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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (PAYMENT OF INTEREST) (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 1992: INTEREST RATE FOR 2004-05**

1. I am directed by the Scottish Ministers to draw your attention to the interest rate to be applied for 2004-05 in calculating the interest due when repaying overpaid rates following alterations to the valuation roll.
2. The appropriate rate is set by regulation 4(2) of the above Regulations at 1% below the bank base rate on the preceding 15 March. The relevant base rate on that date was 4.0% so the interest rate to be applied from 1 April 2004 to 31 March 2005 will be 3.0%
3. The rates of interest on overpayments in respect of previous years remain at 5.75% for 1995-96; 5% for 1996-97; 5% for 1997-98; 6.25% for 1998-99; 4.5% for 1999-2000, 5% for 2000-01, 4.75% for 2001-02, 3% for 2002-03 and 2.75% for 2003-04.
4. Any enquiries about this Circular should be directed to Billy McKenzie at the above address.

Yours faithfully

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