

JCRA Media Release

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JCRA Consults on Provision of Postal Services on 27 December 2008

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (“JCRA”) is seeking public comments on a request received from Jersey Post (“JP”) to not deliver mail on Saturday, 27 December 2008. The JCRA is conducting this consultation pursuant to its role as the postal regulator for Jersey under the Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004 (the “Law”).

Under its postal licence issued by the JCRA under the Law, JP is obliged to provide at least one delivery of mail to all addresses in Jersey each working day. According to JP, however, mail volumes on the 27th of December, when falling on a Saturday, have traditionally been very low. This is compounded by the number of businesses in Jersey which are closed on that Saturday. Furthermore, there are no boats carrying mail to the island scheduled for arrival from the 23rd of December until the evening of the 27th of December.

JP has confirmed to the JCRA that all other mail services normally operating on a Saturday would continue on 27 December, including its retail network and the parcels collection and undeliverable mail service. In addition, a full island collection from all sub-offices and post boxes would be made for despatch to the UK for delivery on Monday, 29 December, and local items would also receive Monday delivery.

For the reasons stated above, the JCRA is minded to approve JP’s request, subject to responses received to the consultation.

A copy of the JCRA’s consultation is available on the JCRA’s website (www.jcra.je) or may be obtained from the JCRA’s offices at 2nd Floor Salisbury House, 1-9 Union Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3RF. The deadline for comments is **21 November 2008**. Responses may be supplied to the JCRA by fax (01534 514991), email (enquiries@jcra.je) or hard copy to the JCRA’s offices.

All enquiries to the JCRA should be directed to the Executive Director, Chuck Webb, on +44 (0)1534 514990.

About the JCRA

The JCRA is an independent authority established by the States of Jersey to enforce Jersey's competition law and regulate its telecommunication and postal sectors. In each of these areas, the JCRA's primary mission is to promote consumer welfare through efforts that encourage lower prices and greater choice and innovation in the goods and services available in Jersey. The JCRA is recognized internationally as a leading voice in the application of competition law and policy in small economies.

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