

## **JCRA Media Release**

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### **JCRA Consults on Small Business Exemption under the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005**

Today, the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) published a Consultation Paper inviting views on whether an exemption for small businesses should be adopted under the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005 (the Law). The Law provides that the Economic Development Committee (EDC), after consulting the JCRA, may issue an order that exempts small businesses from the Law's prohibition on anti-competitive arrangements. This Consultation Paper results from a request for advice from the EDC to the JCRA on this subject.

Bill Brown, Executive Director of the JCRA, said:

“An exemption has potential advantages, such as reducing the compliance burden the Law places on small businesses. However, it also has potential risks, because arrangements between even small businesses in Jersey could have significant anti-competitive effects, contrary to the interests of Jersey consumers. We look forward to hearing the views of consumers, businesses and other interested parties on these issues.”

The deadline for written comments to the JCRA is 5 pm on 3 October 2005. A copy of the Consultation Paper may be found on the JCRA's website, [www.jcra.je](http://www.jcra.je).

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