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	Title	IASB equivalent	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
FRAMEWORK	Framework for the Preparation and Presentation of Financial Statements	IASB Framework	N/A	N/A	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.



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HKFRS No.	Title	IFRS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKFRS 1	First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS 1	No	No, except para 47EA specifies that paras 23 and 27 to 30 of HKFRS 1 (IFRS 1) are effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 2004).	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HKFRS 1 Revised	First-time Adoption of Hong Kong Financial Reporting Standards	IFRS 1 Revised	No	No, except para 39A specifies that paras B2 to B6 and D18 of HKFRS 1 (IFRS 1) are effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 2004).	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HKFRS 2	Share-based Payment	IFRS 2	No	No	No
HKFRS 3	Business Combinations	IFRS 3	No	Except for limited retrospective application as per para 85, HKFRS 3 (IFRS	No

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				3) is effective for business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).	
HKFRS 3 Revised	Business Combinations	IFRS 3 Revised	No	No	No
HKFRS 4	Insurance Contracts	IFRS 4	No	No	No
HKFRS 5	Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations	IFRS 5	No	No	No
HKFRS 6	Exploration for and Evaluation of Mineral Resources	IFRS 6	No	No	No
HKFRS 7	Financial Instruments: Disclosures	IFRS 7	No	No	No
HKFRS 8	Operating Segments	IFRS 8	No	No	No
HKFRS 9	Financial Instruments	IFRS 9	No	No	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
Improvements to HKFRSs 2008	Improvements to HKFRSs 2008	Improvements to IFRSs 2008	No	No	No
Improvements to HKFRSs 2009	Improvements to HKFRSs 2009	Improvements to IFRSs 2009	No	No	No



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HKAS 1	Presentation of Financial Statements	IAS 1	No	No*	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 1 Revised	Presentation of Financial Statements	IAS 1 Revised	No	No	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 2	Inventories	IAS 2	No	No*	No
HKAS 7	Statement of Cash Flows	IAS 7	No	HKAS 7 (IAS 7) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1994).	No
HKAS 8	Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors	IAS 8	No	No*	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.

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HKAS 10	Events after the Reporting Period	IAS 10	No	No*	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 11	Construction Contracts	IAS 11	No	HKAS 11* (IAS 11) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1995).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 12	Income Taxes	IAS 12	No	HKAS 12* (IAS 12) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1998 with certain amendments effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2001).	The explanatory guidance and illustrative examples set out in the boxes within the body of HKAS 12 contain material that is expanded on that in IAS 12 and considered to be more user-friendly.
HKAS 14	Segment Reporting	IAS 14	No	HKAS 14* (IAS 14) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 July 1998).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 16	Property, Plant and Equipment	IAS 16	<p>HKAS 16 has the following additional transition provisions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Para 80A exempting certain entities that carried their PPE at revalued amounts before 30 September 1995 and have not revalued since that date from making regular revaluation. 2. Para 80B allowing those not-for-profit entities that previously took advantage of the exemption under SSAP 17 to deem the carrying amount of an item of PPE immediately before applying HKAS 16 on its effective date (or earlier) as the cost of that item. 	No*	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 17	Leases	IAS 17	No	No*	No
HKAS 18	Revenue	IAS 18	No	HKAS 18* (IAS 18) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1995).	No
HKAS 19	Employee Benefits	IAS 19	HKAS 19 has an additional paragraph 153A specifying that the transitional provisions set out in paragraphs 154 to 156 of HKAS 19 apply only when an entity had not previously applied SSAP 34 (May 2003).	HKAS 19* (IAS 19) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1999 with certain amendments commencing later).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 20	Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance	IAS 20	IAS 20 has an additional transitional provision (para 40) allowing an entity adopting IAS 20 for the first time to apply the accounting provisions of IAS 20 only to grants or portions of grants becoming receivable or repayable after the effective date of IAS 20.	HKAS 20* (IAS 20) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1984).	No
HKAS 21	The Effects of Changes in Foreign Exchange Rates	IAS 21	No	No*	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 23	Borrowing Costs	IAS 23	HKAS 23 has an additional transitional provision (para 30) allowing entities that expense all borrowing costs to apply new policy prospectively. IAS 23 has an additional transitional provision (para 30) permitting entities that expensed borrowing costs to capitalize borrowing costs prospectively.	HKAS 23*(IAS 23) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1995).	No
HKAS 23 Revised	Borrowing Costs	IAS 23 Revised	No	No	No
HKAS 24	Related Party Disclosures	IAS 24	No	No*	No
HKAS 24 (Revised)	Related Party Disclosures	IAS 24 Revised	No	No	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 26	Accounting and Reporting by Retirement Benefit Plans	IAS 26	No	HKAS 26 (IAS 26) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1988).	HKAS 26 has an appendix giving guidance on preparing financial statements of MPF schemes and ORSO schemes in accordance with the standard.
HKAS 27	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	IAS 27	No	No*	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 27 Revised	Consolidated and Separate Financial Statements	IAS 27 Revised	No	No	Minor textual differences – explanation of legal requirements which do not give rise to differences.
HKAS 28	Investments in Associates	IAS 28	No	No*	No
HKAS 29	Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IAS 29	No	HKAS 29 (IAS 29) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1990).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 31	Interests in Joint Ventures	IAS 31	No	No*	No
HKAS 32	Financial Instruments: Presentation	IAS 32	HKAS 32 has an additional transitional provision (para 97) allowing an entity not to present comparative information if such information is not available.	No	No
HKAS 33	Earnings per Share	IAS 33	No	No*	No
HKAS 34	Interim Financial Reporting	IAS 34	No	HKAS 34* (IAS 34) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1999).	No



