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The Chief Executive Officer
All Primary (Urban) Co-operative Banks

Madam / Dear Sir,

System-based asset classification - UCBs

Please refer to the <u>Master Circular DCBR.BPD. (PCB) MC No.12/09.14.000/2015-16 dated</u> <u>July 1, 2015</u> containing consolidated instructions on income recognition, asset classification, provisioning and other related matters.

- 2. In order to improve the efficiency, transparency and integrity of the asset classification process, it has been decided to implement system-based asset classification¹ in urban cooperative banks (UCBs). The relevant instructions in this regard are as under:
 - 2.1 UCBs having total assets of ₹2000 crore or above as on March 31, 2020 shall implement system-based asset classification with effect from June 30, 2021.
 - 2.2 UCBs having total assets of ₹1000 crore or above but less than ₹2000 crore as on March 31, 2020 and having self-assessed themselves as being under Level III or Level IV in terms of the <u>circular DoS.CO/CSITE/BC.4083/31.01.052/2019-20 dated December 31, 2019</u> on Comprehensive Cyber Security Framework for UCBs shall implement system-based asset classification with effect from September 30, 2021.
 - 2.3 UCBs which meet the above criteria as at the end of the current or subsequent financial years shall implement system-based asset classification within a period of six months from the end of the financial year concerned.
 - 2.4 For smooth implementation of the system, all concerned UCBs may conduct pilot/parallel run and evaluate the results for accuracy/integrity of the asset classification in compliance with the applicable RBI instructions so as to ensure that they are ready for implementation of the system-based asset classification from the appointed date.

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¹ 'System-based asset classification' would mean asset classification (downgrading as well as upgrading) carried out by the CBS / computerized systems of the bank in an automated manner on an ongoing basis, based on the relevant RBI instructions/guidelines.

3. UCBs not meeting the above criteria are also encouraged to voluntarily implement the system-based asset classification in their own interest.

Yours faithfully,

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