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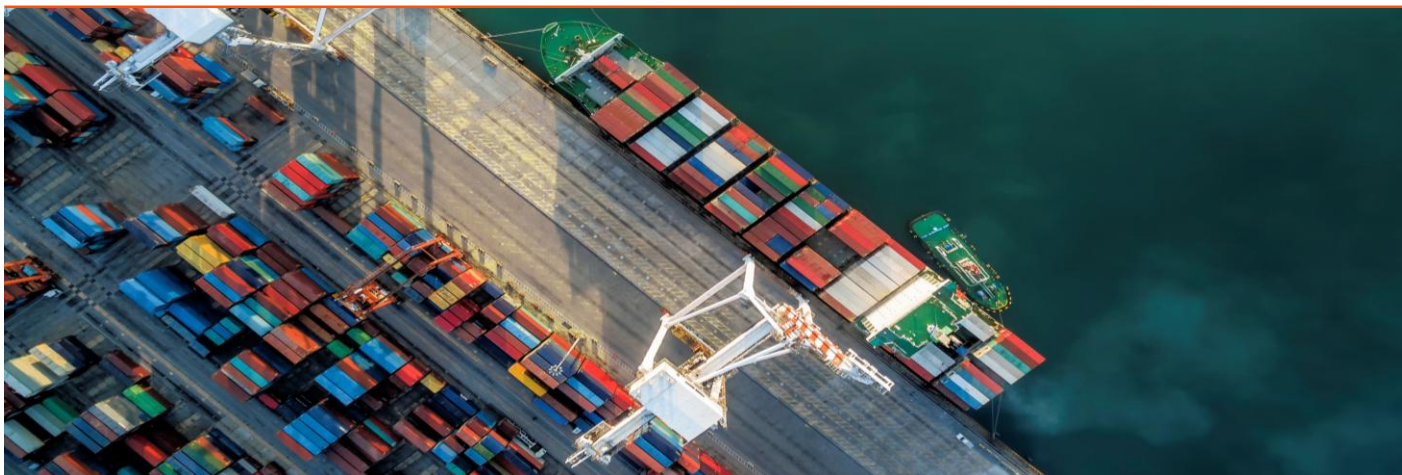
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Topical issues to consider when preparing 30 September 2026 MFRS financial statements

In this Insights, we give an overview of the accounting implications of the following topical issues that companies with 30 September 2026 year end might consider when preparing their MFRS financial statements:

1. Geopolitical conflicts
2. Import tariffs
3. Non-financial asset key reminders for impairment reviews
4. Climate change and connectivity between sustainability reporting and financial reporting
5. Private capital transactions
6. AI ecosystem transactions

Appendix I at the end of this publication includes MFRS standards that are newly applicable for 30 September 2026 year end.



1. Geopolitical conflicts

Geopolitical conflict continue to create significant shifts in the global risk landscape, with pervasive economic impact. In particular, the current conflict in the Middle East and recurring disruptions affecting navigation through the Strait of Hormuz have contributed to volatility in global energy markets, supply chains and capital markets. Financial impacts include, for example:

- Increased oil and gas price volatility.
- Heightened inflationary and economic growth risks.
- Increased volatility across equity, debt and currency markets.
- Disruptions to shipping routes resulting in higher freight, logistics and insurance costs.

Investors will want to understand whether and how these developments affect an entity's operations, risk exposure and outlook. Entities must carefully consider the impact on their financial statements and disclosures.

PwC In depth INT2024-04 (updated in August 2026) provides relevant accounting guidance to help entities identify how geopolitical conflicts can impact their financial statements.

PwC In depth INT2022-12 (updated in August 2026) considers the accounting implications of rising inflation and interest rates.

2. Import tariffs

In February 2026, the US Supreme Court issued its decisions that the US import tariffs imposed in 2025 by executive orders pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) were imposed without statutory authority. This decision invalidates only the tariffs imposed under IEEPA.

In March 2026, the US Court of International Trade ordered refunds of all IEEPA tariffs. However, the US Department of Justice appealed the order in June 2026, creating ongoing uncertainty regarding the recovery of previously paid tariffs and the related accounting treatment of any refunds.

