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Dear Sir/Madam

**THE NON-DOMESTIC RATING (PAYMENT OF INTEREST) (SCOTLAND)  
REGULATIONS 1992: INTEREST RATE FOR 2007-08**

1. I am directed by the Scottish Ministers to draw your attention to the interest rate to be applied for 2007-08 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 15 March 2007 was 5.25 % so the interest rate to be applied from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008 will be 4.25%.
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; 2.75% for 2003-04; 3% for 2004-05; and 3.75% for 2005-06; 3.5% for 2006-07.
4. This Circular has been copied to your Director of Finance, Head of Revenue (or equivalent) and COSLA.
5. Any enquiries about this Circular should be directed to me at the above address.

Yours faithfully

**JIM GILMOUR**

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