# Research on Accounting Standards Setting Problems

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Abstract - Accounting standards as a contact of accounting theory and accounting work of the bridge, the model of how to have a significant impact on the quality of accounting standards. Therefore, the accounting standards formulated by the related problems on research have the significant practical significance. This paper objective is not to study accounting standards itself, but for the production of accounting standards -- setting basis, setting method, the formulation process,, internationalization procedures for investigation, Combined with the development status of China's accounting standards , trying to find a reasonable formulation of accounting standards mode..

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### 1 Introduction

Accounting as a commercial language, for commercial trade exchange, for the government, the enterprises and the investment and financing decision is very important. And to provide a complete, accurate, standard of accounting information, the establishment of efficient and orderly accounting environment, cannot leave the high quality accounting standards system construction. As the accounting theory and practice of bridge, the quality of the accounting standards directly affects the accounting information quality, then influence economy efficiently. The goal is not to study accounting standards itself, but for accounting standards mode of production--formulation main body, make foundation, formulate procedures investigation, and trying to find a reasonable way of accounting regulation.

### 2 Accounting Standards Establishing Theoretical knowledge

(1) The accounting standards and accounting principles

Accounting principles, namely accounting theory structure or conceptual framework, refers to the financial accounting work, as the accounting treatment and financial statements on the basis of the general principles, It is the accounting concepts are consistent, the right guarantee, which belongs to the category of accounting theory. Accounting principle is accounting standard-setting basis, accounting standards is based on accounting principles, to restrict and regulate the accounting behaviour, accounting information in a complete set of norms and standards [1].

(2) Accounting standard and accounting system the relevant business and related problems are standard. Accounting standards are targeted to specific transactions and events, to confirm and measurement for focus and taking into account the disclosure, on the relevant business and related problems are standard. Accounting system is the country through certain administrative procedure, has a certain mandatory accounting behaviour norms in general, focus on the setting and use of accounting subjects, accounting work should follow the method, program and report form and compiling method for detailed specifications. Accounting system focuses on the technical operation, it tells us how to do that, Accounting standards focus on the decision-making process, it tells why people do and how to do it is reasonable and effective. Accounting standards and accounting system are different, but can complement each other.

# 3 Accounting Standards Set the Logic Starting Point: Accounting Goal

The establishment of accounting standards, we should first understand the objective of accounting, which is the logic starting point of research. As a system, the accounting should start with a clear goal, not the target system is unthinkable. Accounting objectives are directly target and indirectly object, from the accounting work in the actual link, bookkeeping, accounting is the essential basic links, reimbursement is its direct goal, and account for economic management services, is the indirect object. Therefore, the accounting goal should be provided and the use of accounting information. The multi level accounting standards and accounting objectives are closely linked, and the accounting objective constraints, and applying accounting standards to regulate the accounting work, its purpose is to achieve the goal of accounting [2]. Accounting standards as the connection of accounting theory and practice of bridge, must be based on the accounting target as the starting point of the financial accounting conceptual framework as the basis to be useful and effective, Accounting standards in the formulation and implementation must focus on accounting objectives. Therefore, accounting standards setting the purpose of the study, but also the logical starting point of accounting standards, Accounting standards objectives and accounting objectives must be consistent, that is for all stakeholders to provide useful accounting information on decision-making.

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# 4 Basic Problems in Accounting Standards Setting

The constituting mode of accounting criterion usually includes the accounting standards setting body, making personnel and setting process. There is also an important factor, namely the formulation of accounting standards foundation or guide. Guiding principles and rules is the formulation of accounting standards two way, accounting standards is the basic manifestation, two kinds of guiding the current international dominant [3].

### 4.1 Principle Guiding

Principles guiding accounting standards have a basic connotation, consistent, clear and complete conceptual framework of financial accounting (CF), on the economic issues of classification and measurement to guide. CF is the part of accounting theory, for accounting standards is a basic concept. To develop a strong internal consistency of accounting standards, it is necessary to study and establish a set of scientific, consistent, interrelated concept system, in order to evaluation and the development of accounting standards. Otherwise, if the guideline on the basis of the basic concept itself is not consistent and inconsistent, so, to develop accounting standards lack internal consistency it can hardly be avoided. Principles oriented accounting standards is more flexible, can better adapt to the myriads of changes in economic matters. Principles oriented accounting standards accounting principles as the foundation, accounting principles by environmental factor influence less, can be in relatively long time remained relatively stable. Principles oriented accounting standards to international coordination.

