AP DIR circular No. 2 dated 07/07/2014 on Import of Rough, cut and Polished Diamonds - request for clarifications from various banks.

Vide the above circular the period of clean credit only (ie. Only supplier’s credit without the involvement of banks) was extended from 90 days to 180 days.

However RBI has been receiving numerous representations whether banks can allow payments in clean credit cases for the import of diamonds in which 90 days have elapsed but 180 days had not elapsed.

The applicability of the circular is clarified as follows:

(i) For all shipments done after the date of the circular (July 7, 2014), the new deadline of 180 days will apply.
(ii) For all shipments prior to the date of the circular, but in the cases where 180 days had not elapsed as on the date of the circular the banks may allow extension to the new payment deadline of 180 days.
(iii) For all other overdue cases, 90 days limit will apply and RO/CO have to take a stand based on the merits of the case.
(iv) The applicability of the clarification will be valid from the date of AP DIR circular No. 2 dated 07/07/2014.

Regional Offices/AD Category banks may bring the contents of this letter to the notice of their constituents and customers concerned.

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