

A negotiable instrument may be dishonoured by

(a) Non acceptance (in case of Bill) - Sec. 91

(b) Non-payment (Sec. 92)

- Bill presented for acceptance is refused by the drawee (within 48 hr. of presentment)
- Presentment is excused and bill not accepted.
- Drawee is incompetent to contract
- " " a fictitious person
- " " could not be found.
- Qualified acceptance by drawee.

- Default in payment by
- Maker of Note
 - Acceptor of BoE
 - Drawee of a cheque.

Notice of dis-honour: In case of dishonour of N.I., the holder thereof must give a notice of dishonour to the drawer or previous holder, in order to make them liable on instrument.

Holder of the Instrument

or

Party liable on the instrument

Notice of dishonour →

All parties except

(a) Maker of P/N

(b) acceptor of BoE

(c) drawee of cheque

- may be given to duly authorised agent / legal rep. / assignee
- oral / written (if written, to be sent by post)
- may be in any form; must be given within the reasonable time at place of business / residence.

Circumstances where notice of dishonour is not necessary! - to be covered from book -

(Xiii) Dishonour of cheque due to insufficiency of funds (Sec. 138-140):

Sec. 138: (a) Drawer of a cheque shall be deemed to have committed an offence, if:

(i) Cheque was drawn for payment of any amount to another person for discharge of any debt or other liability.

(ii) Cheque was returned unpaid by the bank as the money standing to the credit of that account is insufficient to honour the cheque.

(b) Punishment for offence: Imprisonment upto 2 years

Or

Fine upto twice the amount of cheque

Or

Both

Compoundable offence

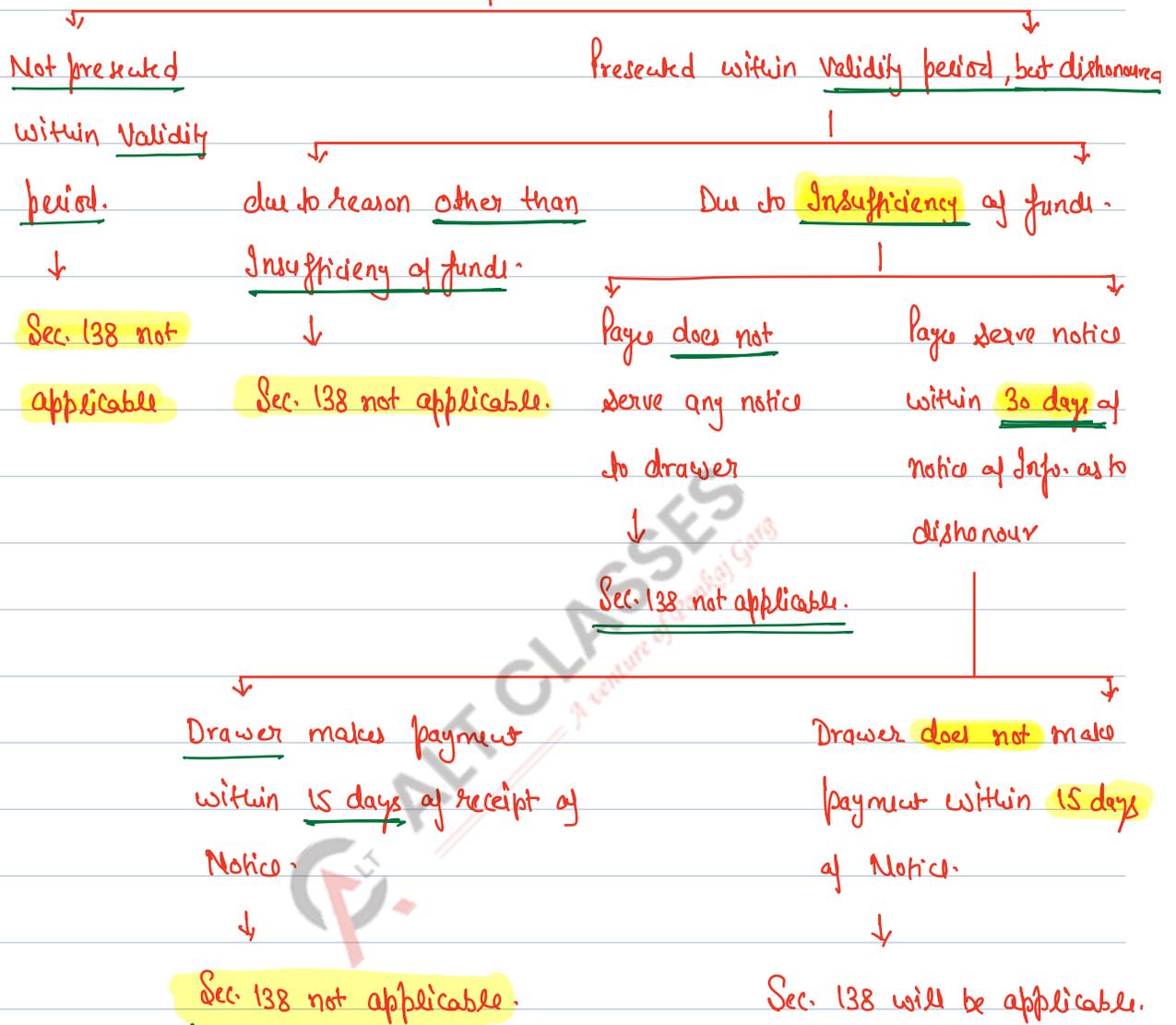
Note: Provisions of 138 shall be applicable if following conditions satisfied:

(a) Cheque presented within the validity period of 3 Months.

(b) Demand Notice is given by the payee, in writing, to drawer within 30 days of receipt of information as to return of cheque as unpaid.

(c) Drawer fails to make the payment within 15 days of receipt of Notice.

Cheque



Sec. 139: Unless a contrary is proved, it shall be presumed that

holder of a cheque received the cheque of the nature referred to in Sec. 138, for the

discharge, in whole or in part, of any debt or other liability.

