the audited entity.

Q. Ascertain whether subsidiaries or associates use the same accounting policies as the audited entity for similar transactions and events under similar circumstances. If there is any difference in accounting policies, ascertain whether adjustments have been made.

9. Property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property, intangible assets, and biological assets:

A. Ascertain whether the title to property, plant and equipment is held by the audited entity, and when necessary, observe the on-site inventory or conduct a joint on-site inventory of representative property, plant and equipment. If due to statutory restrictions the title to any such asset is not registered under the name of the audited entity for the time being, ascertain whether any safeguards are in place and whether a proper explanation has been provided in a footnote.

B. Ascertain whether there is any property, plant and equipment that is not intended for use in the operation of the business. If there is, reclassify it to an appropriate account, in keeping with its character.

C. Ascertain whether any property, plant and equipment or investment property has been provided as security, pledged, or otherwise subject to any restriction, and, if so, whether the fact has been reported in a footnote.

D. Ascertain whether the basis used in accounting for property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property, and intangible assets is appropriate.

E. Ascertain whether property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property, and intangible assets have been depreciated, depleted, or amortized in a rational and systematic manner in accordance with current statutory requirements, and that each component of property, plant and equipment that is material has been depreciated separately, and ascertain the appropriateness of the amounts. For the book value of any portions that have been replaced or substituted, ascertain whether it has been derecognized.

F. Regularly examine whether capitalization policies and depreciation, depletion, and amortization methods, periods, and residual values applied to property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property, and intangible assets are consistent with those of the prior period and reflect their economic substance. If a change has been made, ascertain the reasonableness, the appropriateness of the accounting treatment, and whether the method accords with the nature of the change, i.e. change in accounting principle or change in accounting estimate, as the case may be. If an impairment loss is recognized or reversed, ascertain whether a depreciation or depletion expense has been calculated based on the amount after the recognition or reversal of the impairment loss.

G. If any property, plant and equipment, or investment property meets the definition of assets held for sale, ascertain whether it has been appropriately reclassified.

H. Ascertain all expenditures in connection with property, plant and equipment, and investment property for the current period, to determine whether such items are capital expenditures or expense expenditures, and ascertain whether they have been given proper accounting treatment.

I. Ascertain whether proper accounting treatment has been given to capitalization of borrowing costs with respect to property, plant and equipment and investment property currently in the process of acquisition or construction.

J. Ascertain the reasonableness of any material change in prepayments for land or equipment.

K. Ascertain any increase or decrease in property, plant and equipment, right-of-use assets, investment property, and intangible assets in the current period, and whether it has been given proper accounting treatment. Also, audit the following additional matters with respect to investment property:

a. Ascertain whether the fair value model or the cost model was chosen as the accounting policy for the subsequent measurement of investment property, and apply the chosen accounting policy to all investment property items.

b. When investment property was subsequently measured using the fair value model, obtain the appraisal report if outsourced appraisal was adopted, or, if internal appraisal was adopted, obtain the information relating to the internal control system applicable to the appraisal procedures, and if the report was reviewed by another CPA, obtain the CPA's review opinion on the reasonableness or validity, to ascertain whether the manner in which the

appraisal was conducted, the appraisal method, and the definition of each parameter conform to the requirements.

c. Ascertain the reasonableness and appropriateness of the recognized amount if material difference exists between the appraisal results shown in the appraisal reports issued by professional appraisers of two or more appraising offices, or if there is any disagreement between a review opinion issued by any other CPA and the appraisal reports by the professional appraisers and the audited entity's internal appraisal.

d. Ascertain the validity of the appraisal report at the balance sheet date.

e. Ascertain whether the disclosure of investment property conforms to the requirements.

L. Ascertain whether the house rentals, land rentals, and any other revenues arising from property, plant and equipment and investment property have been properly recorded.

M. Ascertain whether any assets have been leased, and if so, whether such leases have been given proper accounting treatment.

N. Ascertain whether there are any obligations to restore right-of-use assets or property, plant and equipment to their original condition, and whether any decommissioning costs have been estimated and recorded.

O. Ascertain the components of intangible assets, and whether they have been given proper accounting treatment.

P. Check the supporting source documents, papers, and licenses relating to intangible assets.

Q. Ascertain whether intangible assets are still useful and whether their cost has been amortized over their expected useful life.

