

Definition: Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Adherence

There are two versions of the GRI guidelines:

G3 (Latest version, released in 2006)

Based on an 'Application Level' system comprising three components:

[letter code] - A,B,C which relates to the number of indicators covered

['+' symbol] - which is optional and denotes inclusion of external assurance

[checking of the above] - either Self-Declared, Third Party Checked, GRI Checked

G3 Undeclared = the reporter included a G3 content index but did not use the application level system described above to declare a level

G3 Draft = the reporter used an early draft edition of the guidelines prior to the application level system being established

2002 (Previous version, issued in 2002)

'2002 IA' - Meaning 'in accordance': report must include: a statement from the CEO, a Content Index, response (or explanation of omission) for each core indicator

'2002 CI' - Meaning 'Content Index': report includes a GRI Content Index, mapping responses to some or all of the 2002 Guidelines indicators

For either version of the guidelines, the Content Index may be held outside the actual report (usually on a separate website). This is indicated by a "(Web Index)" appended to the GRI code.

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