

Accounting policies 2021

Note 1.1 General accounting policies

ACCOUNTING POLICY

Basis of preparation

The consolidated financial statements for 2021 for A.P. Møller - Maersk have been prepared on a going concern basis and in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the EU and additional Danish disclosure requirements for listed companies.

The consolidated financial statements of A.P. Møller - Maersk are included in the consolidated financial statements of A.P. Møller Holding A/S.

The accounting policies are consistent with those applied in the consolidated financial statements for 2020, except for the changes to accounting standards that were effective from 1 January 2021 and were endorsed by the EU.

A number of changes to accounting standards are effective from 1 January 2021 and endorsed by the EU:

Amendments to IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments (IBOR reform): The changes will impact some of A.P. Møller - Maersk's existing IBOR referenced loans, swaps and facilities, which will be amended over the course of 2022. The changes are not expected to have material impact.

Other changes are not expected to impact the financial statements.

ESEF/iXBRL reporting

A.P. Møller - Mærsk A/S is required to prepare and file the annual report in the European Single Electronic Format (ESEF), and the annual report for 2021 is therefore prepared in the XHTML format that can be displayed in a standard browser. The primary statements in the consolidated financial statements are tagged using inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language (iXBRL). The iXBRL tags comply with the ESEF taxonomy, which is included in the ESEF Regulation and developed based on the IFRS taxonomy published by the IFRS Foundation. Where a financial statement line item is not defined in the ESEF taxonomy, an extension to the taxonomy has been created. Extensions are anchored to elements in the ESEF taxonomy, except for extensions which are subtotals.

The Annual Report submitted to the Danish Financial Supervisory Authority consists of the XHTML document together with certain technical files, all included in a file named APMM-2021-12-31-en.zip.

Change to product facilities in reportable segment

As part of the refinement of the segment structure of A.P. Møller - Maersk, the product facilities of the Logistics & Services segment have been updated.

Logistics & Services product facilities specifications

Product families	Details	Strategic rationale
Managed by Maersk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead Logistics (Supply Chain Management and 4PL) Cold Chain logistics Custom Services Tradelens 	Integrated management solutions enable customers to control or outsource part or all their supply chain. Combining transport and fulfilment solutions with digital platforms, give end-to-end visibility, actionability and control.
Fulfilled by Maersk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract logistics (Warehousing & Distribution and Depot) e-commerce 	Integrated fulfilment solutions improve customer consolidation and storage down to order level. Whether e-commerce or cold storage, Logistics & Services solutions connect seamlessly to its transportation network, optimising inventory flow and precision to deliver individual orders precisely and on time.
Transported by Maersk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landside Transportation (Intermodal and Intercontinental Rail) Insurance Air & Less Than Container Load (LCL) Star Air Full Container Load (FCL) Sea Freight Forwarding Others 	Integrated transportation solutions facilitate supply chain control across A.P. Møller - Maersk's assets. The solutions are modular, providing customers end-to-end services with higher reliability, speed and accountability.

Change in segment measure of profit or loss

The segment measure of profit has been changed from EBITDA to EBIT, as EBIT is regularly reviewed by management when making decisions about resource allocations.

Change to accounting estimates

The estimated useful life and residual values of containers have been revised. The net effect of the changes was an increase in EBIT of USD 425m.

The useful life of new containers is typically estimated to 15 years, previously 12 years. The residual values are initially estimated between 10% and 30%, depending on the container type.

Note 1.1 General accounting policies – continued

ACCOUNTING POLICY – CONTINUED

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements comprise the parent company A.P. Møller - Mærsk A/S, its subsidiaries and proportionate shares in joint arrangements classified as joint operations.

Subsidiaries are entities controlled by A.P. Møller - Mærsk A/S. Control is based on the power to direct the relevant activities of an entity and the exposure, or right, to variable returns arising from it. In that connection, relevant activities are those that significantly affect the investee's returns. Control is usually achieved by directly or indirectly owning or in other ways controlling more than 50% of the voting rights or by other rights, such as agreements on management control.

Joint arrangements are entities in which A.P. Møller - Maersk, according to contractual agreements with one or more other parties, has joint control. The arrangements are classified as joint ventures, if the contracting parties' rights are limited to net assets in the separate legal entities, and as joint operations, if the parties have direct and unlimited rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities of the arrangement.

Entities in which A.P. Møller - Maersk exercises a significant but non-controlling influence are considered associated companies. A significant influence is usually achieved by directly or indirectly owning or controlling 20-50% of the voting rights. Agreements and other circumstances are considered when assessing the degree of influence.

