Financial Instruments: Impairment

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Classification model for financial assets

- Business model test
- Contractual cash flow characteristics
- Amortised cost (one impairment method)
- FVO for accounting mismatch (option)
- Reclassification required when business model changes
- All other instruments:
  - Equities
  - Derivatives
  - Some hybrid contracts
  - ...
- Fair Value (No impairment)
- Equities: OCI presentation available (alternative)
Amortised cost
– An entity’s business model

• Business model
  – objective of holding instruments to collect or pay contractual cash flows rather than to sell prior to contractual maturity to realise fair value changes
  – not an instrument by instrument approach to classification
  – assess contractual terms of instruments within such a business model
Amortised cost – Contractual cash flow characteristics

Contractual cash flow characteristics

Contractual terms that give rise to solely payments of

- Principal
- Interest

Interest = Consideration for
- time value of money
- credit risk

IFRS™
Sovereign debt under IFRS 9

- Would be classified at amortised cost (if held to collect contractual cash flows)
- No more AFS, so no transfer of losses between OCI and P&L
- Sovereign debt at amortised cost would be subject to impairment model being developed
General overview

Guiding principle:
Reflect the general pattern of deterioration of credit quality of financial assets.

- Based on expected credit losses (EL)
- Responsive to changes in information impacting credit expectations
- Pattern of deterioration of credit quality is captured through a three-bucket approach
- Timing of recognition of EL depends on credit quality deterioration/level
Credit Quality Approach

Bucket 1
Low to Medium

Bucket 2
Medium to High

Bucket 3
High to Very High

(a) An expected deterioration in financial performance of the borrower that results in a change in credit risk to medium/high, together with
(b) an increase in uncertainty about the ability to recover cash flows.

(a) A deterioration in financial performance of the borrower that results in a change in credit risk to high/very high, together with
(b) expected non-recoverability of cash flows.

- Internal credit categories need to be mapped to buckets.
- As loans are purchased or originated, they are classified in one of the three buckets in accordance with level of credit risk (eg credit rating).
- Loans migrate downward or upward into another bucket depending on the change in credit quality/rating (ie the ‘new’ level of credit risk/credit rating).
- Newly originated higher credit risk loans would be in Buckets 2 or 3.

* ‘Loans’ is used as shorthand for financial assets subject to impairment accounting.
Bucket 1 Approach

Bucket 1

- All financial assets originated or purchased* are initially classified in this bucket.

Bucket 2

- (a) An expected deterioration in financial performance of the borrower together with
  (b) an increase in uncertainty about the ability to fully recover cash flows.

Bucket 3

- (a) A deterioration in financial performance of the borrower together with
  (b) expected non-recoverability of cash flows.

- Same as Quality Approach except all purchased and originated loans start in Bucket 1 irrespective of credit quality.
- Acknowledges link between pricing and credit risk and inappropriateness of recognising full lifetime losses on loans priced at market.

* Except those purchased at a deep discount, which will be discussed later by the boards.
Allowance balance

**Bucket 1**

Allowance balance equal to:

- Full remaining lifetime EL

**Bucket 2**

- Full remaining lifetime EL

**Bucket 3**

- Full remaining lifetime EL

**Two possible approaches:**

- 12 months’ worth of EL*
- 24 months’ worth of EL*

- The boards have not yet decided on the measurement of Bucket 1 allowance.
- In October, the boards will consider another alternative that would measure:
  - Bucket 1 – 12 months’ worth of EL
  - Bucket 2 – 24 months’ worth of EL
  - Bucket 3 – full remaining lifetime EL

* Can use loss rate basis for calculation
Questions for CMAC members (1 of 3)

1. Do you think financial assets should initially be grouped according to:
   – the level of credit quality (the Credit Quality Approach), or
   – should all assets start in Bucket 1 irrespective of credit quality (the Bucket 1 Approach)?

2. Do you think the three-bucket approach described above is appropriate, or would a two-bucket approach (ie merging Buckets 2 and 3 into one) be sufficient?

3. Where do you think the dividing lines should be between
   – Buckets 1 and 2, and
   – Buckets 2 and 3?
4. Which of the following do you think the measurement of the expected losses (allowance) in Bucket 1 should be based on? Does your answer depend on your answer to question 3?
   – 12 months of expected losses?
   – 24 months?
   – something else (if so, what?)?

5. Do you think the measurement of the allowance in Bucket 2 should be based on lifetime expected losses, or something else?
6. Given the three-bucket approach, what disclosures would be useful in your analysis?
Next steps

• Further Board discussions:
  – Develop a Credit Quality Approach, but address situations with significant day-1 losses including business combinations and purchased loans
  – Focus on developing further when to transfer between the buckets
  – Address measurement within Buckets 1 and 2

• Continued outreach activities

• ED or review draft in first half of 2012
Questions or comments?

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