

IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates

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SCOPE	TRANSLATE FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS INTO FUNCTIONAL CURRENCY							
Apply to:	FUNCTIONAL CURREN	INITIAL RECOGNITION		AT END OF EACH REPORTING DATE:				
 Accounting for 	 Currency of primary economic environr 		Amount X spot exchange rate		Translate foreign currency items as follows:			
 transactions and balances in <i>foreign</i> <i>currencies</i> (EXCEPT derivatives within scope of IAS 39). Translating results and financial position of <i>foreign operations</i> included in entity's F/S through consolidation/ equity method. Translating results and financial position into a <i>presentation currency</i>. Does <u>NOT</u> apply to: Hedge accounting for <i>foreign currency</i> items, including hedge of net investment in a <i>foreign</i> <i>operation</i> (see IAS 39). Presentation in statement of CFs arising from transactions in a <i>foreign currency</i>/translation of CFs of <i>foreign operation</i> (see IAS 7). 	operates (normally where primarily generates and expends cash) → use judgment where not obvious. Consider currency that mainly influences:		between <i>functional</i> and <i>foreign</i> <i>currency</i> on date that first qualifies for recognition per		Monetary items (i.e., units of currency held and assets/liabilities to be received/paid in fixed/determinable units of currency).			Closing rate (i.e., spot exchange rate @ end of reporting period).
	 Sales prices for goods/services (often what goods/services are denominated and settled in) and currency of country 	IFRSs. Foreign currency = curr		Non-monetary items @ historical cost.			Exchange rate @ transaction date.	
	 whose competitive forces and regulations mainly determine sales prices of its goods/services. Labour, material and other costs of providing goods/services (often what costs are denominated and settled in). Other indicators to provide supporting evidence → currency in which funds from financing activities are generated; or receipts from operating activities are usually retained. 		 other than <i>functional currency</i>. Average rate ** (month/week) is sometimes used – inappropriate if significant fluctuations. 		Non-monetary items @ FV.			Exchange rate @ date FV was measured.
					Carrying amount sometimes determined by comparing 2 amounts – may result in impairment loss for non-monetary items in <i>functional currency</i> that didn't exist in <i>foreign currency</i> (e.g. carrying amount and NRV is translated differently).			
			TREATMENT OF EXCHANGE DIFFERENCES					
	Foreign operation: entity that is subsidiary/associate/joint arrangement/branch of a reporting entity, & activities of which		Monetary items (due to translating/	Recogni		Non-monetary items where gains/losses recognized in		Exchange component of gain/loss recognized in
	 are based/conducted in country/currency ≠ reporting entity. To help consider if functional currency of foreign operation = reporting entity: Are activities an extension of reporting entity rather than 		settling in exchange rate different from	profit/lo (P/L).	(e.g. reva		nprehensive income uation gain).	Other comprehensive income.
		previous translation).			 P/L (e.g. depreciation). 		P/L.	
	 significantly autonomous? Are transactions with reporting entity a high/low proportion of total transactions? 		Net investment in foreign operation includes monetary items for which settlement is neither planned nor likely to occur in foreseeable future (e.g. long-term receivables & loans). Exchange differences from such monetary items are treated as follows:					
	 Do CFs directly affect those of reporting entity and are they readily available for remittance to it? 	Separate F/S of foreign				ecognize in P/L.		
	 Are CFs sufficient to service existing and debt without assistance from reporting 	F/S that include report				n other comprehensive income, om equity to P/L on disposal.		
	Δ in functional currency (only when Δ in \rightarrow apply prospectively (i.e., translate all it date of Δ. Translated amount for non-mo	currency using exchange rate @ exchange difference				s and losses on <i>foreign currency</i> transactions and es arising on translation may have tax effects (see IAS 12).		
	TRANSLATION OF A FORE	IGN OPERATION			TRAN	SLATE FUNCT	IONAL CURRENCY IN	ITO PRESENTATION CURRENCY
 Goodwill arising & FV adj operation and translated 			 Presentation currency = currency in which F/S are presented (where group entities have different functional currencies translation to such a common 					
 On disposal, reclassify cumulative amount of exchange differences disposal): 			ownership interest that is NOT a ibute proportionate share of		currency is necessary for consolidated F/S). Translate as follows: (EXCEPT if <i>functional currency</i> = currency of hyper- inflationary economy).			
 other comprehensive income from equity to P/L when gain/loss is recognized. Loss of control when retained interest after partial disposal of an interest in a joint experiment or an approximate that includes a second second		cumula	itive exchange differences ized in other comprehensi			ts & liabilities ne & expenses	Closing rate @ statement of financial position date. Exchange rates @ transaction date **.	
		income to non-controlling interest.				al transactions	Exchange rates @ t	ransaction date (i.e., not restated
foreign operation is accounted for as a disposal.			classify to P/L proportionand exchange differences in the section of the section		All resulting exchange differences recognized in other comprehensive			
			chensive income.		income.			

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