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Director of Strategic Development Economic Development Department Jubilee Wharf 24 Esplanade St. Helier JERSEY JE1 1BB

Dear Sir,

<u>Re:</u> Competition, Licensing and Regulation in the Car and Passenger Ferry <u>Market – Green Paper</u>

The Council of the Jersey Farmers' Union has taken the opportunity of examining the above Green Paper reviewing competition, licensing and regulation in the car and passenger ferry market.

We feel it is imperative that a year-round, reliable car and passenger ferry service operates to and from the United Kingdom and France with a competitive fare structure for the benefit of visitors to the Island and residents alike.

However, what is of relevance to the Agricultural / Horticultural Industry, is the need of a commitment from the States of Jersey to ensure there are regular, reliable freight services to and from the Island, at competitive prices, to enable the shipment of produce and the importation of agricultural / horticultural supplies.

We also feel that the States of Jersey should maintain harbour dues at a competitive level with other jurisdictions.

We trust our comments will be noted.

Yours faithfully

JOHN E. LE MAISTRE PRESIDENT