### 4.2 Rules Directing

The rules-based accounting standards for all possible economic transactions and events, details the confirmation, measurement and disclosure of the specification, and strong operability, convenient preparers and auditors use, implementation low cost. Due to the numerous exceptions and more limit specified, such that when the company's management, auditors and regulators appear divergent interests, can reach relatively consistent, thereby reducing the uncertainty and legal proceedings, and to supervise the implementation. Specific rules guidelines for accounting professionals provide clear criteria, one for enterprise management personnel provides bypassing the guidelines for conducting financial manipulation of space, but also to the external auditors provide personal gain space [4].

### **5 Setting Method in Accounting Standards**

Accounting standard setting method not only includes the formulation of Accounting Standards Program (specifically formulated to form process), but also includes the accounting standards setting process theory (intrinsic).

# 5.1 One of the Basic Theories: Procedural Justice Theory

The economic consequence of accounting issues involved in two aspects: One is the implementation of accounting standards arising from accounting information as the operation of the capital market important tool will affect the efficiency of resources allocation; On the other hand, accounting standards accounting practice output accounting information is in the distribution of wealth effect. The fair, which avoid leaning to either side, it is our accounting standards by the pursuit of the highest realm. Procedural justice solves the problems brought by the fair, program fairness doctrine by American scholar John Rawls, he does not think that there is any results relating to the fairness of the standard, As long as the fairness of procedure are appropriate to implement and follow, the result should be considered correct and appropriate, whether they would be how the results. Compared with the results, program is to bring results, only the implementation of procedures on the open and fair justice, to reduce each person's subjective expectations and the actual reof difference, make the result maximization.

# 5.2 Two of the Basic Theory: Preference Collection Method and Theoretical Orientation Method

Preference setting method and theoretical guidance method can also be referred to as the accounting standards setting methodology foundation. Preference set method refers to the according to different individuals to various optional standards in preference to the development of accounting standards, to ensure that the individual utility maximization; Theoretical orientation method refers to the kind of accounting theory as a basis for the formulation of accounting standards, emphasizing the importance of theory and logic reasoning. Theoretical orientation and preferences set joint legal points lies on the screening guidelines have to put a large amount of information, And emphasizes the standards of objectivity, it is this "rigid" requirement to make the for-

mulation of accounting standards reflected the public interest, without a strong body or group manipulations.

### 6 China's Accounting Standards Setting Process the Problem of Existence and Proposal

At the present stage of China's accounting standards setting process is divided into the project phase, the draft stage, open for comments stage and launch phases.

# 6.1 China's Accounting Standards Setting Process Problems

In the process of constituting accounting standards, China draw lessons from the United States accounting standards due process, but only the whole model, there are some differences in the details.[5]:

### (1) The project phase.

The United States of America 's financial accounting standards committee first according to the relevant parties reflect the financial reporting issues, Define its technical characteristics and review the existing accounting standards and related laws and regulations, and then evaluate the guidelines issued after the universality and the possibility of improvement, Finally examines the project technical feasibility and the implementation of the difficulties. Our guidelines developed at this stage, although considered the economic development of China's national conditions, but more is to draw lessons from foreign rule,

### (2) The study drafting stage.

In our country, from the standard discussion draft to determine the draft only after seeking Accounting Standards Committee Opinion on this link, standard discussion draft is not open to the public and stakeholders lack of necessary communication. The draft is hasty to determine.

### (3) The stage for comments.

American Accounting Standards Committee of the draft to the public and again take hearing, to draft was discussed repeatedly. Our guideline draft mainly to finance and government relevant departments to solicit opinions, although also is take seminars and other forms, but involved range is relatively small, and accounting standards related to the broad masses of the people involved in the few opportunities.

