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**SINGAPORE ACCOUNTANCY COMMISSION ACT
(CHAPTER 294B)**

**SINGAPORE ACCOUNTANCY COMMISSION
(PRESCRIBED ACCOUNTING SERVICES) REGULATIONS
2016**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 41 of the Singapore Accountancy Commission Act, the Singapore Accountancy Commission, with the approval of the Minister for Finance, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations are the Singapore Accountancy Commission (Prescribed Accounting Services) Regulations 2016 and come into operation on 2016.

Prescribed accounting services

2.—(1) For the purpose of section 25A(2)(a) of the Act, the accounting services are any 2 or more of the following types of services:

- (a) auditing and assurance services;
- (b) financial accounting services;
- (c) financial management services;
- (d) insolvency and recovery services;

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- (e) internal audit services;
 - (f) management accounting services;
 - (g) taxation services.

(2) The expressions in paragraph (1)(a) to (g) have the meaning given to them in the Schedule.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(2)

MEANING OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires —

“assurance engagement” has the same meaning as in the part entitled “Definitions” in the Fourth Schedule to the Accountants (Public Accountants) Rules (Cap. 2, R 1);

“entity” means —

- (a) a company or association or body of person, corporate or unincorporate,
- (b) a sole proprietor; or
- (c) a trust or its trustee (when acting in that capacity), as the case may be;

“general purpose financial statements” has the same meaning as in the part entitled “Glossary” in the Singapore Standards on Auditing;

“public accountant” has the same meaning as in section 2 of the Accountants Act (Cap. 2);

“Singapore Standards on Auditing” means the standards by that name issued by the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants as published on its website;

“special purpose financial statements” has the same meaning as in the part entitled “Glossary” in the Singapore Standards on Auditing;

“summary financial statements” has the same meaning as in the part entitled “Glossary” in the Singapore Standards on Auditing.

Performance of service must require accounting skills to be accounting service

2. In these Regulations, a service is not an auditing and assurance service, a financial accounting service, a financial management service, an insolvency and recovery service, an internal audit service, a management accounting service or a taxation service, unless its performance requires the application of an accounting or related skill.

Auditing and assurance services

3. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “auditing and assurance services” means either or both of the following:

- (a) auditing and reporting on financial statements of an entity, and doing any other act that is required by any written law to be done by a public accountant;
- (b) services to be provided under an assurance engagement.

Financial accounting services

4. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “financial accounting services” means either or both of the following:

- (a) preparing and maintaining accounting and other records of an entity which will sufficiently explain the transactions and financial position of the entity and enable true and fair profit and loss accounts and balance sheets (and any documents attached to the profit and loss accounts and balance sheets) to be prepared from time to time;
- (b) preparing the general purpose financial statements, special purpose financial statements or summary financial statements of an entity or any part of those statements.

Financial management services

5. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “financial management services” means one or more of the following:

- (a) measuring, evaluating or reporting on the flow of the monetary resources of an entity;
- (b) drawing and expressing a conclusion or providing any advice in relation to the measurement or evaluation of, or reporting on the flow of the monetary resources of an entity;
- (c) drawing and expressing a conclusion or providing any advice in relation to an arrangement, reconstruction or take-over of an entity or any of its assets or liabilities;

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- (d) ensuring compliance by an entity with any written law or regulatory requirement in relation to the raising of funds by the entity;
 - (e) drawing and expressing a conclusion or providing any advice in relation to ensuring compliance by an entity with any written law or regulatory requirement mentioned in sub-paragraph (d);
 - (f) estimating, evaluating or reporting on the economic value of an entity or part of an entity;
 - (g) drawing and expressing a conclusion or providing any advice in relation to the economic value of an entity or part of an entity;
 - (h) measuring, evaluating or reporting on any factor or circumstance that may pose a risk to an entity;
 - (i) drawing and expressing a conclusion or providing any advice on any factor or circumstance that may pose a risk to an entity;
 - (j) formulating and proposing a plan to develop or transform the financial position or financial function of an entity;
 - (k) the financial analysis of the manner in which an entity conducts its business.

Insolvency and recovery services

6.—(1) In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “insolvency and recovery services” means one or more of the following:

- (a) providing any of the following services in relation to any of the matters mentioned in sub-paragraph (2):
 - (i) auditing and assurance services;
 - (ii) financial accounting services;
 - (iii) financial management services;
 - (iv) insolvency and recovery services;
 - (v) internal audit services;
 - (vi) management accounting services;
 - (vii) taxation services;
- (b) providing any service mentioned in sub-paragraph (a)(i) to (vii) to an entity in relation to —
 - (i) the judicial management, receivership or administration of the entity; or
 - (ii) a scheme of arrangement which the entity is subject to;

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- (c) using accounting skills to investigate any fraud or embezzlement and to analyse financial information for use in legal proceedings concerning the fraud or embezzlement.
- (2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the matters are —
- (a) the winding up of a company;
 - (b) the dissolution of a partnership or limited partnership;
 - (c) the winding up of a limited liability partnership;
 - (d) the restructuring of the business operations of an entity;
 - (e) the restructuring of an entity; and
 - (f) acting as a trustee for any trust.

Internal audit services

7. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “internal audit services” means either or both of the following:

- (a) evaluating the effectiveness of an entity’s processes relating to its governance, risk management or internal control;
- (b) improving an entity’s processes relating to its governance, risk management or internal control.

Management accounting services

8. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “management accounting services” means either or both of the following:

- (a) measuring, evaluating or reporting on any information relating to the economic performance of an entity;
- (b) drawing and expressing a conclusion relating to the measurement or evaluation of, or reporting on any information relating to the economic performance of an entity.

Taxation services

9. In these Regulations and subject to paragraph 2, “taxation services” means one or more of the following:

- (a) ensuring compliance by an entity with any written law relating to taxation in the course of preparing any tax return for an entity;
- (b) making tax calculations for the purpose of preparing accounting entries in the entity’s financial statements;
- (c) providing advice relating to taxation and tax planning;

(d) providing assistance in resolving any dispute relating to taxation.

Made on 2016.

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