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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 36	Impairment of Assets	IAS 36	<p>HKAS 36 (IAS 36) para 139 specifies that an entity shall apply HKAS 36 (IAS 36)</p> <p>(a) to goodwill and intangible assets acquired in business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004); and</p> <p>(b) to all other assets prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).</p>	HKAS 36 (IAS 36) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 37	Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets	IAS 37	IAS 37 has an additional transitional provision (para 93) allowing an entity not to adjust opening balance of retained earnings for the earliest period presented and to restate comparative information for the period in which IAS 37 is first adopted.	HKAS 37* (IAS 37) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 July 1999).	HKAS 37 contains additional Hong Kong examples 3A, 8A, 12 and 13 in Appendix C. No comparable examples are included in Appendix C to IAS 37 – no practical effect.

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 38	Intangible Assets	IAS 38	<p>HKAS 38 (IAS 38) para 130 specifies that an entity shall apply HKAS 38 (IAS 38):</p> <p>(a) to the accounting for intangible assets acquired in business combinations for which the agreement date is on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004); and</p> <p>(b) to the accounting for all other intangible assets prospectively from the beginning of the first annual period beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).</p>	HKAS 38 (IAS 38) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (31 March 2004).	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 39	Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement	IAS 39	HKAS 39 does not permit retrospective application except in certain limited circumstances whereas IAS 39 generally requires retrospective application. Accordingly, the transitional provisions in HKAS 39 are different from those in IAS 39. For details, please refer to the Standards.	No	No

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HKAS 40	Investment Property	IAS 40	<p>HKAS 40 has the following additional transitional provisions:</p> <p><u>HKAS 40 paras 80A on fair value model</u></p> <p>Para 80A of HKAS 40 requires an entity that has previously applied SSAP 13 (2000) for non-leasehold investment properties and chooses to use the fair value model to reflect the effect of applying HKAS 40 on its effective date (or earlier) as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings for the period in which HKAS 40 is first applied.</p>	No*	No

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			<p>Para 80A also encourages the entity to adjust the comparative information if the entity has previously disclosed publicly fair value of those properties but requires the entity to disclose the fact if otherwise.</p> <p><u>HKAS 40 paras 83A and 83B on cost model</u></p> <p>Paras 83A and 83B of HKAS 40 allow an entity to take the carrying amount of the investment property under SSAP 13 (2000) as the deemed cost on the date that HKAS 40 is first applied. Any adjustments, including</p>		

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HKAS No.	Title	IAS No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
			the reclassification of any amount previously held in revaluation reserve, are to be made to the opening balance of retained earnings. Depreciation on deemed cost commences from the opening balance sheet date.		
HKAS 41	Agriculture	IAS 41	No	HKAS 41* (IAS 41) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 2003).	No

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HK(IFRIC)-Int No.	Title	IFRIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(IFRIC)-Int 1	Changes in Existing Decommissioning, Restoration and Similar Liabilities	IFRIC 1	No	No	Minor textual differences – no practical effect.
HK(IFRIC)-Int 2	Members' Shares in Co-operative Entities and Similar Instruments	IFRIC 2	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 4	Determining whether an Arrangement contains a Lease	IFRIC 4	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 5	Rights to Interests arising from Decommissioning, Restoration and Environmental Rehabilitation Funds	IFRIC 5	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 6	Liabilities arising from Participating in a Specific Market – Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment	IFRIC 6	No	No	No