R. Ascertain whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, and if so, the appropriateness of the estimated recoverable amount of the asset. If there is goodwill, ascertain whether the audited entity has performed an impairment test regularly on an annual basis. In addition, ascertain whether the carrying amount of an asset (other than goodwill) after reversal of impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined (net of required depreciation or amortization) had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset.

S. Ascertain the nature of biological assets and whether they have been properly classified.

T. Ascertain whether biological assets have been measured at fair value less costs to sell. If at the time of initial recognition it was impossible to obtain their market price or value, and if a substitution estimate to determine fair value would obviously be unreliable, the biological assets should be measured by cost less all accumulated depreciation and all accumulated impairment loss.

U. For any agricultural goods after the harvesting of biological assets, ascertain whether they have been given proper classifications and accounting treatment.

#### 10. Other non-current assets:

A. Inspect all supporting source documents to confirm the reasonableness of the amounts recorded.

B. If any item under "other non-current assets" is subject to amortization, ascertain the reasonableness of the amortization method and its consistency with that applied in the prior period.

C. For any long outstanding amount for which it is impossible to obtain confirmation from the debtor or which is not likely to be collected, ascertain whether such amount has been written off or sufficient loss allowance has been set aside.

D. Ascertain whether any item under "other non-current assets" that is material in amount has been separately presented.

E. For items held in custody for other parties that are material in amount or unusual in nature, conduct a joint on-site inventory with the custodian(s) and send written confirmation requests to such other parties.

F. Ascertain the nature of any refundable deposit paid out as security, and the reasonableness and necessity thereof.

G. Ascertain whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired, and if so, the appropriateness of the estimated recoverable amount of the asset. In addition, ascertain whether the carrying amount of an asset after reversal of impairment loss does not exceed the carrying amount that would

have been determined (net of required depreciation or amortization) had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset.

11. Borrowings:

- A. Ascertain whether a borrowing that is a bank overdraft, bank borrowing, commercial paper payable, banker's acceptance, or "other borrowing" has been separately presented.
- B. Identify any significant borrowing agreements and send written confirmation requests to confirm the borrowing balances, interest rates, repayment periods, amounts, material covenants, and the collateralization status.
- C. Ascertain whether the bank overdraft balance is the balance after offsetting against the bank deposit, and if so, make appropriate adjustment.
- D. If there has been any borrowing from a shareholder, employee, or related party, ascertain whether the fact has been reported in a footnote.
- E. Ascertain repayment of principal and interest on borrowing in the subsequent period, and ensure that footnote disclosure has been made of any delay in repayment.
- F. Identify interest payments made in the current period and perform a check calculation to verify whether accrued or prepaid interest has been calculated and recorded appropriately at period-end.
- G. Ascertain whether there has been a breach of any material provision of a borrowing agreement (including past-due obligations and rescheduling of payments), and if so, whether appropriate accounting treatment and disclosure have been given, and consider the effect thereof on the financial statements.
- H. If repayment a foreign currency is required under a borrowing agreement, ascertain whether such has been translated using the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.
- I. Ascertain whether non-current liabilities to be settled within one year or within one operating cycle have been reclassified as current liabilities in accordance with applicable requirements.
- J. If the audited entity has set aside a sinking fund, ascertain whether it has been done in accordance with provisioning rules.

12. Financial liabilities, including, among others, those measured at fair value through profit or loss, those for hedging, and those measured at amortized cost (hereinafter collectively referred to as "financial liabilities"):

- A. Assess the system of internal controls over such matters, and check the transaction records and all relevant contracts and supporting source documents, to verify the reliability of recording of financial liabilities.
- B. Ascertain payments or deliveries during the subsequent period and all supporting source documents, and where necessary send written confirmation requests to and obtain relevant contracts from major trading counterparties.
- C. With respect to a financial liability that came due prior to the balance sheet date and was rescheduled or renegotiated by that time, ascertain whether relevant income or expense has been recognized in profit or loss.
- D. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for each period, to ascertain the existence of any unrecorded financial liabilities.
- E. Ascertain whether the accounting basis and ending valuation are appropriate. For financial liabilities designated as measured at fair value through profit or loss, if the change of amount in the fair value results from credit risks, ascertain whether the recognition of profit and loss meets the applicable requirements.
- F. Ascertain whether financial liabilities have been adequately presented and disclosed (in terms of measurement, classification, and furnishing of required information) in the financial statements and footnotes, and whether they are identified as either current or non-current depending on their liquidity.
- G. Ascertain whether the accounting treatment of hedging is appropriate.
- H. Ascertain whether financial liabilities that are denominated in a foreign currency have been adjusted to reflect the foreign exchange rate required by generally accepted accounting principles and whether they have been properly accounted for.

