



SUMMARY OF PRIVATE SECTOR CONSULTATION AND FEEDBACK STATEMENT Regulatory Policy – Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity

No.	Section	Comments	Authority's Response	Consequent Amendments to the Proposed Measure
1.	General	This new Policy will result in the repeal of three (3) existing Regulatory Policies in relation to Auditor Approval.	<p>The following Regulatory Policies will be repealed as their content will now be captured in the new Regulatory Policy – Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated entity.</p> <p>Regulatory Policies to be repealed.</p> <p>(1) the repeal of the existing <i>Regulatory Policy - Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity (2003 Revision)</i>;</p> <p>(2) the repeal of the existing <i>Regulatory Policy - Local Audit Sign-off for Mutual Funds and Mutual Fund Administrators</i>; and</p> <p>(3) the repeal of the existing <i>Regulatory Policy - Local Audit</i></p>	No Amendment to the measure.

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			<i>Sign-Off for Private Funds.</i>	
2.	Private Sector Consultation Paper Sections 30-32	Does this take into account regulatory laws where local sign-off is not required, such as the VASP Act?	The proposed Regulatory Policy for the Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity would apply to all auditors approved for regulated entities, as required under the regulatory Acts. This would include the approved auditors of Virtual Asset Service Providers.	No Amendment required
3.	Private Sector Consultation Paper Sections 30-32	Could an auditor be subject to CIIPA oversight and not have a physical presence, but still have a line of communication and a relationship with CIMA? If so, should this possibility be Considered?	While specific audit work can be done by firms that do not have a local physical presence, the audit signoff will be required to be done locally i.e. by a firm with a local physical presence.	No Amendment required
SECTION-SPECIFIC COMMENTS				
4.	REGULATORY POLICY for Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity Section 3.1	Auditor applies to CIMA to be to granted the recognition of a CIMA "Approved Auditor" per 8.1 below? 'Consider possible rewording?	The Authority has noted the comment and updated section 3.1	Section 3.1 was updated to provide clarity. The section reads: 3.1. This Policy sets out the Authority's criteria for the approval of an auditor of a Regulated Entity as required under the various Regulatory Acts. .
5.	REGULATORY POLICY for Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity Section 4.1	Should scope include "auditors applying to be granted recognition" as an Approved Auditor also?	Section 4.1 details that while the scope of the Policy is designed for the regulated entities of the Authority that are required to appoint an auditor in line with the applicable regulatory acts.	No Amendment required

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6.	REGULATORY POLICY for Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity Section 7.3	Regulatory Acts refer to Auditors Obligation/Duty though policy document refers to Auditors Expectations	In the Policy the Authority details the expectations of Auditors for regulated entities. The Authority does not regulate auditors as such the obligations lie with the CIIPA approval and the relevant acts – and this would in turn be used by the Authority in assessing whether to approve the Auditor.	No Amendment required
7.	Regulatory Policy Section 8.1	Approved Auditors is referenced at the bottom of the page "As published on CIIPA's website concerning audits of CIMA regulated entities" Does this mean a list CIMA approved auditors should be published by CIIPA, as I didn't find that on their website ? It would be helpful if a list of CIMA approved auditors by Division such as Insurance was available somewhere.	The Authority notes your comment and intends to have CIIPA publish a list of Approved Auditors.	No amendment required.
8.	REGULATORY POLICY for Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity Section 8.2	Is the Authority intending to review and approve all appointments accepted by Approved Auditors"?	No, the Authority is not intending to review and approve all appointments accepted by Approved Auditors. However, all such appointments must be notified to the Authority through the acceptance letter, and the Authority reserves the right to raise objection if necessary.	No Amendment required
9.	REGULATORY POLICY for Approval of an Auditor for a Regulated Entity Section 8.2	Should the list of Approved Auditors be published on CIMA's website?	The Authority notes your comment and will engage CIIPA further in this regard to have the listing published on the CIIPA website and will advise regulated	No Amendment required

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			entities and audit firms as appropriate.	
10.	Regulatory Policy Section 12.2	In reference to clause 12.2 of the Policy (App 1) consider adding a reference to physical presence as follows: 12.2. Firms who are recognised as Approved Auditors prior to effective date of this Policy shall be deemed to have met the qualifications and approval criteria under this Policy. These Firms will retain their approved status without the need for re-evaluation, provided that they remain in compliance with all ongoing requirements, including physical presence in the Cayman Islands , continuing education, ethical standards, and performance expectations set forth in this Policy."	The Authority has noted your comment and highlights that physical presence is already included in the Policy. Section 12.2 has been updated to reflect this fact.	Section 12.2 was updated to provide clarity. The section reads: Firms that are recognised as Approved Auditors prior to the effective date of this Policy shall be deemed to have met the qualifications and approval criteria under this Policy. These Firms will retain their approved status without the need for re-evaluation, provided that they remain in compliance with all ongoing requirements, including continuing education, ethical standards, and other relevant provisions outlined in this Policy.