Chronology of Major Policy Announcements: July-September, 2012

DFIM Circular No. 05	Referring to FID Circular No. 02, dated 27 March, 2001, it
03 July, 2012	has been observed that some of the financial institutions are
	not submitting their financial statements in due time. To
Regarding Delay of Financial	ensure the monitoring activities of financial institutions,
Statement Submission by	from now on Tk.5,000 penalty would be imposed for
Financial Institutions	everyday's delay on failure of submitting financial statement
	under Section 42 of Financial Institution Act, 1993. After
	expiration of 7 days (including holidays) from due time of
	statement submission, concerned financial institution will be
	penalized maximum in the form of cash penalty under
	Section 42 of the above stated Act.
FE Circular No. 06	Government has taken decision on providing export subsidy/
04 July, 2012	cash assistance in export sector in current 2012-13 financial
	year like previous years to encourage export trade of
Providing Export Subsidy/	country. Under this decision, export subsidy/ cash assistance
Cash Assistance against	will be payable on shipped goods (according to the list
Export in 2012-2013	provided in the circular) on the mentioned rate from 01 July,
Financial Year	2012 to 30 June, 2013 timeline.
DMD Circular No. 05/2012	Bangladeshi passport holders living abroad and foreign
09 July, 2012	citizens of Bangladeshi descent have to attest their
	documents from Bangladeshi embassy in order to open F.C.
Regarding purchase of Wage	account and purchase bonds which is inconvenient and
Earner Development Bond,	expensive. To solve this problem, decision has been taken
U.S. Dollar Premium Bond	that Bangladeshi passport holders can purchase Wage Earner
and U.S. Dollar Investment	Development Bond, U.S. Dollar Premium Bond and U.S.
Bond	Dollar Investment Bond through providing copy of their
	passport instead of attesting their necessary documents from
	Bangladesh embassy situated abroad and foreign citizens of
	Bangladeshi descent can avail the same opportunity by
	providing copy of passport with "No visa required" seal
	received from Bangladesh embassy.
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BRPD Circular No. 10	In case of purchase and acceptance of inland bill through		
11 July, 2012	preparation of accommodation bill, bank branches have to		
	take written permission from Head Offices instead of taking		
Acceptance and Purchase of	decision from branch level in purchasing domestic bill (IBP)		
Inland Bill	in local or foreign currency. Besides, any acceptance or		
	payment can not be made without being certain about the		
	actual supply of purchased goods through spot verification		
	before providing of acceptance against domestic bill in local		
	or foreign currency.		
FEPD Circular Letter No.	To collect information from scheduled banks in electronic		
FEPD(FEMP)/04/2012-14	method, implementation of Bangladesh Bank Enterprise		
11 July, 2012	Data Warehouse (EDW) has been finalized. In this regard,		
	daily foreign exchange position statement related to EDW		
Submission of Daily Foreign	have to be submitted in RIT through web portal according to		
Exchange Position Statement	the following guidelines:		
in Rationalized Input	a) Accurately filled up RITs have to be submitted		
Template (RIT) through Web	regularly through web portal from 22 July, 2012.		
Portal	b) Related RIT soft copies have already been sent to the		
	E-mail address of respective banks. Banks that have		
	not received soft copies have to collect it from FEPD		
	by 18 July, 2012.		
	c) Existing procedure of statement submission and		
	submission through web portal will be effective		
	simultaneously till 31 December, 2012 and from 01		
	January, 2013, related information/statement have to		
	be submitted only through web portal.		
DFIM Circular No. 06	Referring to DOS Circular No.1, dated-21 April 2010 by		
12 July, 2012	which "Guidelines on Stress Testing" was issued to ensure		
	the soundness and sustainability of the financial industry and		
Revised Guidelines on Stress	make the Banks and NBFIs more shock resilient. NBFIs		
Testing for NBFIs	have been undergoing Stress Testing exercise since 2010		
	and conducting the same on half-yearly basis.		
	Department of Financial Institutions and Markets of		