I. Audit derivative financial liabilities by the following procedure:

- a. Acquire an understanding of whether any of the audited entity's assets, liabilities, firm commitments, and forecast transactions is significantly exposed to any risk associated with fair value, cash flow, or net investment in a foreign operation; review or inquire about relevant supporting source documents, such as balance statements for trading margins, premiums, bank fees, service fees, and professional service fees, to determine whether there have been any unrecorded derivative transactions.
- b. Obtain trading summaries of derivative financial instruments prepared by the audited entity and relevant memorandum entries, inquire of those senior executives and internal auditors authorized by the board of directors of the audited entity, and obtain written documents, to acquire knowledge of any irregularity in the derivative transactions by the audited entity.
- c. Analyze any increase or decrease in derivative transactions in relation to the prior period, and, if a significant change or irregularity exists, analyze the reason and reasonableness.
- d. Send written confirmation requests to banks, securities firms, futures commission merchants, and major trading counterparties.
- e. Ascertain the requirement for separate recognition of embedded derivatives and their host contracts, and whether they have been appropriately accounted for.

13. Notes payable, accounts payable, and purchases:

- A. Evaluate the system of internal controls over procurements, and check the transaction records and all supporting source documents, to verify the reliability of purchase records.
- B. Ascertain payments made in the subsequent period or relevant supporting source documents, and when necessary, send written confirmation requests to principal suppliers and creditors.
- C. Ascertain whether any material accounts payable have been offset by payment in favor of persons other than those to whom the accounts are payable, and if so, assess the reason and reasonableness.
- D. If, as of the auditing date, the date of maturity for any note receivable falls beyond the statutory term of validity, ascertain the reason and whether the note receivable has been rescheduled or reclassified to an appropriate account.
- E. Ascertain whether any note receivable has been exchanged with another party, and if so, whether such note receivable has been reported in a footnote or reclassified to an appropriate account.
- F. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for each period, to ensure that there has been a proper cut-off of purchase transactions and purchase returns.
- G. If it is found that a note or account payable has arisen from a non-operating activity, ascertain whether it has been reclassified to an appropriate account.
- H. Ascertain whether notes and accounts payable are presented in such a manner as to distinguish between long-term and short-term items, and whether the long-term items have been recorded at present value.
- I. If a creditor has been provided with collateral for a note or account payable, ascertain whether the nature and description of the collateral have been reported in a footnote.
- J. Ascertain whether notes payable are interest-bearing, and whether interest accrued in the current period has been recorded.
- K. If repayment in a foreign currency is required under an agreement with respect to a note or account payable, ascertain whether such has been translated using the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.

14. Lease liabilities, accrued expenses and other payables

- A. Select a period after the balance sheet date and check all supporting source documents for unpaid invoices, cash expenditures, and material liabilities falling within that period, to verify the existence of any unrecorded liabilities.
- B. For accrued expenses for which the amount is estimated or yet to be determined, ascertain whether the method of estimation is consistent with that applied in prior years, and whether any payments have been made in the subsequent period.

