

Regulation on the financial reporting of Norges Bank

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Chapter 1. General provisions

Section 1-1. Scope of the regulation

The regulation applies to Norges Bank.

Section 1-2. Definitions

The “GPFG krone account” refers to a specific part of the State’s assets which the Ministry of Finance has placed as a krone deposit in a separate account with Norges Bank pursuant to section 2, second paragraph, of the Act of 21 December 2005 no. 123 relating to the Government Pension Fund.

In this regulation, the “investment portfolio” represents the countervalue of the GPFG’s krone account managed by Norges Bank, pursuant to section 2, second paragraph, of the Act of 21 December 2005 no. 123 relating to the Government Pension Fund. See also the mandate of 8 November 2010 no. 1414 for the management of the GPFG as adopted by the Ministry of Finance.

Chapter 2. Financial statements and the annual report of the Executive Board

Section 2-1. Duty to prepare financial statements and the annual report of the Executive Board

Norges Bank shall prepare annual financial statements and the annual report of the Executive Board in accordance with the provisions of the Accounting Act, subject to the exemptions and additions specified in this regulation. Norges Bank shall follow the provisions in the Accounting Act applicable to large enterprises.

The proposed annual financial statements and annual report shall be adopted by the Executive Board no later than three months after the end of the financial year.

Section 2-2. Application of International Financial Reporting Standards

The separate and consolidated financial statements of Norges Bank shall be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards adopted pursuant to section 3-9, second paragraph, of the Accounting Act, subject to the exemptions and additions specified in the Accounting Act and this regulation.

Section 2-3. Exemptions from provisions of the Accounting Act

The requirements regarding the content of the annual report of the Executive Board in section 3-3a, seventh and eighth paragraphs, and section 3-3b of the Accounting Act, shall not apply.

The statement of changes in equity for the period may be adapted to the guidelines for the allocation and distribution of income in Norges Bank, adopted pursuant to section 30, fourth paragraph, of the Act of 24 May 1985 no. 28 relating to Norges Bank and the Monetary System, etc.

The annual report shall include the Executive Board's proposal for income allocation for the year, in accordance with the guidelines for the allocation and distribution of income in Norges Bank, adopted pursuant to section 30, fourth paragraph, of the Act of 24 May 1985 No. 28 relating to Norges Bank and the Monetary System, etc.

Subsidiaries included in the consolidated financial reporting of the investment portfolio pursuant to section 3-4 shall be excluded from consolidation in the financial statements of Norges Bank.

Section 2-4. Specific disclosure requirements

The value of the GPFG's krone account shall correspond to the value of the investment portfolio, which shall be equivalent to the carrying value of the portfolio of real estate, financial instruments, cash deposits in foreign currency and other assets and financial liabilities managed by Norges Bank, pursuant to section 2, second paragraph of the Act relating to the Government Pension Fund. See also the mandate of 8 November 2010 no. 1414 for the management of the GPFG adopted by the Ministry of Finance.

The income for the investment portfolio and the income allocated to the GPFG krone account shall be presented on separate lines in the statement of comprehensive income.

The net value of the investment portfolio and the balance of the GPFG krone account shall be presented on separate lines in the statement of financial position.

Deposits and withdrawals from the GPFG krone account shall be presented on separate lines in the statement of cash flows.

The financial reporting of the investment portfolio shall be presented in a separate note to the financial statements of Norges Bank, in accordance with the provisions in chapter 3 of this regulation.

If the effects of changes in exchange rates when converting realised and unrealised gains and losses on financial instruments into Norwegian kroner are presented on a separate line in the statement of comprehensive income, the applied calculation method shall be disclosed.

Section 7-31b of the Accounting Act applies equally to the leader group of Norges Bank Investment Management.

Chapter 3. Financial reporting for the investment portfolio

Section 3-1. Financial reporting for the investment portfolio

The financial statements of Norges Bank shall include the financial reporting for the investment portfolio. Financial reporting for the investment portfolio shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements applicable to separate financial statements or, where relevant, to consolidated financial statements, see section 3-4, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards adopted pursuant to section 3-9, second paragraph, of the Accounting Act, subject to the exemptions and additions specified in the Accounting Act and this regulation.

The financial reporting for the investment portfolio may be published as a separate report in the form of an excerpt from the financial statements of Norges Bank, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter. If the financial reporting for the investment portfolio is published in a separate report, a special report from Norges Bank's elected auditor shall be published along with the financial reporting. The report shall be issued in accordance with auditing standards for audit reports on excerpts from financial statements and section 5-6 of the Auditors Act insofar as applicable.

Section 3-2. Information on financial assets and financial liabilities not classified at fair value through profit or loss

If components of financial assets or financial liabilities are fully or partly classified other than at fair value through profit or loss, the reason for this shall be disclosed separately for each individual component. However, if the classification of several components is based on the same rationale, information may be provided collectively.

Section 3-3. Reproduction of signatures in the financial reporting for the investment portfolio

The financial reporting for the investment portfolio which is also included in a separate report in excerpt form, shall contain a reference stating that all members of the Executive Board have signed the financial statements of Norges Bank; see section 3-5 of the Accounting Act. Provisos added to the financial statements of Norges Bank by one or more members of the Executive Board, see section 3-5, second paragraph, of the Accounting Act, that concern information on the financial reporting for the investment portfolio provided in a note, shall be reproduced in full if the excerpt is presented in a separate report.

Section 3-4. Consolidation of subsidiaries in the financial reporting for the investment portfolio

The duty to prepare consolidated financial statements pursuant to section 3-9, fourth paragraph, of the Accounting Act, see also section 3-2, third paragraph, first sentence, applies correspondingly to the financial reporting for the investment portfolio, see section 3-1 of this regulation, if the subsidiaries exclusively constitute investments as part of Norges Bank's management of the investment portfolio. Any consolidated financial statements pursuant to this provision replace the separate financial statements, see section 3-1.

Chapter 4. Interim financial reporting

Section 4-1. Duty to prepare quarterly financial statements

Norges Bank shall prepare quarterly financial statements that include, as a minimum, quarterly financial reporting for the investment portfolio. However, Norges Bank may refrain from preparing quarterly financial statements for the last quarter of the year.

Quarterly financial statements shall be prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for interim financial reporting. Chapter 3 applies correspondingly to quarterly financial reporting for the investment portfolio insofar as such provisions are applicable.

Quarterly financial statements shall be signed by all members of the Executive Board. Section 3-5 of the Accounting Act applies correspondingly.

Quarterly financial statements and the auditor's report on the review of the quarterly financial reporting for the investment portfolio shall be presented no later than two months after the end of the quarter.

Chapter 5. Bookkeeping

Section 5-1. Duty to keep accounts

Norges Bank has an obligation to keep accounts pursuant to the provisions of the Bookkeeping Act, subject to the exemptions and additions specified in this regulation.

Section 5-2. Exemption from repository requirement

The repository requirement in section 13, second paragraph, of the Bookkeeping Act does not apply.

Chapter 6. Other provisions

Section 6-1. Submission to the Register of Company Accounts

The requirement for submission to the Register of Company Accounts in section 8-2, first paragraph, of the Accounting Act shall not apply.

Chapter 7. Entry into force

Section 7-1. Entry into force

This regulation enters into force on 1 January 2011 with effect for financial years starting after 31 December 2010.