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2003	FRS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	IAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	FRS 1 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 1 (revised in 1997) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	IAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	FRS 1 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 1 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 2	Inventories	IAS 2	Inventories	FRS 2 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 2 (revised in 1993) in all material aspects, except that FRS 2 prohibits the use of last-in, first-out (LIFO) formula for assigning costs to inventories. IAS 2 includes LIFO as an allowed alternative treatment, but subjects it to additional disclosures.
2005	FRS 2	Inventories	IAS 2	Inventories	FRS 2 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 2 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects, as revised IAS 2 prohibits the use of LIFO method.
2003	FRS 7	Cash Flow Statements	IAS 7	Cash Flow Statements	FRS 7 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 7 (effective from 1994) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 7#	Cash Flow Statements	IAS 7#	Cash Flow Statements	FRS 7 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 7 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 8	Net Profit or Loss for the Period, Fundamental Errors and Changes in Accounting Policies	IAS 8	Net Profit or Loss for the Period, Fundamental Errors and Changes in Accounting Policies	FRS 8 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 8 (revised in 1993) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	IAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	FRS 8 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 8 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date	IAS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date	FRS 10 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 10 (revised in 1999) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date	IAS 10	Events after the Balance Sheet Date	FRS 10 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 10 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.

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2003	FRS 11	Construction Contracts	IAS 11	Construction Contracts	FRS 11 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 11 (effective from 1995) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 11#	Construction Contracts	IAS 11#	Construction Contracts	FRS 11 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 11 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 12	Income Taxes	IAS 12	Income Taxes	FRS 12 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 12 (effective from 1998) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 12#	Income Taxes	IAS 12#	Income Taxes	FRS 12 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 12 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 14	Segment Reporting	IAS 14	Segment Reporting	FRS 14 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 14 (effective from 1998) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 14#	Segment Reporting	IAS 14#	Segment Reporting	FRS 14 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 14 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 15	Information Reflecting the Effects of Changing Prices	IAS 15	Information Reflecting the Effects of Changing Prices	Both FRS 15 and IAS 15 are not mandatory.
2005		FRS 15 is withdrawn		IAS 15 is withdrawn	Both FRS 15 and IAS 15 will be withdrawn from 1 January 2005.

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2003	FRS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	IAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	<p>FRS 16 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 16 (revised in 1998) in all material aspects, except that FRS 16 gives the following exemption :</p> <p><i>“For an enterprise which had:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>revalued its PPE before 1983 (in accordance with the prevailing accounting standard at the time); or</i></p> <p>(b) <i>performed an one-off revaluation on its PPE between 1 January 1984 and 31 December 1996 (both dates inclusive), there will be no need for the enterprise to revalue its assets in accordance with paragraph 29 of FRS 16”.</i></p> <p>“One-off revaluation” means any instance where an item of PPE was revalued only once between 1 January 1984 and 31 December 1996 (both dates inclusive).</p> <p>Where an item of PPE has been revalued more than once during this period, the company should :</p> <p>(a) explain why the particular item of PPE should be exempted; &</p> <p>(b) obtain the auditor’s concurrence of the explanation.</p> <p>IAS 16 does not include the above exemption.</p>
2005	FRS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	IAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	Same difference as above.

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2003	FRS 17	Leases	IAS 17	Leases	<p>FRS 17 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 17 (revised in 1997) in all material aspects, except that FRS 17 has removed the following paragraph:</p> <p><i>".... a characteristic of land is that it normally has an indefinite economic life and, if title is not expected to pass to the lessee by the end of the lease term, the lessee does not receive substantially all of the risks and rewards incident to ownership. A premium paid for such a leasehold represents pre-paid lease payments which are amortised over the lease term in accordance with the pattern of benefits provided".</i></p> <p>This allows leasehold lands be treated under finance leases and leased assets be recorded as fixed assets, which can then be stated at cost or at valuation.</p> <p>Under IAS 17, such leasehold lands are treated as prepaid lease payments which cannot be revalued upwards.</p>
2005	FRS 17	Leases	IAS 17	Leases	Same difference as above.
2003	FRS 18	Revenue	IAS 18	Revenue	FRS 18 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 18 (effective from 1995) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 18#	Revenue	IAS18#	Revenue	FRS 18 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 18 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 19	Employee Benefits	IAS 19	Employee Benefits	Under transitional provisions in both standards, companies have an option to account for increase in defined benefit liability over the next 5 years from the date of adoption of the standard. Due to different effective dates, financial results under FRS 19 and IAS 19 may be different until the increase has been fully recognised.
2005	FRS 19#	Employee Benefits	IAS 19#	Employee Benefits	Same difference as above.