	Bangladesh Bank monitors the resilience of the NBFIs under
	different shock levels of the defined exceptional but
	plausible shocks. Analyzing the scenario requirements and
	future perspectives, the guidelines have been revised for
	NBFIs. Henceforth, the NBFIs have to carry out Stress
	Testing on quarterly basis i.e. on March 31, June 30,
	September 30 and December 31. Each NBFI has to submit
	statements within the following month after each quarter.
	And the first reporting based on 30 June 2012 using this
	revised guidelines has to be submitted on or before 15th
	September 2012.
BRPD Circular Letter No. 05	Referring to BRPD Circular Letter No. 17, dated 17 August
16 July, 2012	2003, section "Ka" has been replaced by following to
	rationalize upper limit of purchase of zip by bank company
Avoiding high cost on	fund written under section "Ka" of above mentioned circular
luxurious transport and	letter:
gorgeous decoration	"Ka) Motor car worth more than 35.00 lakhs or zip worth
	more than 50.00 lakhs can not be purchased through bank-
	company finance. But, zip valued up to 85.00 lakhs can be
	purchased from sate owned Pragati Industries Limited."
	In this regard, already issued BRPD Circular Letter No.
	08,dated 06 December, 2009 has been canceled.
BRPD Circular Letter No. 06	All scheduled banks are advised to follow and abide by the
19 July, 2012	directions stated in Letter No. 08.01.0000.030.03.2012/46
	dated 01 July, 2012 of National Board of Revenue.
Regarding Income Tax on the	
Source stated in Section 52,	
52R, 53BB, 53BBBB,	
53DDD, 53F of Income Tax	
Ordinance, 1984 through	
Finance Act, 2012	
BRPD Circular No. 11	With a view to determining Defaulted Borrower for the
19 July, 2012	purpose of Section 5(GaGa) of the Banking Companies Act,

	1991, Overdue Loan has been redefined below:
Definition of Defaulted	
Definition of Defaulted	(1) Any Continuous Loan if not repaid/renewed within the
Borrower	fixed time limit for repayment will be treated as "Overdue"
	from the following day of the expiry date.
	(2) Any Demand Loan if not repaid within the fixed time
	limit for repayment or after the demand by the bank will be
	treated as "Overdue" from the following day of the expiry
	date or demand date.
	(3) In case of any installment(s) or part of installment(s) of a
	Fixed Term Loan is not repaid within the fixed expiry date
	or due date, the amount of unpaid installment(s) as well as
	the loan will be treated as "Overdue" from the following day
	of the expiry date or due date.
	(4) The Short-term Agricultural Loan or Micro-credit is not
	repaid within the fixed time limit for repayment will be
	considered "Overdue" after 06(six) months of the expiry
	date.
	If any loan or part of it or accrued interest thereon to any
	person/organization of his/its own or related concern
	remains "Overdue" for more than 06(six) months, the
	borrower availing of such loan facility will be treated as
	Defaulted Borrower as per Section 5(GaGa) of the Banking
	Companies Act, 1991.
	BRPD Circular No. 10 dated May 14, 2001 on the captioned
	subject will be considered as void.
FE Circular No. 07	Attention of the Authorized Dealers (ADs) is invited to the
22 July, 2012	paragraph 10, chapter 5 of the Guidelines for Foreign
	Exchange Transactions (GFET)-2009, Vol-1 in terms of
Inward Remittance-	which declaration on Form C is required against inward
Declaration on Form C	remittances (other than remittances sent by Bangladesh
	nationals working abroad) equivalent to US\$ 2000 and
	above.
	02. It has now been decided that declaration on Form C shall
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not be required for inward remittance up to US\$ 5000 or equivalent other foreign currencies. Other instructions contained in the above stated paragraph of GFET-2009 shall remain unchanged. BRPD Circular Letter No. 08 Referring to BRPD Circular no. 35 dated December 29, 23 July, 2012 2010 through which "Revised Guidelines on Risk based Capital Adequacy (RBCA) for Banks", December 2010 Clarifications regarding some have been issued. portions of Guidelines on Risk It has been observed that there is an understanding gap in Based Capital Adequacy calculating risk weighted assets against claims of banks (RBCA) for Banks (loans and equity investment) on Merchant banks, Brokerage houses and Exchange houses for the purpose of determining minimum required capital. For minimizing the gap, reference of a table given on the circular will be applicable for the above stated purpose.

Type of	Applicable	Applicable	Applicabl	le Risk
Loan/Investment	Portion of	Place of	Weight	
	Guidelines	reporting		
	on RBCA	Format		
Loans/Advances to	Chapter 2.	Work Sheet-	BB	Risk
Exchange Houses	Credit Risk	1:	Rating	Weight
by bank	Table 2: Risk	h. Claims on	Grade	
	Weights for	Corporate	1	20%
	Balance Sheet		2	50%
	Exposure:		3,4	100%
	h. Claims on		5,6	150%
	Corporate		Unrated	125%
	(excluding			
	equity			
	exposures)			
Loans/Advances to	Chapter 2.	Work Sheet-	125	5%
Merchant Banks	Credit Risk	1:		
and Brokerage	Table 2: Risk	o. Capital		
Houses by bank	Weights for	Market		
	Balance Sheet	Exposures		
	Exposure:			
	n. Capital			
	Market			
	Exposures			

