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Chief Executive Officer, CIVEA

By email

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Dear Russell,

GUIDANCE ON LOCAL COVID ALERT LEVELS IN ENGLAND

Further to my letter to you of 21 August 2020, I am writing to update you about the new Local Covid Alert Level system in England.

When I wrote to you in August, I requested that you ask your members not to enter residential properties in areas where local lockdown regulations placed any restriction on gatherings in residential properties. Following the implementation of the new Local Covid Alert Level system, I am writing to clarify that under the new system in England, we would request that your members do not enter residential properties in areas that are classified as Local Alert Level 2 (high) or 3 (very high), for the purposes of enforcement by taking control of goods.

This restriction does not prevent enforcement agents from attending residential properties, provided that they do not enter the property and that they adhere to the Government's Covid-secure guidance for enforcement agents and any other national or local restrictions that may be in place in order to reduce the spread of the virus. As you will appreciate, this is a rapidly changing situation and we will continue to keep our approach under review in order to ensure it remains responsive and proportionate, including in respect of the enforcement of different types of debts.

I understand that CIVEA's post-lockdown support plan already sets out that CIVEA enforcement agents will not enter residential properties anywhere in England and Wales. I am grateful for the continuing cooperation and leadership shown by CIVEA at this difficult time.

I am writing in similar terms to the High Court Enforcement Officers Association and the Certificated Enforcement Agents Association.

Yours sincerely

RT HON ROBERT BUCKLAND QC MP