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2003	FRS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	FRS 20 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 20 (effective from 1984) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 20# Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	IAS 20# Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	FRS 20 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 20 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	FRS 21 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 21 (revised in 1993) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	IAS 21 The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	FRS 21 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 21 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 22 Business Combinations	IAS 22 Business Combinations	FRS 22 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 22 (issued in 1998) in all material aspects, except that under FRS 22, there is a choice to grandfather the goodwill/negative goodwill for acquisitions before financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 1999, whilst under IAS 22, this is allowed only for acquisitions before financial periods beginning on or after 1 January 1995. The different dates of applications will result in different treatments of goodwill arising from acquisitions between 1 January 1995 and 31 December 1998. If the goodwill amount is large and amortisation period is long, the impact on future earnings through amortisation as well as impairment can be large.
1 July 2004	FRS 22 is withdrawn	IAS 22 is withdrawn	IAS 22 (issued in 1998) was withdrawn when IFRS 3 Business Combinations became effective for business combinations <u>with the agreement date</u> on or after 31 March 2004. FRS 22 (issued in 2003) will be withdrawn when FRS 103 Business Combinations becomes effective for <u>annual periods</u> beginning on or after 1 July 2004.

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2003	FRS 23	Borrowing Costs	IAS 23	Borrowing Costs	FRS 23 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 23 (effective from 1995) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 23#	Borrowing Costs	IAS 23#	Borrowing Costs	FRS 23 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 23 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 24	Related Party Disclosures	IAS 24	Related Party Disclosures	FRS 24 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 24 (reformatted in 1994) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 24	Related Party Disclosures	IAS 24	Related Party Disclosures	FRS 24 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 24 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 25	Accounting for Investments		No equivalent IAS	IAS 25 Accounting for Investments, was withdrawn in 2001 when both IAS 40 Investment Property (which has not been adopted as a FRS) and IAS 39 Financial Instruments : Recognition and Measurement, became effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2001. Accounting treatments for investments are significantly different under IAS 39 and IAS 40.
2005	FRS 25#	Accounting for Investments		No equivalent IAS	Same difference as above.
2003	FRS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	IAS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	FRS 26 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 26 (effective from 1998) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 26#	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	IAS 26#	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	FRS 26 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 26 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.

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2003	FRS 27 Consolidated Financial Statements and Accounting for Investments in Subsidiaries	IAS 27 Consolidated Financial Statements and Accounting for Investments in Subsidiaries	FRS 27 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 27 (revised in 2000) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	IAS 27 Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	<p>FRS 27 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 27 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects, except for a criterion for an exemption from consolidation.</p> <p>FRS 27 requires the ultimate or any intermediate parent of the parent to produce consolidated financial statements that are available for public use. These consolidated financial statements need not comply with any specific accounting framework.</p> <p>IAS 27 requires the ultimate or any intermediate parent of the parent to produce consolidated financial statements available for public use that comply with the International Financial Reporting Standards.</p>
2003	FRS 28 Accounting for Investments in Associates	IAS 28 Accounting for Investments in Associates	FRS 28 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 28 (revised in 2000) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 28 Investments in Associates	IAS 28 Investments in Associates	<p>FRS 28 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 28 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects, except for a criterion for an exemption from equity accounting. The deviation is similar to that of FRS 27.</p>
2003	FRS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	FRS 29 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 29 (effective from 1990) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 29# Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IAS 29# Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	FRS 29 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 29 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.

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2003		No equivalent FRS	IAS 30	Disclosure in the Financial Statements of Banks and Similar Financial Institutions	Such entities are governed separately by the Monetary Authority of Singapore.
2005		No equivalent FRS	IAS 30#	Disclosure in the Financial Statements of Banks and Similar Financial Institutions	Same as above.
2003	FRS 31	Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures	IAS 31	Financial Reporting of Interests in Joint Ventures	FRS 31 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 31 (revised in 2000) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 31	Interests in Joint Ventures	IAS 31	Interests in Joint Ventures	FRS 31 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 31 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects, except for a criterion for an exemption from proportionate consolidation or equity accounting. The deviation is similar to that of FRS 27.
2003	FRS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	IAS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	FRS 32 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 32 (revised in 2000) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	IAS 32	Financial Instruments: Disclosure and Presentation	FRS 32 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 32 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 33	Earnings Per Share	IAS 33	Earnings Per Share	FRS 33 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 33 (issued in 1997) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 33	Earnings Per Share	IAS 33	Earnings Per Share	FRS 33 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 33 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects.
2003	FRS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	IAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	FRS 34 and IAS 34 are not mandatory.
2005	FRS 34#	Interim Financial Reporting	IAS 34#	Interim Financial Reporting	Same as above.

