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## Standards

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The International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) has published amendments to IAS 16 *Property, Plant and Equipment* and IAS 38 *Intangible Assets*.

IAS 16 and IAS 38 both establish the principle for the basis of depreciation and amortisation as being the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits of an asset.

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The IASB also clarified that revenue is generally presumed to be an inappropriate basis for measuring the consumption of the economic benefits embodied in an intangible asset. This presumption, however, can be rebutted in certain limited circumstances.

The issue originated from a submission to the IFRS Interpretations Committee (the 'Interpretations Committee'). As a result, the Interpretations Committee recommended that the IASB should amend IAS 16 and IAS 38.

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