



Awareness Literature on Concepts / clarifications / Illustrative examples on Due dates and specification of SMA / NPA classification dates

Concepts:

Dues:

mean, the principal / interest/ any charges levied on the loan account which are payable within the period stipulated as per the terms of sanction of the credit facility.

Overdue:

mean. the principal / interest/ any charges levied on the loan account which are payable, but have not been paid within the period stipulated as per the terms of sanction of the credit facility in other words, any amount due to the bank under any credit facility is 'overdue' if it is not paid on the due date fixed by the bank.

Stressed Account:

Borrowers are required to pay the EMI/instalment/interest at periodic intervals as per the terms agreed before availing of the loan. In case such EMI/Instalments/interest dues are not paid on or before the due date on agreed terms, such account is called as a 'stressed account'.

Special Mention Account (SMA):

A Loan account showing symptoms of stress as evidenced by a default in payment of dues will be classified as 'Special Mention Accounts (SMA)'. Such accounts if not regularized within 90 days gets classified as 'Non Performing Asset (NPA)'

Relevance of the Principle of 'First In First Out' (FIFO) in appropriation of payments into the borrowal account:

The Principle of FIFO i.e., 'First In, First Out' accounting method is relevant to arrive at the No. of days of overdue for determining the SMA / NPA status. The FIFO principle assumes that. the oldest outstanding dues in the loan account needs to be cleared first. The FIFO method thus requires that what is due first must be paid by the borrower first. For example;

if in any loan account as on 01.02.2021 there are no overdues and an amount of Rs. X is due for payment towards principal instalment/interest/charges. Any payment being credited on or after 01.02.2021 in the loan account will be used to pay off the dues outstanding on 01.02.2021

Assuming that nothing is paid /or there is partial payment (Rs Y) of dues during the month of February, the overdue as on 01.03.2021 will be Rs .X-Y.

Additionally, an amount of Rs.Z becomes due as on 01.03.2021. Now any payment /partial payment into the account on or after 01.03.2021 will be first utilized to pay off the partial due of 01.02.2021 (Rs X - Rs.Y)

If there is more recovery than the Rs X - Rs. Y. then, after recovering dues of 01.02.2021, the remaining amount will be treated as recovery towards due of 01.03.2021.

Age of oldest Dues:

The age of oldest dues is reckoned in days from the date on which the oldest payment is due and continues to remain unpaid. In the aforesaid illustration, if the Dues relating to 1st February 2021 remain unpaid till 01.03.2021, the age of the oldest dues is reckoned as 29 days on 02.03.2021.



Classification as Special Mention Account (SMA) and Non-Performing Asset (NPA)

Lending institutions will recognize the incipient stress in loan accounts, immediately on Default, by classifying them as Special Mention Accounts (SMA). The basis of classification of SMA / NPA Category shall be as follows:

Loans in the nature of Term Loans		Loans in the nature of cash credit/overdraft	
SMA Sub-categories	Basis for classification — Principal or interest payment or any other amount wholly or partly overdue	SMA Sub-categories	Basis for classification — Outstanding balance remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit or drawing power, whichever is lower, for a period of
SMA-0	Upto 30 days		
SMA-1	More than 30 days and upto 60 days	SMA-1	More than 30 days and upto 60 days
SMA-2	More than 60 days and upto 90 days	SMA-2	More than 60 days and upto 90 days

However, In case of NBFCs, the reference to 90 days for SMA-2 / NPA classification to be read as per the applicable norms and also subject to the provisions of the RBI Circular DOR.CRE.REC.No.60/03.10.001/2021-22 dated 22nd October, 2021 on 'Scale Based Regulation (SBR): A revised Regulatory framework for NBFCs. Also, the asset classification norms of Agricultural advances which are based on Crop Season shall continue as hitherto.