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2003	FRS 35	Discontinuing Operations	IAS 35	Discontinuing Operations	FRS 35 is consistent with IAS 35 in all material aspects.
2005		FRS 35 is withdrawn		IAS 35 is withdrawn	FRS/IAS 35 will be withdrawn when FRS 105/IFRS 5 Non-Current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005.
2003	FRS 36	Impairment of Assets	IAS 36	Impairment of Assets	FRS 36 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 36 (issued in 1998) in all material aspects.
1 July 2004	FRS 36	Impairment of Assets	IAS 36	Impairment of Assets	<p>IAS 36 (issued in 1998) will be withdrawn when IAS 36 (revised in 2004) becomes effective. IAS 36 is applicable to goodwill and intangible assets acquired in business combinations for which agreement date is on or after 31 March 2004 and to all other intangible assets prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 31 March 2004.</p> <p>FRS 36 (revised in 2004) is applicable prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 July 2004.</p> <p>FRS 36 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 36 (revised in 2004) in all other material aspects.</p>
2003	FRS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	IAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	FRS 37 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 37 (effective from 1999) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 37#	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	IAS 37#	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	FRS 37 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 37 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.

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2003	FRS 38 Intangible Assets	IAS 38 Intangible Assets	FRS 38 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 38 (issued in 1998) in all material aspects.
1 July 2004	FRS 38 Intangible Assets	IAS 38 Intangible Assets	<p>IAS 38 (issued in 1998) will be withdrawn when IAS 38 (revised in 2004) becomes effective. IAS 38 (revised in 2004) has the same effective date as IAS 36 (revised in 2004).</p> <p>FRS 38 (revised in 2004) has the same effective date as FRS 36 (revised in 2004).</p> <p>FRS 38 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 38 (revised in 2004) in all material aspects.</p>
2003	No equivalent FRS	IAS 39 Financial Instruments : Recognition and Measurement	FRS 39 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 39 (revised in 2000) in all material aspects, except for the effective dates. FRS 39 is effective from 1 January 2005, whilst IAS 39 is effective from 1 January 2001.
2005	FRS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement Amendment to FRS 39 on Fair Value Hedge Accounting for a Portfolio Hedge of Interest Rate Risk	IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement Amendment to IAS 39 on Fair Value Hedge Accounting for a Portfolio Hedge of Interest Rate Risk	FRS 39 (revised in 2004) is consistent with IAS 39 (revised in 2003) in all material aspects. Amendment to FRS 39 on Fair Value Hedge Accounting is consistent with Amendment to IAS 39 on Fair Value Hedge Accounting in all material aspects.
2003	No equivalent FRS	IAS 40 Investment Property	ED/SAS 40 Investment Property has not been adopted as a FRS. Current applicable standard for investment property is FRS 25, which is significantly different from IAS 40 (issued in 2000).
2005	No equivalent FRS	IAS 40 Investment Property	IAS 40 (issued in 2000) will be withdrawn when IAS 40 (revised in 2003, and which has not been adopted as a FRS) becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005.

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2003	FRS 41	Agriculture	IAS 41	Agriculture	FRS 41 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IAS 41 (effective from 2003) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 41#	Agriculture	IAS 41#	Agriculture	FRS 41 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IAS 41 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2004	FRS 101	First-time Adoption of Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS 1	First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards	FRS 101 (issued in 2003) is consistent with IFRS 1 (issued in 2003) in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 101#	First-time Adoption of Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS 1#	First-time Adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards	FRS 101 (amended in 2004) is consistent with IFRS 1 (amended in 2004) in all material aspects.
2005/2006	FRS 102	Share-based Payments	IFRS 2	Share-based Payments	<p>FRS 102 is consistent with IFRS 2 in all material aspects, except for their effective dates for non-listed companies. For non-listed companies, FRS 102 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2006, whilst IFRS 2 is effective for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2005.</p> <p>Additionally, IFRS 2 will apply to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> share-based payment transactions that were granted on or after 7 November 2002 and had not yet vested by 1 January 2005; and share-based payment transactions made before 7 November 2002, which were subsequently modified. <p>FRS 102 replaces "7 November 2002" with "22 November 2002".</p>

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1 July 2004	FRS 103	Business Combinations	IFRS 3	Business Combinations	FRS 103 is consistent with IFRS 3 in all material aspects, except for their effective dates. FRS 103 is effective for business combinations occurring for <u>annual periods</u> beginning on or after 1 July 2004, whilst IFRS 3 is effective for business combinations with the <u>agreement date</u> on or after 31 March 2004.
2005	FRS 104	Insurance Contracts	IFRS 4	Insurance Contracts	FRS 104 is consistent with IFRS 4 in all material aspects.
2005	FRS 105	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	IFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	FRS 105 is consistent with IFRS 5 in all material aspects.

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