



Message from the Chair

Change to the Effective Date of Section 7170

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I am writing to explain a change to the effective date of Section 7170, *Auditor's Consent to the Use of the Auditor's Report in a Business Acquisition Report*. The effective date is being deferred by one year to June 1, 2017. This will be reflected in the Handbook in October 2016.

We are currently working toward finalizing Canadian Standard on Association (CSOA) 5000, *Use of the Practitioner's Communication or Name*. We believe it is important to align the effective date of Section 7170 with the effective date of CSOA 5000.

Section 7500, *Auditor's Consent to the Use of the Auditor's Report in Connection with Designated Documents*, will be retained in "Recently Replaced Pronouncements Still in Effect," in the Handbook until we conclude on the final material relating to the auditor's consent to the use of the auditor's report in connection with designated documents.

The applicable standards for an auditor's consent to the use of the auditor's report in a business acquisition report are as follows:

Date of Consent	Applicable Standard
Between June 1, 2016 and May 31, 2017	Section 7500, or Section 7170 if applied earlier than its effective date
On or after June 1, 2017	Section 7170

Section 7500 will continue to apply when auditors provide consent to the use of the auditor's report in connection with designated documents other than business acquisition reports until at least June 1, 2017.

Background to Related Projects

In July 2015, we issued Section 7170, which was effective for an auditor's consent to the use of the auditor's report in a business acquisition report issued on or after June 1, 2016.

Section 7500, *Auditor's Consent to the Use of the Auditor's Report in Connection with Designated Documents*, dealt with the auditor's consent in connection with business acquisition reports and other designated documents. Section 7500 was retained in the Handbook during the transition period on the issuance of Section 7170.

In March 2016, we issued our [Re-exposure Draft, "Use of the Practitioner's Communication or Name,"](#) which proposed that CSOA 5000 would be effective for practitioners' consents issued on or after June 1, 2017. We also proposed to defer the effective date of Section 7170 to June 1, 2017. All respondents to the Re-exposure Draft supported deferring the effective date.

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