- C. Ascertain whether the accounting treatment of lease liabilities is appropriate.
- D. Identify any payments made in the subsequent period and all supporting source documents.
- E. If a creditor has been provided with collateral, ascertain whether the nature and description of the collateral have been reported in a footnote.
- F. Ascertain whether any items under "other payables" that are material in amount have been separately presented.
- G. If repayment in a foreign currency is required under an agreement with respect to an item within accrued expenses or "other payables," ascertain whether it has been adjusted to the spot exchange rate at the balance sheet date.
- 15. Contract liabilities and payments received in advance:
  - A. Ascertain the nature of any contract liabilities and payments received in advance, perform a test check of the underlying contractual agreements, if any, and ascertain whether the accounting treatment is appropriate.
  - B. Identify any change that has occurred in the subsequent period.
  - C. Ascertain whether there is any significant offset during a certain time period before or after the balance sheet date to any receipts that are temporary in nature, and if so, assess the reason and reasonableness.
- 16. Corporate bonds payable:
  - A. Obtain the issuance rules for corporate bonds and ascertain whether footnote disclosure has been made as to total authorized amount, interest rate, maturity, collateral or guarantee status, and other relevant covenants and restrictions. In the case of a convertible corporate bond, ascertain whether the method of conversion and conversion status have been reported in a footnote and been adequately presented and disclosed in accordance with applicable requirements.
  - B. If there is a trustee or guarantor, ascertain whether any special clause is contained in the executed guarantee or trust agreement, and send a written confirmation request to the guarantor or trustee inquiring about the total issued and unissued amounts and the repaid or cancelled amount.
  - C. Identify any interest payments made in the current period and perform a check calculation to verify whether interest has been recorded appropriately, and whether any discounts or premiums have been properly amortized, at period-end.
  - D. Ascertain whether corporate bonds repayable within one year have been reclassified as current liabilities in accordance with applicable requirements.
  - E. Where a sinking fund has been established, ascertain the status of the provisioning rules, amounts set aside, and interest accrued.
  - F. Ascertain the status of repayment of corporate bonds, and, in the case of convertible corporate bonds where capital increase or issuance of new shares is required by law, whether such has been duly carried out.
  - G. Inspect relevant minutes of board meetings.
  - H. Ascertain whether there has been a breach of any material provision in any agreement regarding the issuance of corporate bonds, and if so, whether appropriate treatment has been given, and consider the effect thereof on the financial statements.
- 17. Other non-current liabilities:
  - A. Ascertain whether any item under "other non-current liabilities" that is to be settled or reimbursed within one year has been reclassified as current liabilities in accordance with applicable requirements.
  - B. On the basis of contracts, company rules or by-laws, and meeting minutes, calculate and check the balance of liabilities.
  - C. With respect to those that are material in amount or unusual in nature, send written confirmation requests to creditors or other relevant persons.
  - D. For liabilities for which the amount is an estimated figure, ascertain whether the basis of the estimate is appropriate, and whether any payments have been made in the subsequent period.
  - E. Ascertain whether any item under "other non-current liabilities" that is material in amount has been separately presented.
- 18. Equity:
  - A. Ascertain the amounts of registered capital and paid-in capital, and, where shares have been issued, whether footnote disclosure has been made as to type of capital stock, par value per share, number of authorized shares,

number of issued shares, and any special terms and conditions. Ascertain whether the capital management objectives, policies, and procedures have been adequately disclosed.

B. With respect to any capital increase or decrease, review relevant minutes of shareholders meetings and board meetings and documents of approval issued by the competent authority or application documents submitted by the audited entity, and further ascertain whether appropriate disclosure has been made as to the specific details of the change in capital.

C. When necessary, send a written confirmation request to the certification agent or stock registrar and transfer agent to inquire about the total number of shares issued.

D. Analyze current-period change in capital reserve and retained earnings and check against the articles of incorporation and minutes of shareholders meetings.

E. Ascertain whether capital reserve, legal reserve, and special reserve have been separately presented and whether they have been set aside in accordance with the applicable requirements.

F. Ascertain whether an explanation has been provided in a footnote on different types of capital reserves.

G. In the case of any prior period adjustment, ascertain whether proper accounting treatment has been given.

H. Ascertain whether earnings distributions have been properly recorded or given footnote disclosure.

I. Ascertain whether any restrictions on the distribution of retained earnings or capital reserves, or of any preferred stock dividends in arrears, have been disclosed by footnote.

J. If there is any doubt about the going concern basis of accounting underlying the financial statements with respect to the audited entity, perform all necessary audit procedures under Statement of Auditing Standards No. 61, evaluate the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial report, and whether a material uncertainty exists on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and ascertain whether adequate disclosure has been made in the financial statements, and further provide a fair audit opinion.

K. If any treasury stock exists, review all relevant documentation, and conduct an inventory count or send written confirmation requests; also ascertain whether proper accounting treatment has been given.

L. If any employee stock option arrangement exists, ascertain whether proper accounting treatment has been given and whether the arrangement has been adequately disclosed in the financial statements.

M. Find out the issuance conditions of any preferred stocks; if a preferred stock by its economic substance is a liability, find out whether it has been classified as a preferred stock liability and whether the relevant dividends have been reported as an expense.

#### 19. Provisions, contingencies, and commitments:

A. When auditing matters related to litigation and claims, do so in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 70.