# 6.2 China's Accounting Standard Setting Procedures Recommended

(1) In the project phase, in reference to the international practice based on the need to combine the specific national condition of our country, To exist in our country's account-

ing issues specific analysis, improve the standard project approving technical, normative, rigor.

- (2) We can draw lessons from the United States; discuss the release to the public, using verbal and written comments on the form, and the extension of standard draft to determine the time, reasonable to determine discussion draft and draft intervals, to ensure that the guidelines developed by the sufficient, reasonable.
- (3) Open accounting standards feedback to the various channels, recommended the establishment of an accounting standard feedback mechanism responsible for from the views of the community.

# 7 The Internationalization of Accounting Standards

China's accounting standards development and improve the process is also of International Accounting Standards continuously Coordination, between countries ceaseless communication process, Therefore, in improving the accounting standards system in China in the process of the internationalization of accounting standards, to have a clear understanding [6].

# 7.1 The Necessity of Accounting Standard Internationalization

The internationalization of accounting standards is to adapt the international economic development, reduce the difference between the accounting standards, by the international organizations and countries to take concerted action among the accounting standards; its purpose is to strengthen the international communication between international accounting, to improve the comparability of accounting information.

# 7.2 The Essence Analysis of Accounting Standards Internationalization

Accounting standards as the standard accountant the behavior of a system arrangement has the economic consequences. The economic consequences is accounting report will affect the enterprise, the government, trade unions, investor and creditor's decision behavior, the individual or collective behavior and possibly for other groups of interest effect. By the accounting standards of accounting information has caused wealth distribution function, stakeholders in different proportion on wealth possession. Capital globalization and accounting report relevant stakeholders is no longer confined in one country, but magnified to different countries and different personnel, So as the norms accounting information of accounting standards will affect the economic interests of different countries. Therefore in the accounting

standards for international cooperation is determined by the economic consequence of accounting decision, its essence is to safeguard national economic interests.

### 7.3 The China Accounting Standards International Development and Related Countermeasures

## 7.3.1 Our country accounting standard internationalization and nationalization

The internationalization of accounting standards is establishment the basis of accounting standards country, leave the sovereign base, the internationalization of accounting standards is to miss the point, Because of the internationalization of accounting standards is the essence of safeguarding the national economic interests. In the process of accounting standard internationalization. characteristics should be highlighted. Accounting standards of the country has its objective necessity, but must be adapted to the specific accounting standards accounting environment, then it is necessary to internationalization. On the internationalization of accounting standards problem, we should take a positive attitude, in the international harmonization of accounting standards should actively face, not because of the particularity of the economic development blindly behind closed doors.

#### 7.3.2 Our Countermeasures

New international accounting standards board was established, more and more countries began applying international financial reporting standards, in the face of this trend, we should have a clear understanding. We think, should take the following measures:

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- (1) In the international harmonization of accounting standards process, we cannot have overall graft thought, be wary of the new case that appears ceaselessly, make a concrete analysis of concrete problems, fully consider the period of our country shunt economy development particularity.
- (2) To actively participate in the international coordination of accounting standards and strengthen the international accounting standards board communication, absorbing its professional staff and China set up a special committee to study the special problems of china. The measures can solve the internationalization of accounting standards and the conflict between of the state.
- (3) Strengthen the accounting professional personnel training, in order to make the accounting personnel in the accounting standards internationalization process of active innovation, rather than responding to negative, passive acceptance.

#### 8 Conclusions

This paper focuses on the relevant accounting standards, accounting standards including basic concepts, logical starting point, subject, basic problems, making method and the internationalization of accounting standards. On the approaches of accounting standards setting discussed, in, comparative analysis the United States will be due process and procedure of our country, Points out that we should strengthen the argument and practical feasibility analysis; On the internationalization of accounting standards to explore, pointed out that the internationalization of accounting standards is the economic interest in the national distribution, is to maintain national interest need. We should correctly handle the accounting standards internationalization and nationalization of the relation, internationalization is an incremental process, We should fully consider China's national conditions based on actively responding to international, rather than copy.

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