

JCRA Media Release

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JCRA Consults on Provision of Postal Services on 26 December 2009

The Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (“JCRA”) is seeking public comments on a request received from Jersey Post (“JP”) to not deliver mail on Saturday, 26 December 2009 and to close all of postal retail outlets on that day. 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”).

The States of Jersey recently agreed to move the Boxing Day public holiday from Saturday 26 December 2009 to Monday 28 December 2009. Because JP is obliged to provide at least one delivery of mail to all addresses in Jersey each working day, as a result of this change JP would be required to deliver mail on Saturday, 26 December 2009.

According to JP, however, mail volumes are likely to be very low on that day as there will be no boats or mail aircraft carrying inbound or outbound mail during the four day period of 25th-28th December. This is compounded by the number of businesses in Jersey which are likely to be closed on that day.

Therefore, JP states that in this period it would not have sufficient mail to deliver, apart from perhaps a very small amount of local to local mail. JP would resume full postal services on Tuesday 29 December 2009.

For similar reasons, both Royal Mail in the UK and Guernsey Post in Guernsey also plan not to provide any postal services during the same four day Christmas period.

Last year JP made a similar request not to provide delivery services on Saturday 27 December. Following a public consultation, to which no objections were received, the JCRA granted the request.

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 **17 November 2009**. Responses may be supplied to the JCRA by fax (01534 514991), email (p.hamilton@jcra.je) or hard copy to the JCRA's offices.

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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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