Non-performing Asset:

In a credit facility/ies where stress//delinquency//short comings as indicated below are observed, such borrowal accounts are classified as Non- Performing Assets (NPA)

- i. interest and/ or instalment of principal remains overdue for a period of more than 90 days in respect of a term loan,
- ii. the account remains 'out of order' as indicated below in respect of an Overdraft/Cash Credit (OD/CC),
- iii. the bill remains overdue for a period of more than 90 days in the case of bills purchased and discounted,
- iv. the instalment of principal or interest thereon remains overdue for two crop seasons for short duration crops,
- v. the instalment of principal or interest thereon remains overdue for one crop season for long duration crops.
- vi. an account where the regular/ ad hoc credit limits have not been reviewed/renewed within 180 days from the due date/ date of ad hoc sanction.
- vii. where Loans/Limits have been sanctioned against the Security of Stock & Book debts, and, in such cases, if the position of such Stock & Book debts is not submitted to the lenders to determine the Drawing Power, the outstanding in the account based on the Drawing Power calculated from Stock & Book debts Statement older than three months would be deemed as 'irregular', and, if such irregularity exists for a continuous period of 90 days, the account will be classified as NPA.



'Out of Order' Status:

An account shall be treated as 'out of order' if:

- i. the outstanding balance in the CC/OD account remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit/drawing power for 90 days, or
- ii. the outstanding balance in the CC/OD account is less than the sanctioned limit/drawing power but there are no credits continuously for 90 days, or the outstanding balance in the CC/OD account is less than the sanctioned limit/drawing power but credits are not enough to cover the interest debited during the previous 90 days period.

(Note: The 'Previous 90 days period' for determination of 'out of order' status of CC/OD account shall be inclusive of the day for which the day-end process is being run by the lending institution)

Illustrative movement of an account to SMA category to NPA category based on delay / nonpayment of dues and subsequent upgradation to Standard category at day end process:

Illustration 1:

Due date of payment	Payment Date	Payment covers	Age of oldest dues in days	SMA / NPA Categorisation	SMA Date since /SMA class date	NPA categorization	NPA Date
01.01.2022	01.01.2022	Entire dues upto 01.01.2022	0	NIL	NA	NA	NA
01.02.2022	01.02.2022	Partly paid dues of 01.02.2022	1	SMA-0	01.02.2022	NA	NA
01.02.2022	02.02.2022	Partly paid dues of 01.02.2022	2	SMA-0	01.02.2022	NA	NA
01.03.2022		Dues of 01.02.2022 not fully paid 01.03.2022 is also due at EOD	29	SMA-0	'01.02.2022	NA	NA
		Dues of 01.02.2022 fully paid , Due for 01.03.2022 not paid at EOD 01.03.2022	1	SMA-0	01.03.2022	NA	NA
		No payment of full dues of 01.02.2022 and 01.03.2022 at EOD 03.03.2022	31	SMA-1	01.02.2022 / 03.03.2022	NA	NA
		Dues of 01.02.2022 fully paid , Due for 01.03.2022 not fully paid at EOD	1	SMA-0	01.03.2022	NA	NA
01.04.2022		No payment of dues of 01.02.2022 ,01.03.2022 and amount due on 01.4.2022 at EOD 01.04.2022	60	SMA 1	01.02.2022 / 03.03.2022	NA	NA
		No payment of dues of 01.02.2022 till 01.04.22 at EOD 02.04.2022	61	SMA 2	01.02.2022 / 02.04.2022	NA	NA
01.05.2022		No payment of dues of 01.02.2022 till 01.05.22 at EOD 01.05.2022	90	SMA 2	01.02.2022 / 02.04.2022	NA	NA



		No payment of dues of 01.02.2022 till 01.05.2022 at EOD 02.05.2022	91	NPA	NA	NPA	02.05.2022
01.06.2022	01.06.2022	Fully Paid dues of 01.02.2022 at EOD 01.06.2022	93	NPA	NA	NPA	02.05.2022
01.07.2022	01.07.2022	Paid entire dues of 01.03.2022 & 01.04.2022 at EOD 01.07.2022	62	NPA	NA	NPA	02.05.2022
01.08.2022	01.08.2022	Paid entire dues of 01.05.2022 & 01.06.2022 at EOD 01.08.2022	32	NPA	NA	NPA	02.05.2022
01.09.2022	01.09.2022	Paid entire dues of 01.07.2022 & 01.08.2022 at EOD 01.09.2022	1	NPA	NA	NPA	02.05.2022
01.10.2022	01.10.2022	Paid entire dues of 01.09.2022 Et 01.10.2022	0	Standard Account with No Overdues	NA	NA	STD from 01.10.2022

Illustration 2:

If due date of a loan account is March 31, 2022, and full dues are not received before the lending institution runs the day-end process for this date, the date of overdue shall be March 31, 2022 and the account will be classified as SMAO as on 31.03.2022. If it continues to remain overdue, then this account shall get tagged as SMA-1 upon running day-end process on April 30, 2022 i.e. upon completion of 30 days of being continuously overdue. Accordingly, the date of SMA-1 classification for that account shall be April 30, 2022.

