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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (PAYMENT OF INTEREST) (SCOTLAND)
REGULATIONS 1992: INTEREST RATE FOR 2002-03**

1. I am directed by the Scottish Ministers to draw your attention to the interest rate to be applied for 2002-03 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% so the interest rate to be applied from 1 April 2002 to 31 March 2003 will be 3%.
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, and 4.75% for 2001-02.

**THE BENEFICIAL PORTION OF NON-DOMESTIC RATES IN RESPECT OF
ACCREDITED DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS AND CERTAIN INTERNATIONAL
ORGANISATIONS**

4. A recommendation has been made to The Paymaster General and forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Beneficial Portion in respect of accredited Diplomatic Missions and some International Organisations to remain at the present level of 6% for the period 1 April 2000 to 31 March 2005. We have been notified this has been accepted.
5. This Circular has been copied to the Director of Finance and the Head of Revenues.

6. Any enquiries about this Circular should be directed to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully

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