



INSTRUCTION 1-2007

Code rule on certification statements replaced by legislation

On 1 July 2007, new rules came into force concerning certification statements for annual reports and half-yearly financial statements of stock exchange listed companies as a result of new regulations in chapter 5a sections 9 and 10 of the Exchange and Clearing Operations Act (1992:543). From 1 November 2007, this law will no longer apply, and the corresponding regulations will be covered by chapter 16, sections 9 and 10 of the Securities Market Act (2007:528).

In short, these regulations mean that the signatories of an annual report or half-yearly financial statement are obliged to state their position in the company, as well as stating that the report in question has been produced in accordance with certain criteria. The regulations apply to companies domiciled in the EEA which have Sweden as their home member state and have shares quoted on a regulated market within the EEA. The Act also includes instructions for equivalent companies domiciled outside the EEA.

The Swedish Code of Corporate Governance contains a similar rule on annual report certification statements. Where legislation regulates conditions in a similar way to the Code, self regulation fulfils no real function. Therefore, Code rule 3.6.2 is no longer to be applied to future company reports.

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