	Investment of banks	Chapter 2.	Work Sheet-	125%
	in the shares	Credit Risk	1:	
	(equity) of	Table 2: Risk	p. Unlisted	
	Merchant Banks,	Weights for	equity	
	Brokerage Houses	Balance Sheet	investments	
	and Exchange	Exposure	and regulatory	
	Houses those are not listed in Stock	p. Unlisted	capital	
	Exchanges	equity investments	instruments issued by	
	Exchanges	and regulatory	other banks	
		capital	(other than	
		instruments	those	
		issued by	deducted from	
		other banks	capital) held	
		(other than	in banking	
		those	book	
		deducted from		
		capital) held		
		in banking		
		book		
	Investment of banks	Chapter 3.	Work Sheet-	At the rate of
	in the shares (equity) of	Market Risk 3.5.5. Capital	3(c): Capital Charge on	required minimum CAR as
	Merchant Banks,	charges for	Charge on Equities	determined by
	Brokerage Houses	equity	Equities	Bangladesh Bank
	and Exchange	position risk		g
	Houses those are	1		
	listed in Stock			
	Exchanges			
ACFID Circular No. 01	Agricultural and I	Rural credit P	olicy and Pro	gramme for the
24 July, 2012	Fiscal Year 2012-	13 has been t	formulated w	hich had already
	been effective fro	m 01 July, 20)12.	
Agricultural and Rural credit				
Policy and Programme for the				
Fiscal Year 2012-13				
DMD Circular No.06	According to Section 33 of Bank Company Act, 1991			
24 July, 2012	(Revised till 2003), all scheduled banks operating in			
	Bangladesh hold treasury bills and bonds in order to			
Regarding Balanced	maintain easily transferable assets. Purchased treasury bills			
Investment in Government	and bonds also work as liquidity coverage against respective			

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Securities by Scheduled	bank's liabilities. At present, holding of treasury bills and
Banks	bonds is not arranged universally in balanced way in
	banking sector. To rationalize this distribution, decision has
	been taken to distribute 60% of notified amount of treasury
	bills/bonds among primary dealer banks which will be
	issued according to auction calendar and the remaining 40%
	among 25 scheduled banks mentioned in Annex-Kha of this
	circular until further order issues.
BRPD Circular Letter No.	Referring to BRPD Circular No. 04, dated 25 January, 2012,
09/2012	banks can not buy land, building or floor space or arrange
30 July, 2012	lease in 10 years or more period of time for any purpose
	other than use for head office of respective banks. However,
Purchase of Fixed Assets by	floor space can be purchased or leased for bank branches
Banks	under city corporation area. Banks have to take permission
	from Bangladesh Bank with copies of properly filled in
	format (mentioned in Annex- Ka of this circular) in case of
	land, building or floor space purchase/lease and decision of
	Board of Directors.
BRPD Circular No. 12	Referring to BRPD Circular No. 35 dated December 29,
02 August, 2012	2010 regarding the issuance of Guidelines on Risk Based
02 August, 2012	
Manning of Evternal Condit	Capital Adequacy (RBCA) for banks. According to the
Mapping of External Credit	guidelines, Risk Weighted Asset (RWA) against Credit Risk
Assessment Institutions'	is to be computed on the basis of credit rating conducted by
(ECAIs) Rating scales with	External Credit Assessment Institutions (ECAIs) duly
Bangladesh Bank Rating	recognized by Bangladesh Bank (BB). Consequently,
Grade	calculated RWA and Capital Adequacy Ratio (CAR) will be
	reported as per specific reporting formats enclosed in the
	RBCA guidelines.
	2) From this point of view, Alpha Credit Rating Limited
	(ACRL) has been recognized as an eligible ECAI in addition
	to existing 05 (Five) rating agencies (i.e. CRISL, CRAB,
	NCRL, ECRL and ACRSL). All the scheduled banks
	operating in Bangladesh may nominate any one or more

rating agency (ies) for their own and counter party credit rating for the purpose of calculating RWA against credit risk as per RBCA Guidelines.

