Prudential Regulation No. 12 for MFBs

Classification of Assets and Provisioning Requirements

(a) Loans & Advances

The outstanding principal of the loans and advances, payments against which are overdue for 30 days or more shall be classified as Non- Performing Loans (NPLs). The unrealized interest / profit / mark-up / service charges on NPLs shall be suspended and credited to interest suspense account. Further the NPLs shall be divided into following categories:

i. Other Assets Especially Mentioned (OAEM): loans in arrears (payments/installments overdue) for 30 days or more but less than 60 days

ii. Substandard: loans in arrears (payments/installments overdue) for 60 days or more but less than 90 days

iii. Doubtful: loans in arrears (payments/installments overdue) for 90 days or more but less than 180 days

iv. Loss: loans in arrears (payments/installments overdue) for 180 days or more

MFBs shall maintain a Watch List of all accounts delinquent by 5 – 29 days. However, such accounts may not be treated as NPL for the purpose of Classification / Provisioning.

Provisioning Requirements

Nil

i. <u>General Provision</u>: The MFB shall maintain a General Provision equivalent to 1.5% of the net outstanding advances (advances net of specific provisions).

ii. <u>Specific Provisions</u>: In addition to the general provision, the MFB shall make specific provisions against NPLs at the following rates:

a OAEM:

b Substandard: 25% of outstanding principal net of Cash collaterals and Gold (ornaments and bullion) realizable without recourse to a Court of Law

- c Doubtful: 50% of outstanding principal net of Cash collaterals and Gold (ornaments and bullion) realizable without recourse to a Court of Law
- d Loss : 100% of outstanding principal net of Cash collaterals and Gold (ornaments and bullion) realizable without recourse to a Court of Law

Note: MFB shall undertake "Classification and Provisioning" exercise at the end of every month. The MFB at their discretion may also apply more stringent classification and provisioning criteria for NPLs.

(b) Investments and Other Assets

The MFB shall value its investments on mark-to-market basis. However, in case of investments & other assets where active market does not exist, the MFBs shall make subjective evaluation of such investments and other assets to determine their quality, category of classification and provisions required, keeping in view the risk involved and the requirements of international accounting standards.