Similarly, if the account continues to remain overdue, it shall get tagged as SMA-2 upon running day-end process on May 30, 2022 and if continues to remain overdue further, it shall get classified as NPA upon running day-end process on June 29, 2022.

Illustration 3: In respect of accounts in the nature of revolving facilities like cash credit I overdraft the account turns into an NPA when:

- (i) the outstanding balance in the CC / OD account remains continuously in excess of the sanctioned limit/drawing power for 90 days, or,
 - (ii) the outstanding balance in the CC / OD account is less than the sanctioned limit/drawing power but there are no credits continuously for 90 days, or the outstanding balance in the CC / OD account is less than the sanctioned limit/drawing power but credits are not enough to cover the interest debited during the 'previous 90 days period'.
- (Note: The 'Previous 90 days period' for determination of 'out of order' status of CC / OD account shall be inclusive of the day for which the day-end-process is being run by the lending institution).

Illustration 4: Renewal Pending:

Regular and ad hoc credit limits need to be reviewed / regularized not later than three months from the due date / date of ad hoc sanction. In case of constraints such as non-availability of financial statements and other data from the borrowers, the branch should furnish evidence to show that renewal / review of credit limits is already on and would be completed soon. In any case, delay beyond six months is not considered desirable as a general discipline. Hence, an account where the regular / ad hoc credit limits



have not been reviewed / renewed within 180 days from the due date / date of ad hoc sanction will be treated as NPA.

If the due date for renewal is 31-03-2022 and if the limit is not renewed till 26Th Sep 2022, such account will be classified as NPA during Day end Process run on 26-09-2022.

Illustration 5: Non Submission of Stock & Book Debt Statement:

If a CC / OD account is sanctioned against hypothecation of stock & book debts, the borrower has to submit the stock and book debt statements periodically to facilitate lenders to determine Drawing Power under the account. The outstanding in the account based on the Drawing Power calculated from stock & Book debts statements older than three months would be deemed as 'irregular'. If such irregularity exists for a continuous period of 90 days, the account will be classified as NPA.

Some further FAQs related to SMA or NPA:

- 1. At what periodicity the lending institutions undertake the classification of Accounts as SMA or NPA ?**
Lending institutions undertake the process of classification of Accounts as SMA I NPA on daily basis during the Day-end-Process
- 2. Whether all loan accounts of the borrower is classified as NPA if one of his loan account turns NPA?**
Yes, NPA classification is borrower wise and not account wise. Hence if one loan account of the borrower is classified as NPA, all other loan accounts of the borrower also will be classified as NPA.
- 3. Whether amount paid/deposited during the day is considered during the NPA marking process ?**
Credits received before the day-end-process are considered for calculation of delinquency at the time of undertaking the Asset Classification process. Any credit received subsequently are treated as receipts for the subsequent day
- 4. How borrower accounts are upgraded to regular status after being classified as NPA?**
A loan account, classified as NPA will be upgraded to Standard Asset only upon regularization of all loan accounts of the borrower having arrears and rectification of attendant irregularities relating to Review/ Renewal & Stock & book debts of the borrowal account
- 5. What is the impact on the borrower if account is slipped to Stress/NPA?**
As per the regulatory guidelines Bank has to report Stress/Default /NPA to Central Repository Information of Large Credit (CRILC), Credit Information Companies etc. from time to time which impact the credit history of the borrowers and attendant repercussions.

The aforesaid few examples are illustrative and not exhaustive in nature covering common scenarios, and that, the IRACP norms and clarifications provided by RBI from time to time on the subjects referred above will prevail.