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Is the two-bucket approach described and applied in this Update understandable? If not, please explain why.	yes	Completed
Should the population of SEC filers that are afforded a delayed effective date (that is, excluded from bucket one) be entities eligible to be SRCs as defined by the SEC? If not, what definitional threshold, if any, do you suggest and why?	Yes	Completed
Should the determination of whether an entity is eligible to be an SRC be based on its most recent determination in	Yes	Completed

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accordance with SEC regulations as of the date that a final Update is issued? If not, what determination date should be applied?		
Should Credit Losses be effective for entities eligible to be SRCs, private companies, not-for- profit organizations, and employee benefit plans for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those fiscal years? If not, please explain why.	Yes, it should be delayed but a better alternative would be to indefinitely defer the implementation as the complexity outweighs any benefits.	Completed
Should Hedging be effective for all entities other than public business entities for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021? If not, please explain why.	yes	Completed
Should Leases be effective for (a) private companies, (b) not-for-profit organizations (excluding those that have issued or are conduit bond obligors for securities that are traded, listed, or quoted on an exchange or an over-the-counter market), and (c) employee benefit plans (excluding	No, the complexity adds no value to the users, so I believe this should be deferred indefinitely.	Completed

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those that file or furnish financial statements with or to the SEC) for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2021? If not, please explain why. This question is for future major Updates and not the amendments in this proposed Update. Under the revised effective date philosophy, certain PBEs, including SRCs, and nonpublic business entities would have a deferred effective date. Should interim reporting be required in the same year as the annual financial statements or in the subsequent year for these entities when they provide interim financial statements?		
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