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### **CICRA launches consultation on regulation of Jersey ports**

Following a decision by the States of Jersey to incorporate Jersey's ports as a separate commercial entity – the Ports of Jersey Limited (PoJ) - the Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities (CICRA) is seeking the views of all interested parties to a consultation which sets out its plans for the licensing of air and sea port operations.

The consultation, launched this month, is based on the Air and Sea Ports (Incorporation) (Jersey) Law 201- approved on 2 June. The incorporation of the ports is planned for 1 October following the ratification of further regulations by the States in September.

The law requires that anyone carrying out port operations must have a licence issued by the regulator. The final licence will form a key part of the oversight of the PoJ by regulator and sets out the obligations on PoJ including consumer protection.

The role of PoJ will be vital to the economic well-being of the island providing facilities for commercial air and sea port operators as well as leisure users and the general public.

CICRA chief executive, Michael Byrne, said: "Jersey's ports will be operated by a single company and the States intends for safeguards to be in place to protect user interests. Under the law the JCRA has a duty to protect and further the interests of users which includes a duty to promote competition where appropriate.

“We will work with PoJ in a pragmatic manner that is fair for all users to ensure that services are provided efficiently and effectively and to encourage sustainable growth in the economy of Jersey.”

The consultation document sets out the proposed terms and conditions of the licence. Interested parties are invited to respond to the questions set out in the paper in relation to the rationale and wording of the conditions, their appropriateness and whether they achieve the stated objectives.

CICRA will also be contacting user groups directly in the coming months to ensure all views are heard.

The consultation document can be found at [www.cicra.je](http://www.cicra.je). All comments should be submitted to CICRA before 5.00pm on Friday, 20 July 2015.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

All enquiries should be directed in writing to CICRA chief executive, Michael Byrne, in Guernsey at the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority, Suites B1 & B2, Hirzel Court, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2NH or in Jersey at the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority, 2nd Floor, Salisbury House, 1 - 9 Union Street, St Helier, Jersey JE2 3RF. Alternatively email [info@cicra.gg](mailto:info@cicra.gg).

In line with CICRA's consultation policy, it intends to make responses to the consultation available on the CICRA website. Any material that is confidential should be put in a separate annex and clearly marked as such so that it may be kept confidential. CICRA regrets that it is not in a position to respond individually to the responses to this consultation.

**About CICRA:**

The Channel Islands Competition and Regulatory Authorities or 'CICRA' is the name given to the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA) and the Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority (GCRA) (formerly the Office of Utility Regulation). The JCRA was established under the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law, 2001, and the GCRA was established under The Guernsey Competition and Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2012. In Jersey, the telecoms and postal sectors are regulated by the JCRA, which is also responsible for administering and enforcing the Competition (Jersey) Law 2005. In Guernsey the telecoms, postal and electricity sectors are regulated by the GCRA, which is also responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Guernsey competition law since it came into force on 1 August 2012.

By working together and sharing resources and expertise between the islands, CICRA strives to ensure that consumers in all the Channel Islands receive best value, choice and access to high quality services.