



Q&A: Sustainability reporting and assurance requirements - your questions answered

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 **QUESTIONS**

Global sustainability reporting & assurance landscape



The Global Regulatory Landscape

Below is a holistic view of regulation in various jurisdictions. Despite convergence of reporting standards, the regulatory landscape is more varied with a number of jurisdictional differences, however, it is anticipated that the ISSB will become the primary international standard.



US & Canada

- **SEC** voted in **climate change disclosure rule in March 2024**
- **SEC** released **two proposals** which aim to enhance disclosures on **mutual funds, exchange-traded funds and similar vehicles that account for ESG**
- In October 2023 two senate state **California climate bills** were signed requiring certain businesses in California to prepare quantitative and qualitative climate disclosures
- **Canadian** Sustainability Standards Board (CSSB) proposes **mandatory reporting** in accordance with **ISSB from 2025**

International

IFRS Foundation & VRF complete consolidation to support the work of the ISSB

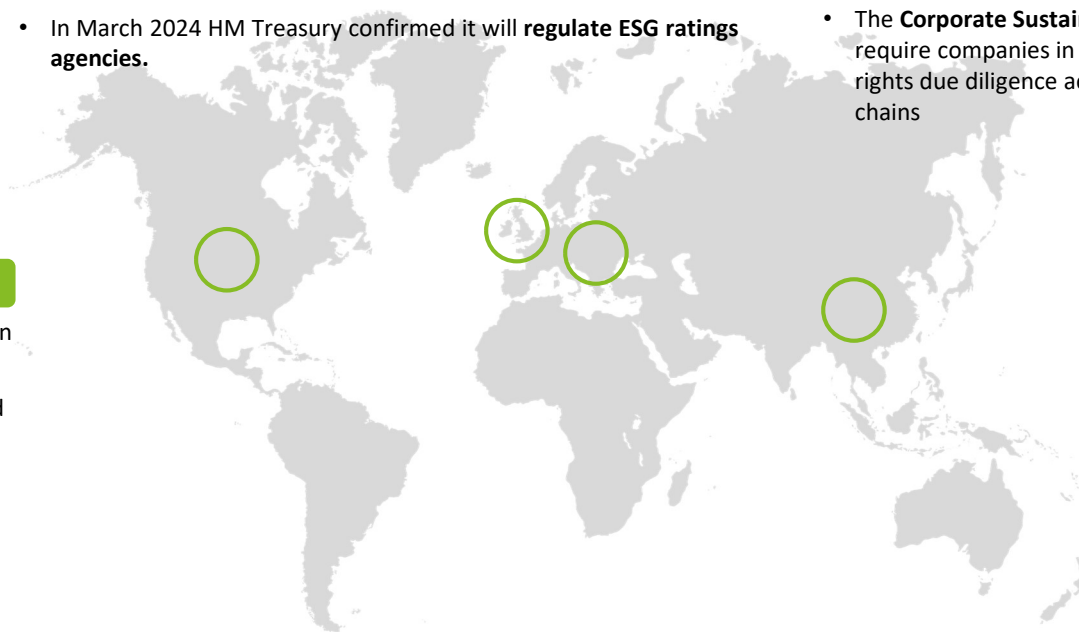
ISSB is published its final climate standard and sustainability reporting framework in June 2023

UK

- **Mandatory TCFD reporting** for listed companies since January 2021
- **UK** announced intentions to **mandate ISSB**
- **Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)** requirements to underpin economy wide **mandatory TCFD aligned climate disclosure requirements** since April 2022
- **Transition Plan Taskforce** published in October 2023 to provide framework for credible transition plan disclosure.
- In March 2024 HM Treasury confirmed it will **regulate ESG ratings agencies.**

EU

- **The European Parliament** adopted the **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)**
- **The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG)** released final **European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS)** on climate and sustainability disclosures
- The **EU Taxonomy enforced in July 2020**, is a classification system establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities helping the EU **scale up the green deal**
- The **Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD)** will require companies in scope to conduct environmental and human rights due diligence across their operations, subsidiaries and value chains



APAC

- **Hong Kong and Japan** announced **mandatory climate disclosures** aligned with TCFD
- **China** announced **plans to adopt ISSB**
- **Singapore** announces mandatory **climate-related disclosures aligned with ISSB**, phased in from 2025 and including **mandatory assurance** from 2027
- **Australian** Accounting Standards Board (AASB) announced **mandatory climate reporting** for large companies from 2025

Q & A



Common topics

- *Interoperability between standards*
- *CSRD – Double Materiality*
- *CSRD – Use of EU Taxonomy*
- *Limited assurance requirements*
- *Sustainability- related data*
- *ISSB / CSRD – Transition Plans*

Q & A



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