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FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE BUSINESS RATES SECTION

Dear Chief Finance Officer

**Business Rates Information Letter (8/2013) – Amended Business
Improvement District Regulations**

This is the eighth business rates information letter to be issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government this year. Previous letters are available on the internet at:

<https://www.gov.uk/business-rates-information-letters>,

or for archived letters:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20120919132719/http://www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/localgovernmentfinance/businessrates/busratesinformationletters/>.

This letter covers:

**The Business Improvement Districts (England) (Amendment)
Regulations 2013 (No. 2265)**

1. The Government committed to make regulations to provide for cross authority boundary Business Improvement Districts. In consequence, the Business Improvement Districts (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 were laid on 12 September 2013 and come into force on 7 October 2013.

2. The Regulations amend the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004 (“the 2004 Regulations”) to enable two or more billing authorities to make Business Improvement District arrangements in respect of a Business Improvement District which spans authority boundaries. Under the Regulations such a proposal will be able to be put to a single ballot.

3. These Regulations also amend the Business Improvement Districts (England) Regulations 2004 to clarify the procedure where an authority proposes a Business Improvement District.

4. The Regulations are available at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2013/2265/contents/made>.