B. Where any of such items is an endorsement or guarantee, ascertain whether it complies with statutory provisions as well as the established operating procedures, to verify that the audited entity has already taken the measures required by applicable regulations, and whether an adequate disclosure has been made in the financial statements.

C. Identify and disclose by footnote any illegality that might have a material effect on the fair presentation of the operating and financial statements of the audited entity.

D. If the audited entity has any present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that it will be required to settle that obligation and the amount can be reliably estimated, ascertain whether it has estimated and recorded provisions in accordance with applicable requirements, and ascertain whether adequate disclosure and proper accounting treatment have been given to provisions for employee benefits.

#### 20. Operating expenses:

A. Conduct a comparative analysis against the amounts from the prior period to determine whether the trend of the change has been reasonable. If there

has been any material change, ascertain and analyze the cause.

B. Analyze material expenses and audit all supporting source documents to verify whether any of them requires reclassification as a capital expenditure.

C. Examine the nature and significance of individual expenses and verify, in light thereof, whether they have been classified under the appropriate account.

D. Select two time periods, one before and one after the balance sheet date, and check all supporting source documents for each period, to ensure that there has been a proper cut-off of operating expenses.

21. Non-operating income and expenses and other comprehensive income:

A. Conduct a comparative analysis against the amounts from the prior period and ascertain the cause for material differences, if any.

B. Analyze any income and expense items that are material in amount or unusual in nature and ascertain the status of all supporting source documents and how they have been recorded.

C. Ascertain whether the profits or losses on disposal of financial assets are recognized in accordance with applicable requirements.

D. Examine the nature and significance of individual items and ascertain, in light thereof, whether they have been classified under the appropriate account.

22. Income tax:

A. Ascertain whether the audited entity has recognized current income tax expense or deferred income tax asset or liability in accordance with applicable requirements, made intraperiod tax allocation, and disclosed all relevant information.

B. Ascertain whether there are any materially significant pending tax remedies, or any back taxes or tax refunds from prior fiscal years, and evaluate the effect thereof on current income tax and income tax payable.

23. Earnings per share:

Ascertain whether earnings per share have been calculated and disclosed in accordance with applicable requirements.

24. Related party transactions:

With respect to the audit of related party transactions, in addition to reviewing the information on related party transactions provided by the audited entity, inspect the minutes of the audited entity's shareholders meetings, board of directors meetings and meetings of any other corporate governance bodies of the entity, contracts entered into with others, and other relevant records or documents, to ascertain whether there is any other significant related party transaction information not provided by the audited entity; and perform necessary audit procedures in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 67.

25. Other matters:

If the audited entity has engaged in non-arm's length transactions, ascertain and assess the effect thereof on the financial statements, and give appropriate treatment.

When engaged to audit and attest financial statements, a CPA may exercise its own judgment in tailoring the audit procedures to the characteristics or actual circumstances specific to the audited entity's organization or the industry in which it operates, and also to applicable legal or regulatory requirements. When necessary, a new set of audit procedures may be compiled to reflect the tailored audit procedures, with the reason(s) therefor indicated in the working papers.

**Article 20-1**

When engaged to audit the annual financial reports of a TWSE (or TPEX) primary listed company or an emerging stock foreign company, CPAs may cooperate with an international CPA firm that has a cooperative relationship with an ROC CPA firm. The Taiwan CPAs shall be responsible for planning, guidance and supervision, and shall proceed in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 54, and shall not mention in the audit report the audit work of other CPAs.

The major subsidiaries of a company under the preceding paragraph shall also be audited by the Taiwan CPAs, or by them in cooperation with the afore-mentioned international CPA firm, and in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

The preceding two paragraphs apply mutatis mutandis to the CPA review of the interim financial reports of a TWSE (or TPEx) primary listed company or an emerging stock foreign company.