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HK(IFRIC)-Int No.	Title	IFRIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(IFRIC)-Int 7	Applying the Restatement Approach under HKAS 29 Financial Reporting in Hyperinflationary Economies	IFRIC 7	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 8	Scope of HKFRS 2	IFRIC 8	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 9	Reassessment of Embedded Derivatives	IFRIC 9	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 10	Interim Financial Reporting and Impairment	IFRIC 10	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 11	HKFRS 2 – Group and Treasury Share Transactions	IFRIC 11	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 12	Service Concession Arrangements	IFRIC 12	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 13	Customer Loyalty Programmes	IFRIC 13	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 14	HKAS 19 – The Limit on a Defined Benefit Asset, Minimum Funding Requirements and their Interaction	IFRIC 14	No	No	No

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HK(IFRIC)-Int No.	Title	IFRIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(IFRIC)-Int 15	Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate	IFRIC 15	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 16	Hedges of a Net Investment in a Foreign Operation	IFRIC 16	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 17	Distributions of Non-cash Assets to Owners	IFRIC 17	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 18	Transfers of Assets from Customers	IFRIC 18	No	No	No
HK(IFRIC)-Int 19	Extinguishing Financial Liabilities with Equity Instruments	IFRIC 19	No	No	No

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HK(SIC)-Int No.	Title	SIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(SIC)-Int 10	Government Assistance – No Specific Relation to Operating Activities	SIC-10	No	HKAS-Int 10* (SIC 10) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 August 1998).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 12	Consolidation – Special Purpose Entities	SIC-12	No	HKAS-Int 12* (SIC 12) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 July 1999).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 13	Jointly Controlled Entities – Non-Monetary Contributions by Venturers	SIC-13	No	HKAS-Int 13* (SIC 13) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1999).	No

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HK(SIC)-Int No.	Title	SIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(SIC)-Int 15	Operating Leases – Incentives	SIC-15	No	HKAS-Int 15* (SIC 15) is effective for lease terms beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (1 January 1999).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 21	Income Taxes – Recovery of Revalued Non-Depreciable Assets	SIC-21	No	HKAS-Int 21* (SIC 21) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 15 July 2000).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 25	Income Taxes – Changes in the Tax Status of an Entity or its Shareholders	SIC-25	No	HKAS-Int 25* (SIC 25) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 15 July 2000).	No

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HK(SIC)-Int No.	Title	SIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(SIC)-Int 27	Evaluating the Substance of Transactions Involving the Legal Form of a Lease	SIC-27	No	HKAS-Int 27* (SIC 27) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 31 December 2001).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 29	Service Concession Arrangements: Disclosures	SIC-29	No	HKAS-Int 29* (SIC 29) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 31 December 2001).	No
HK(SIC)-Int 31	Revenue – Barter Transactions Involving Advertising Services	SIC-31	No	HKAS-Int 31* (SIC 31) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 31 December 2001).	No

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HK(SIC)-Int No.	Title	SIC No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK(SIC)-Int 32	Intangible Assets – Web Site Costs	SIC-32	No	HKAS-Int 32* (SIC 32) is effective for AP beginning on or after 1 January 2005 (on 25 March 2002).	No



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HK-Int No.	Title	International - Int No.	Differences in Transitional Provisions	Differences in Effective Dates	Other Textual Differences
HK-Int 1	The Appropriate Accounting Policies for Infrastructure Facilities	No equivalent interpretation under IFRS.	N/A	N/A	N/A
HK-Int 3	Revenue – Pre-completion Contracts for the Sale of Development Properties[#]	No equivalent interpretation under IFRS.	N/A	N/A	N/A
HK-Int 4	Leases – Determination of the Length of Lease Term in respect of Hong Kong Land Leases	No equivalent interpretation under IFRS.	N/A	N/A	N/A

Notes

* These Hong Kong pronouncements might have additional wording or paragraph(s) specifying that:

- (i) if an entity decides to early adopt a Standard, the entity is not required to apply all the Standards effective for the same date for that period;
- (ii) if an entity decides to early adopt a Standard, the entity is required to apply the relevant Interpretation for that period;
- (iii) early adoption is encouraged; or
- (iv) the previous version of the Standard is withdrawn.

SIC-7 *Introduction of the Euro* is not adopted in Hong Kong

[# HK\(IFRIC\)-Int 15 *Agreements for the Construction of Real Estate* issued in August 2008 is applicable for annual periods beginning on or after 1 January 2009 and supersedes this Interpretation.](#)

The paragraph numbers in HKFRSs generally correspond to the paragraph numbers in IFRSs.