3) Rating scales of CRISL, CRAB, NCRL, ECRL and ACRSL with BB rating grades has already been mapped earlier. Now, the rating scales of ACRL have been mapped with BB rating grades as given below:

Long Term		Short Term	
BB's Rating	Equivalent	BB's Rating	Equivalent
Grade	Notch/Notation of	Grade	Notch/Notation of
	ACRL		ACRL
1	AAA	S1	AR-1
	AA+,AA,AA-		
2	A+,A,A-	S2	AR-2
3	BBB+,BBB,BBB-	S3	AR-3
4	BB+,BB,BB-	S4	AR-4
5	B+,B,B-,CCC	S5	AR-5
6*	CC+,CC,CC-	S6	AR-6
	,C+,C,C-,D		
* Includes Default	Rating (DR)		1

BFIU Circular No. 03 02 August 2012

Regarding Submission of Cash Transaction Report (CTR) This is mandatory to submit Cash Transaction Report (CTR) to Bangladesh Bank in case of cash deposit/withdrawal of 7 lakh taka in a single day in a account under the directions of Section 02 of AML Circular No. 13, dated 24 September, 2007.

- 02. Lower limit of Cash Transaction Report has been fixed at 10 lakh taka according to section 23(1)(Gha) of Anti Money Laundering Act, 2012. In this case, information on transaction of 10 lakh or more will be listed in Cash Transaction Report (CTR) from August, 2012 and onwards. It must be mentioned that, CTR report for the month of August, 2012 has to be submitted within 21 September, 2012.
- 03. Moreover, actions can be taken according to section 23 of Anti Money Laundering Act, 2012 in case of failure or making wrong in CTR submission in due time, supply of incomplete or false report or information or violation of

	related direction.
	04. Other directions regarding Cash Transaction Report
	(CTR) of already issued circulars will remain unchanged.
FE Circular No. 08	Referring to FE Circular No. 15, dated August 07, 2011 in
07 August, 2012	terms of which Authorized Dealers (ADs) have been
	allowed to offer the facility of repatriation of service export
Repatriation of export	related payment by entering into standing arrangements with
proceeds through Online	Online
Payment Gateway Service	Payment Gateway Service Providers (OPGSPs). In order to
Providers	facilitate inward remittance against service export, it has
	been decided to raise the maximum limit per transaction
	from USD 500 to USD 2,000 for service export related
	payments received through OPGSPs.
	02. It has also been decided that declaration on Form C for
	inward remittance repatriated through OPGSPs will no
	longer be required. However, ADs shall report the
	transactions to Bangladesh Bank in monthly returns
	mentioning appropriate code in the relevant schedule.
	03. All other terms and conditions stipulated in FE Circular
	No. 15, dated August 07, 2011 shall remain unchanged.
BRPD Circular Letter No. 10	Referring to Notification No. 07.101.018.00.00.008.2012-
08 August, 2012	496 dated August 05, 2012 of the Finance Division of the
	Ministry of Finance on the captioned subject.
Opening of Bank Account for	For opening and maintenance of bank account to receive
Collection of Donation for	donation for implementation of the Padma Bridge Project
implementation of the Padma	and transferring the fund to the Government Treasury, the
Bridge Project and transfer of	circular has been issued with some instructions.
the collected fund to the	
Government Treasury	
FE Circular No. 09	Attention of the Authorized Dealers (ADs) is invited to FE
27 August, 2012	Circular No. 24, dated December 02, 2009 regarding annual
	travel entitlement of Bangladeshi nationals for private travel
Release of foreign exchange	abroad.

for travel abroad	02. It has been decided to enhance annual entitlement for	
	travel to SAARC member countries and Myanmar to US\$	
	2,000 from US\$ 1,500 per calendar year.	
	03. The revised travel entitlement will be effective from the	
	current calendar year.	
	04. In terms of paragraph 1(ii), chapter 12 of Guidelines for	
	Foreign Exchange Transactions- 2009, Vol-1, ADs are	
	allowed to release foreign exchange in the form of cash up	
	to US\$ 2000 at any one instance out of travel entitlement to	
	Bangladeshi national proceeding abroad. However,	
	confusion arises as to whether ADs can release balance of	
	the entitlement in the form of cash in other currencies. This	
	is to clarify that ADs may release USD 2,000 in cash and the	
	remainder in other freely convertible currencies out of the	
	prescribed entitlement i.e., US\$ 5,000 for travel to countries	
	other than SAARC member countries and Myanmar.	
	05. All other terms and conditions stipulated in FE Circular	
	No. 24, dated December 02, 2009 shall remain unchanged.	
BRPD Circular No. 13	Referring to BRPD Circular No. 10 dated 11 July, 2012, last	
09 September, 2012	sentence of the second para of the above mentioned circular	
	will be replaced by the following:	
Purchase and Acceptance of	"Besides any acceptance or payment can not be made	
Inland Bill	without being certain about the actual supply of purchased	
	goods before providing acceptance against inland bill in	
	local or foreign currency."	
ACFID Circular No. 02/2012	A refinance fund has been established in Bangladesh Bank	
16 September, 2012	with financial aid from Asian Development Bank (ADB)	
	with a view to reducing carbon emission from brick fields of	
Regarding refinancing in	the country and building environment friendly brick field	
Brick Kiln Efficiency	through efficiency development of brick kiln with	
Improvement sector	appropriate use of energy. In that fund, amount of financial	
	aid from ADB is about 50.00 million USD/equivalent BDT.	
	Among this, about 30.00 million USD/ equivalent BDT will	

