

holder is the same as that on Aadhaar letter, it may be accepted as a proof of both identity and address.

(iv) **Acceptance of NREGA Job Card as KYC for normal accounts** - In terms of para 2.7 (B) (b) of the Master Circular, accounts opened only on the basis of NREGA Job Card are subject to limitation applicable to 'Small Accounts' as prescribed in our [circular DBOD.AML.No.77/ 14.01.001/2010-11 dated January 27, 2011](#). This has caused inconvenience to customers, who are mostly from rural areas.

In modification of instructions quoted above, banks are advised that they may now accept NREGA Job Card as an 'officially valid document' for opening of bank accounts without the limitations applicable to 'Small Accounts'.

(v) **Accounts with Introduction** – The provisions for opening of bank accounts with restrictions on total credits and outstanding balance, with introduction from an existing account holder or other evidence of identity and address to the satisfaction of the bank, were made to help persons who were not able to provide 'officially valid documents' for opening accounts. In view of provisions for 'Small Accounts' being included in the PML Rules, the extant instructions for opening of 'Accounts with Introduction' as prescribed in our [circular DBOD.No.AML.BC.28 /14.01.001/2005-06 dated August 23, 2005](#) and in paragraph 2.6 of the Master Circular stand withdrawn.

It has been brought to our notice that banks are not promoting opening of 'Small Accounts' for greater financial inclusion. Banks are, therefore, advised to open 'Small Accounts' for all persons who so desire. It is reiterated that all limitations applicable to 'Small Accounts' should be strictly observed.

3. Banks should review their KYC policy in the light of the above instructions and ensure strict adherence to the same.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above