Consolidation is performed by summarising the financial statements of the parent company and its subsidiaries, including the proportionate share of joint operations, which have been prepared in accordance with A.P. Møller - Maersk's accounting policies. Intra-group income and expenses, shareholdings, dividends, intra-group balances and gains on intra-group transactions are eliminated. Unrealised gains on transactions with associated companies and joint arrangements are eliminated in proportion to A.P. Møller - Maersk's ownership share. Unrealised losses are eliminated in the same way unless they indicate impairment.

Non-controlling interests' share of profit/loss for the year and of equity in subsidiaries is included as part of A.P. Møller - Maersk's profit and equity respectively, but shown as separate items.

Foreign currency translation

The consolidated financial statements are presented in USD, the functional currency of the parent company and the group. In the translation to the presentation currency for subsidiaries, associates or joint arrangements with functional currencies other than USD, the total comprehensive income is translated into USD at average exchange rates, and the balance sheet is translated at the exchange rates as at the balance sheet date. Exchange rate differences arising from such translations are recognised directly in other comprehensive income and in a separate reserve of equity.

The functional currency varies from business area to business area. For A.P. Møller - Maersk's principal shipping activities, the functional currency is typically USD. This means, among other things, that the carrying amounts of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets and, hence, depreciation and amortisation, are maintained in USD from the date of acquisition. For other activities, including container terminal activities and land-based container activities, the functional currency is generally the local currency of the country in which such activities are performed, unless circumstances suggest a different currency is appropriate.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are translated at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Monetary items in foreign currencies not settled at the balance sheet date are translated at the exchange rate as at the balance sheet date. Foreign exchange gains and losses are included in the income statement as financial income or expenses.

Share of profit/loss in associated companies and joint ventures is recognised net of tax and corrected for the share of unrealised intra-group gains and losses. The item also comprises any impairment losses for such investments and their reversal.

Statement of comprehensive income

Other comprehensive income consists of gains and losses not recognised in the income statement, including exchange rate adjustments arising from the translation from functional currency to presentation currency, fair value adjustments of other equity investments (at FVOCI), cash flow hedges, forward points and currency basis spread as well as actuarial gains/losses on defined benefit plans, etc. A.P. Møller - Maersk's share of other comprehensive income in associated companies and joint ventures is also included.

On disposal or discontinuation of an entity, A.P. Møller - Maersk's share of the accumulated exchange rate adjustment relating to the relevant entity with a functional currency other than USD, is reclassified to the income statement. Accumulated value adjustments of equity instruments classified as equity instruments at fair value through other comprehensive income will remain in equity upon disposal.

Other comprehensive income includes current and deferred income tax to the extent that the items recognised in other comprehensive income are taxable or deductible.

Note 1.1 General accounting policies – continued

ACCOUNTING POLICY – CONTINUED

Balance sheet

Investments in associated companies and joint ventures are recognised as A.P. Moller - Maersk's share of the equity value inclusive of goodwill less any impairment losses. Goodwill is an integral part of the value of associated companies and joint ventures and is therefore subject to an impairment test together with the investment as a whole. Impairment losses are reversed to the extent the original value is considered recoverable.

Equity instruments, etc., including shares, bonds and similar securities, are recognised on the trading date at fair value, and subsequently measured at the quoted market price for listed securities and at estimated fair value for non-listed securities. Fair value adjustments from equity investments at fair value through other comprehensive income (FVOCI) remain in equity upon disposal. Dividends are recognised in the income statement.

Inventories mainly consist of bunker, spare parts not qualifying for property, plant and equipment, and other consumables. Inventories are measured at cost, primarily according to the FIFO method. The cost of finished goods and work in progress includes direct and indirect production costs.

Loans and receivables are initially recognised at fair value, plus any direct transaction costs, and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. For loans and other receivables, write-downs are made for expected losses based on specific individual or group assessments. For trade receivables, the loss allowance is measured by the simplified approach according to IFRS 9, applying a provision matrix to calculate the expected lifetime losses. The provision matrix includes an impairment for non-due receivables.

Climate-related risks

When preparing the consolidated financial statements, management considers climate-related risks, where these potentially could impact reported amounts materially. The areas in which A.P. Moller - Maersk has assessed climate related-risks at the end of 2021 are included within the individual notes outlined below:

Note 3.1 – Intangible assets

Note 3.2 – Property, plant and equipment

New financial reporting requirements

A.P. Moller - Maersk has not yet adopted the following accounting standards and requirements:

IFRS 17 – Insurance contracts: An analysis of the impact is being assessed and is expected to be concluded in due course ahead of the implementation date.

Other changes to IFRS are not expected to have any significant impact on recognition and measurement.