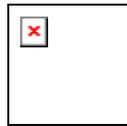


JERSEY COMPETITION REGULATORY AUTHORITY (JCRA): APPOINTMENT

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Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (JCRA): appointment

Under Article 3(3) of the Competition Regulatory Authority (Jersey) Law 2001 the Industries Committee is required to notify the States of appointments of members of the Authority that it makes.

The Committee has appointed, for a term of three years, with effect from 3rd September 2001, Mr. Charles Latham as a member of the JCRA. Mr. Latham will take up the fulltime post of Executive Director of the JCRA.

Mr. Latham is a Barrister of the Inner Temple and also an English Solicitor. After service as a legal officer in the former United Kingdom Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and a spell in private practice, in 1994 Mr. Latham became Head of Commercial Law for the Confederation of British Industry (CBI). He went on to be the Director of the CBI's Brussels office. He has lately been working for the BBC on the establishment of its new commercial technology arm, BBC Technology Limited.

Much of Mr. Latham's legal experience has been in the field of competition law, and while in Brussels from 1997-2000 he was heavily involved in the debate about the decentralisation to the Member States of the Article 81 competition rules (prohibition of cartels) and the scope of the European Union Mergers Regulation. While at the CBI in London, Mr. Latham was closely involved in dealing with the United Kingdom Government on the run-up to the Competition Act 1998, which effectively brought the European Union competition rules into United Kingdom law and which will be one important basis for the development of competition law in Jersey.

Mr. Latham is very well qualified for his new post and the Industries Committee is pleased, after an extensive recruitment exercise, to have been able to appoint him. He will have a central role alongside the JCRA Chairman, Dr. Patrick McNutt, in getting the JCRA up and running in the Island and ready to take on the important range of responsibilities envisaged for it.

There remains one vacancy on the Authority.