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Not really got a strong view nor clarity about what I would propose as an alternative. I think the EU expectation is too onerous. The FRC ask the right questions and come to sensible solutions in the main. I do think it is important that there is some form of QA on auditors outside the EU but I really struggle to see how they do it – just look at all the Chinese frauds in the US listed market – and the SEC has a very rigorous enforcement regime – so I doubt there are any easy or workable answers.

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