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JCRA Highlights Licensing Requirements of the Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (“JCRA”) would like to remind businesses potentially engaged in the provision of postal services in Jersey of the requirements of the Postal Services (Jersey) Law 2004 (“the Law”).

The main purpose of the Law, which came fully into effect on 1 July 2006, is to abolish the exclusive privilege of the States of Jersey in postal services and to empower the JCRA to licence other postal operators in Jersey where appropriate.

The Law requires persons or businesses who are conveying letters from one place to another to hold a licence authorizing them to do so, so long as the letters fall into the so-called “licensable area”. The licensable area is where the consideration for the conveyance and delivery of the letters is the payment of £1.30 or less (per letter) and where the weight of each letter does not exceed 500 grams. Operating a postal service within these limits without a licence is illegal, which may be punishable by fines or imprisonment. However, the conveyance and delivery of certain items are exempt from the Law which includes books, catalogues, newspapers, periodicals and banking instruments. In addition, there are other specific exemptions to the licensable area set out in the Law, which may apply in particular circumstances.¹

Should you believe that any of your activities fall within the licensable area, or if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the requirements for a postal licence, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Hamilton on (01534) 514997, or e mail him on p.hamilton@jcra.je. The JCRA can handle such enquiries confidentially, on an informal basis.

¹ The full exemptions are listed in Article 7 of the Law, a copy of which may be downloaded from the JCRA’s website, www.jcra.je.

Chuck Webb, Executive Director of the JCRA, said:

“The Postal Law ushered in a new era in the provision of postal services in Jersey. Like all laws we enforce in Jersey, the JCRA aims to be a reliable partner with postal service providers, and help guide them through the requirements of the Postal Law. We therefore welcome enquiries concerning the Postal Law and its requirements.”

More information on the Law, the JCRA, and a licence application form together with the guidelines on licensing may also be downloaded from the JCRA website (www.jcra.je).

For all enquiries, please contact Paul Hamilton, Postal Case Officer on 01534 514997 or email him on p.hamilton@jcra.je.

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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