

# PMPA meets to discuss VAT

THE founding members of the Professional Mortgage Packagers Alliance will be having a meeting this week to discuss its VAT situation, following rumours alleging it may have to pay back a huge sum in VAT to Revenue & Customs.

Founding member Victor Jannels, group managing director at All Types of Mortgages, says: "There is a members' meeting next week when the VAT matter will be discussed. It is under consideration and we are aware of what our position is."

Unlike packagers, who are exempt from VAT, some packager associations say they are eligible to pay VAT on their income. The Regulatory Alliance of Mortgage Packagers has been paying VAT on its income since it was set up in 2003 and the Alliance of Mortgage Packagers and Distribution has publicly revealed it will be paying the VAT that is due.

Eddie Smith, operations director at AMPD, says the PMPA has exactly the same set-up as it does and there is no way it will get out of paying the VAT.

The PMPA declined to comment.