

Comparison table for the amendment to the Basic Guidelines on Information Requirements and Inspection on Foreign Audit Firms etc. by the
Certified Public Accountants and Auditing Oversight Board

(the revised parts are underlined.)

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<p>I - II ...</p> <p>III Information Requirements</p> <p>1. Overview of Information Requirements</p> <p>(1) Regular Requirement ...</p> <p>(ii) in relation to the Firms which provide Audit and Attestation Services to the issuers of securities which are listed on a financial instruments exchange in Japan, in addition to the information mentioned in (i) above, (a) information concerning Audit and Attestation Services for companies, etc. listed on a financial instruments exchange in Japan and (b) information concerning operation control system (including manuals regarding quality <u>control</u> system), as specifically set forth in Section VIII B....</p> <p>IV Inspection</p> <p>1. Scope and Manner of Inspection...</p> <p>(2) Manner of Inspection...</p> <p>(ii) by verifying and confirming whether the Firm's Audit and Attestation Services are in compliance with the laws, regulations and standards, mainly, such as, ...</p> <p>(b) auditing standards followed by the Firm in providing the Audit and Attestation Services, such as ISA and <u>ISQC1</u>, and ...</p> <p>(3) Points to be Considered</p> <p>In conducting inspection, the CPAAOB will endeavor to implement an efficient and effective inspection by collecting information on the Firms to be inspected as well as having good communication with them....</p>	<p>I - II ...</p> <p>III Information Requirements</p> <p>1. Overview of Information Requirements</p> <p>(1) Regular Requirement ...</p> <p>(ii) in relation to the Firms which provide Audit and Attestation Services to the issuers of securities which are listed on a financial instruments exchange in Japan, in addition to the information mentioned in (i) above, (a) information concerning Audit and Attestation Services for companies, etc. listed on a financial instruments exchange in Japan and (b) information concerning operation control system (including manuals regarding quality <u>management</u> system), as specifically set forth in Section VIII B....</p> <p>IV Inspection</p> <p>1. Scope and Manner of Inspection...</p> <p>(2) Manner of Inspection...</p> <p>(ii) by verifying and confirming whether the Firm's Audit and Attestation Services are in compliance with the laws, regulations and standards, mainly, such as, ...</p> <p>(b) auditing standards followed by the Firm in providing the Audit and Attestation Services, such as ISA and <u>ISQM1</u>, and ...</p> <p>(3) Points to be Considered</p> <p>In conducting inspection, the CPAAOB will endeavor to implement an efficient and effective inspection by collecting information on the Firms to be inspected as well as having good communication with them, <u>and utilize both online methods (inspections through browsing audit working papers and</u></p>

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<p>VII Effective Date</p>	<p>VII Effective Date</p> <p><u>(Revised)</u></p> <p><u>This Guideline will come into effect as of July 1st, 2024 and apply to the inspection with an advance notice (applies to the on-site inspection in the case of no advance notice) since then....</u></p>

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