Groups with entities (importers of record) operating in and importing certain goods and services into the United States need to consider whether the decision and subsequent appeal give rise to an asset for tariffs previously paid by those entities. Judgement is required in determining the appropriate recognition model under MFRS for refund claims. An entity that has passed IEEPA tariff costs on to its customers, or that purchased goods from vendors who did so, also should consider whether a corresponding liability to customers, or a separate receivable from vendors, should be recognised.

PwC In brief INT2026-04 provides further guidance on this area.

3. Non-financial asset key reminders for impairment reviews

Impairment is an ongoing area of concern for many entities in the current economic environment. Regulators remain focused on this area. Entities with significant amounts of goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives, or those that are affected to a greater extent by

- climate change,
- inflation,
- geopolitical risks,

should consider the common pitfalls observed in the impairment of non-financial assets. For a discussion of the key considerations for impairment of non-financial assets, read our [Insights](#).

4. Climate change and connectivity between sustainability reporting and financial reporting

In many cases, an entity's exposure to climate-related risks might not have changed significantly since its last annual reporting period. However, climate-related risks remain an important topic for many investors and so entities should ensure that all material information affecting the financial statements in this respect is provided.

Entities should also ensure consistency between financial and non-financial reporting on key climate-related assumptions, if these are relevant for the purposes of estimating and recognising MFRS compliant transactions / balances. If there is commentary in the sustainability report that hasn't been reflected in financial reporting (for example, because the entity is relying on market participants assumptions which differ) the entity should consider the need for additional commentary on why such items have been reflected on a different basis in financial reporting.

In November 2025, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) issued Examples illustrating how an entity applies the requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards to disclose the effects of uncertainties in its financial statements. The Examples demonstrate how to disclose the impacts of uncertainties within climate-related scenarios, but the principles and requirements are also applicable to disclosure of other uncertainties. These Examples do not add or change requirements in IFRS Accounting Standards / MFRS and therefore there are no transition requirements. Instead, these Examples will accompany the respective IFRS Accounting Standards / MFRS to which they relate. Read our [Snapshots](#) for further guidance on these Examples.

[PwC In depth INT2021-11](#) provide guidance on reflecting climate matters in the financial statements.

5. Private capital transactions

There is an increase in private capital transactions in the market, with increased complexity.

Private capital transactions can be attractive to companies, but the bespoke nature of these deals often introduces a high degree of accounting complexity.

Given the inherent complexity of these types of transactions, determining the appropriate accounting treatment requires a thorough, holistic assessment of the contractual terms and the specific facts and circumstances of each transaction. Without such analysis, the accounting outcome may be incorrect (for example, debt instrument may be misclassified as equity).

Furthermore, holders of private capital instruments may need to carefully consider if the recent default events and suspension on redemptions relating to these instruments, may impact the measurement at the reporting date.

6. AI ecosystem transactions

The demand for artificial intelligence (AI) is fuelling some of the largest and most complex transactions, including acquisitions, strategic investments, and partnership structures that often differ from traditional deals. These transactions often involve multiple counterparties, including asset managers, private equity firms, leading technology firms, AI architects, sovereign wealth funds, specialised operators, and supply chain providers.

For entities involved in such transactions, it is essential to confirm that the financial reporting and disclosure of the transactions reflect their substance, since they often span multiple MFRS. There is a risk of inconsistency and incomplete accounting conclusions if all of the elements of these transactions are not evaluated together.

These transactions might also require expanded disclosure of significant judgements and critical estimates, as well as transparent reporting of their structure and commercial substance.

Appendix I : Amendments to MFRS newly applicable for companies with 30 September 2026 year ends

Amendments to MFRS 121 “The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates” on Lack of Exchangeability

An entity is impacted by these amendments when it has a transaction or an operation in a foreign currency that is not exchangeable into another currency at a measurement date for a specified purpose. A currency is exchangeable when there is an ability to obtain the other currency (with a normal administrative delay), and the transaction would take place through a market or exchange mechanism that creates enforceable rights and obligations.

Read our [Snapshot](#) to find out more about the amendments.

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