be provided as finance for transformation/development of Fixed Chemistry Kiln (FCK) to Improved Zigzag Kiln for part-A (ADB's Ordinary Capital resources) and about SDR 12,972,000 or 20.00 million USD/ equivalent BDT for new Vertical Shaft Brick Kiln (VSBK), Hybrid Hoffman Kiln (HHK) and Tunnel Kiln construction sector. Detailed terms and conditions for availing this refinance under this fund is illustrated in the circular. BFIU Circular No. 04 Guidance Notes on Prevention of money Laundering and 16 September, 2012 Terrorist Financing has been issued for financial institutions under Anti money Laundering Act, 2012 and section Regarding Issuance of 23(Gha) and 15(Jo) of Anti Terrorism Act, 2009 (including Guidance Notes on Prevention revision in 2012) in order to deal with the risks associated of money Laundering and with financial institutions. Detailed Guidance notes can be Terrorist Financing downloaded from Bangladesh Bank website. http://www.bb.org.bd/mediaroom/circulars/circulars.php BRPD Circular No. 14 Referring to BRPD Circular No.07 dated June 14, 2012 and 23 September, 2012 attached CL formats on the captioned subject. Considering difficulties reported by banks and the business community, Master Circular: Loan certain instructions of the circular have been reviewed; Classification and revised circular with the modifications is issued hereunder: Provisioning Bangladesh Bank has, over the last several years, positioned the banks on a path towards higher regulatory capital ratios and a more precise calculation of each individual bank's need for capital, through a gradual implementation of internationally recognized capital standards. enforcement of a stricter regulatory capital regime also requires measures to improve the accuracy of financial data which are used internally, stated in the audited financial statements and reported to Bangladesh Bank as per rules. For both the bank's managerial and Bangladesh Bank's supervisory purposes, as well as for accurate valuation of a bank's capital in all of its financial reports is necessary.

An accurate valuation of capital relies, in turn, on an accurate valuation of assets. Loan loss provisioning – the recognition that some or all of the required payments on a loan may never be made – is the single most important aspect of asset valuation to bankers and bank supervisors. It is important because loans typically make up 50% or more of the total assets of the bank. Basel II and Basel III devote a great deal of attention to the distinction between "expected losses" and "unexpected losses" on the bank's loan portfolio. The purpose of provisioning is to take into account expected losses. Expected losses can be assigned to loans based on a loan classification system, which has been utilized in Bangladesh for many years and is being updated with this circular.

This Master Circular contains directions on the following issues:

- 1. Categories of loans and Advances;
- 2. Basis for Loan Classification;
- 3. Accounting of the Interest of Classified loans;
- 4. Maintenance of Provision;
- 5. Provisions to Cover all Expected Losses;
- 6. Base for Provision:
- 7. Eligible Collateral etc.

BRPD Circular No. 15 23 September, 2012

Master Circular on Loan Rescheduling Referring to the BRPD Circular No.08 dated June 14, 2012 on the captioned subject. Considering difficulties reported by banks and the business community, certain instructions of the circular have been reviewed; revised circular with the modifications is

issued hereunder:

Bangladesh Bank recognizes that in some cases, a legitimate banking practice may allow for the renewal of a continuous loan or line of credit. Occasionally, even a term loan is renewed or extended under unfortunate circumstances that are beyond the control of the borrower and do not signify that the borrower's willingness or ability to repay has deteriorated the loan. However, Bangladesh Bank is concerned that rescheduling (also known as "prolongation" or "ever greening") may sometimes result in an overstatement of capital, when loans that have a low probability of repayment are carried at full value on banks' balance sheets. Bangladesh Bank is hereby issuing this circular in order to communicate its policy stance that rescheduling should be done only in limited circumstances and under restrictions.

This Master Circular contains directions on the following issues:

- Guidelines for Considering Application for Loan Rescheduling;
- 2. Time Limit for Rescheduling;
- 3. Down Payment of Term Loans;
- 4. Down Payment of Demand and Continuous Loans;
- Classification and Interest Suspense of Rescheduled Loans;
- 6. New Loan Facility after Rescheduling;
- 7. Special Condition for Loan Rescheduling;
- 8. Restrictions on Extending the Term to Maturity of a Term Loan.