Upgradation of loan accounts classified as Non Performing Assets (NPAs)

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All Commercial Banks (excluding RRBs & LABs)

Dear Sir,

Upgradation of loan accounts classified

as Non Performing Assets (NPAs)

As banks are aware, if arrears of interest and principal are paid by the borrower in the

case of loan accounts classified as NPAs, the account should no longer be treated as non

performing and classified as 'standard' account.

2. However, it has been brought to our notice that some banks do not comply with this

requirement and consider reclassification only after one year of satisfactory

performance of the account.

3. It is reiterated that, banks should strictly adhere to our instructions on asset

classification to avoid inconvenience to borrowers. However, our extant instructions in

respect of re-classification of loan accounts subjected to restructuring would remain

unchanged.

4. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

(C.R. Muralidharan)

Chief General Manager