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ENTITATEA A OPTAT VOLUNTAR PENTRU AUDITAREA SITUATIILOR FINANCIARE ANUALE (L162/2017)?  DA  NU

ENTITATEA ARE OBLIGATIA LEGALA DE VERIFICARE A SITUATIILOR FINANCIARE ANUALE DE CATE CANTONI?  DA  NU

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The establishment of the Internal Audit function is required by Law No. 162/2017, amended by Government Emergency Ordinance No. 137/2024, for entities whose financial statements are subject to statutory audit. This obligation has existed for some time and is part of the internal control framework imposed on these organizations.

Starting with the report for the 2025 financial year, however, there is an additional element that reinforces the application of this requirement: the inclusion of an explicit statement on the first page of the balance sheet regarding the organization of the Internal Audit function within the financial statements.

Financial auditors, under the supervision of ASPAAS, are required to verify and reflect this aspect in official documentation. As a result, the existence or absence of an Internal Audit function is no longer just a matter of internal compliance, but becomes an element that is assumed in financial reporting.

### What is changing, specifically

The significant difference consists not in the appearance of a new obligation, but in the level of the formalization and visibility regarding compliance. By introducing this explicit statement:

- the organization of the Internal Audit function becomes a verifiable element in financial reporting;
- its absence will be reflected in the auditor's report;
- the management's responsibility in terms of corporate governance now has an additional dimension of transparency.

This change does not introduce a new obligation, but adds a higher level of formalization and transparency. For the entities involved, the consequences are relevant. An absence of an adequate internal organization may be reflected in the auditor's report and may have consequences that go beyond administrative penalties, influencing the perception of financial and institutional partners.

## **Who is affected**

This mainly concerns:

- entities exceeding the legal thresholds for statutory audit;
- entities of public interest;
- groups with complex governance structures.

For these types of organizations, the internal audit function is not just a control mechanism, but a pillar of the risk management framework.

## **Implications for management and boards of directors**

In this context, it is recommended that the management and governing entities examine whether the Internal Audit function is adequately organized, whether it enjoys operational independence, and whether the related documentation is up to date and compliant with legal requirements. A strictly formal approach can create vulnerabilities in the context of audits or relationships with investors, financiers, and institutional partners.

**The 2025 reporting thus marks a stage of consolidation in the application of an existing legal framework. For organizations that have not yet properly implemented this function, the current moment may represent a point of reassessment and adjustment.**

**NOA, through its Internal Audit services, supports companies in the processes of analysis, structuring, and alignment with applicable compliance requirements.**