



Laws and Regulations Announcement

Amendments Proposed to Regulations on External Audit and Accounting

Agency:	Financial Services Commission
Regulation to be amended:	Regulations on External Audit and Accounting
FSC Notice number:	2017-140
Announcement date:	May 19, 2017
Summary:	The Financial Services Commission announced on May 19, 2017, amendments to the Regulations on External Audit and Accounting. The proposed amendments are intended to improve the public's confidence in the external audit system by excluding unqualified accounting firms from auditor designation.
Key provisions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accounting firms criminally charged with audit misconduct will be excluded from auditor designation even when they are undergoing an audit inspection.• The severity of supervisory sanctions taken before the audit inspection is completed may be adjusted upon the audit inspection findings.
Public comment for the proposed amendments:	The public comment period for the proposed rule changes ends on June 30, 2017.