#### Article 20-2

In addition to the requirements under Chapter II, CPAs auditing the major subsidiaries of a TWSE (or TPEx) primary listed company or an emerging stock foreign company shall comply with the following requirements:

1. Understand fully the organization of the group and major subsidiaries, including the major subsidiaries' industries, supplier relationships, customer relationships, and technological development, and local laws, regulations and bylaws affecting their business operations, tax laws, government policies, and environmental regulations relating to their local operations, and local business customs and practices.
2. In implementing the process of written confirmation regarding the relevant items in the financial reports of major subsidiaries, if it is difficult to send written confirmation requests to the financial institutions or the counterparties, or the reliability of the received confirmation is doubtful, evaluate whether the CPA should personally make the inquiries on site.
3. Ascertain the relationship between the management of the major subsidiaries and the major clients and suppliers, and also ascertain whether the audited entity does not provide information on related party transactions.
4. Ascertain whether any material difference exists between the performance and the trends of changes of the major subsidiaries' operating revenue, gross profit ratio, and profitability, and those of peer companies. If the aforementioned circumstance exists, ascertain and analyze the reasonableness, and when necessary, obtain relevant assessment information from outside organizations.
5. Ascertain the correctness of the amounts recorded with respect to the major subsidiaries' major and newly added properties, plants, and equipment, and check the reasonableness between such amounts recorded and the information publicly released to outside parties by the company or relevant units, and the money flows, and other supporting documentation.
6. Obtain the major subsidiaries' applicable tax rate structure, and ascertain whether it complies with the local laws and regulations. If any material difference exists between the applicable tax rate structure and the information disclosed in the financial report, ascertain the cause and its reasonableness.
7. Ascertain the cause and reasonableness of any other matters having a material effect on the fair presentation of the audited company's financial reports, and give them appropriate treatment.

#### Article 21

Before issuing an audit report, a CPA shall obtain written representations from management in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 66.

### Chapter III Audit Working Papers

#### Article 22

A CPA engaged to perform an audit of financial statements shall faithfully make a record of actions taken pursuant to these Regulations, and compile the record, together with relevant audit evidence obtained, into audit working papers.

#### Article 23

Audit working papers are evidence of whether a CPA has duly fulfilled professional responsibilities, and are the basis upon which an audit report is prepared and audit opinions are expressed. All opinions, facts, and figures presented in an audit report shall be supported by sufficient, competent, and relevant evidence in the audit working papers.

#### Article 24

Audit working papers shall be prepared and maintained in safe custody in accordance with Statement of Auditing Standards No. 45.

## Chapter IV Audit Reports

### Article 25

After completion of an audit of financial statements in accordance with these Regulations and other applicable requirements, an audit report shall be issued in accordance with the Statements of Auditing Standards.

### Article 26

In addition to the information required by the Statements of Auditing Standards, an audit report shall also contain the following:

1. The names of laws and regulations under which the audit work is performed and the financial statements are prepared.
2. The name, location, and telephone number of the accounting firm.

## Chapter V Financial Statements

### Article 27

The "financial statements" referred to in these Regulations include the following statements and footnotes thereto:

1. Balance sheet.
2. Comprehensive income statement.
3. Statement of changes in owners' equity.
4. Cash flow statement.

Each page of the balance sheet, comprehensive income statement, statement of owners' equity, and cash flow statement referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be signed or sealed by a responsible person, managerial officer, and in-charge accountant as representatives of the audited entity. For the first, second, and third quarter financial reports of the audited entity that are required to be reviewed by a CPA and publicly announced and registered pursuant to Article 36 of the Securities and Exchange Act as amended and promulgated on 4 January 2012, the CPA also shall review the interim financial reports of the major subsidiaries of the audited entity. If the CPA expresses a qualified conclusion in a review report because the financial reports or related information of a non-major subsidiary have not been reviewed, the CPA in the interim review reports must specify the amounts of the unreviewed assets, liabilities, and comprehensive income, and the proportions that they constitute of each of those amounts in the financial reports.

### Article 28

Dollar amounts in financial statements shall be based on figures audited by a CPA. The dollar amounts need only be expressed in units of NT\$1000, rounded to the nearest thousand, unless otherwise stated by laws and regulations or otherwise requested by the engaging party.

### Article 29

These Regulations shall be enforced from the date of issuance, except for the 26 December 2005 amendments, which shall be enforced from 1 January 2006, the 17 August 2012 amendments, which shall be enforced from the fiscal year 2013, the 30 December 2013 amendments to Article 8, which shall be enforced from the fiscal year 2015, and to Article 20, which shall be enforced from the fiscal year 2014, the 13 August 2014 amendment to Article 20, paragraphs 1, subparagraphs 3, 8 and 13, which shall be enforced from fiscal year 2015, and the 24 January 2019 amendment to Article 20, paragraph 1, subparagraph 9 (the preamble and items 4 to 6, 11, and 14) and subparagraph 14, which shall enter into force from 1 July 2019.