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JCRA Explains how to Apply for Guidance or Exemption under the Competition Law

Today, the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) published a draft Guideline 'Applications for Guidance & Exemption'. The Competition (Jersey) Law 2005 (the Law) prohibits anti-competitive arrangements and abuses of a dominant position within Jersey. Under the Law undertakings can seek guidance from the JCRA on whether a proposed course of action it is considering taking would be anti-competitive or an abuse of dominance. The JCRA may also exempt an arrangement from Article 8(1) if a party to the arrangement applies for such an exemption.

The purpose of the Guideline is to help businesses identify when they should apply for guidance or an exemption and explain how to make applications. It also explains the differences between receiving guidance from the JCRA and being granted an exemption.

The JCRA is inviting comments on the draft Guideline from all interested parties. The deadline for written comments to the JCRA is **5 pm on 17 October 2005**. A copy of the draft Guideline may be found on the JCRA's website, www.jcra.je.

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