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A trend that started in the 1970s, and increased in both supply and demand during the 1980s and 1990s was the holding of major sporting events on a Sunday.

Providers and spectators realized, and it became readily accepted, that there was a need to hold events when it was more convenient for the maximum numbers to attend. This in turn opened up events to a wider spectator public, as providers sought to cater for family leisure and recreation.

Such sporting events as the Grand Prix, Wimbledon tennis finals, rugby and football matches and, more recently, racing, have fixtures on a Sunday. The Gambling Control Committee is responding to this situation.

In the year 2000, it has been decided that the number of Sundays when United Kingdom racing will take place will be increased from 12 to over 20. Jersey bookmakers wish to legally take bets on these events, by limited opening on the day.

At present it is unlawful in Jersey to open a Licensed Betting Office on a Sunday. Bets can only be placed through the four Licensed Credit Betting Offices, which are permitted to take bets by fax or by telephone from their clients. Entry into these premises is not permitted to the public.

By not permitting betting on a Sunday in Licensed Betting Offices, betting could be driven underground, and illegal

bookmaking could prosper.

The Committee believes that the Island should now accept this United Kingdom custom and practice, and therefore proposes to amend the Regulations accordingly to permit Licensed Betting Offices to open.

The Committee additionally seeks to bring the opening hours of Licensed Betting Offices into line with those of the United Kingdom by proposing that they are permitted to open at 7.30 a.m., some ninety minutes earlier than the present time of 9 a.m. The closing time of 10 p.m. remains unchanged, a time which is generally associated with the summer season, when mainland evening racing takes place.

### **Explanatory Note**

The effect of these Regulations would be -

- (a) to permit all licensed betting offices to be open for business on Sundays (including Easter Sunday) during permitted hours; and
- (b) to provide that the permitted hours for licensed betting offices shall be between 7.30 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.

These changes are without prejudice to the existing provision in the principal Regulations enabling the Gambling Control Committee, by Order, to restrict further the times at which they may be open for business.

The Regulations would come into effect on 1st June 2000.

**Gambling (Jersey) Law 1964**

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GAMBLING (BETTING) (AMENDMENT No. 11) (JERSEY) REGULATIONS 2000

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*(Promulgated on the            day of            2000)*

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**STATES OF JERSEY**

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The            day of            2000

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**THE STATES**, in pursuance of Article 3 of the Gambling (Jersey) Law 1964,<sup>[1]</sup> as amended, have made the following Regulations -

**1.** The Third Schedule to the Gambling (Betting) (Jersey) Regulations 1965, as amended,<sup>[2]</sup> shall be amended by repealing paragraph 1, and substituting the following paragraph-

“1. No licensed betting office shall be open or used in any manner for or in connexion with the effecting of betting transactions -

- (a) on Good Friday or Christmas Day;
- (b) on any other day of the year, except between the hours of 7.30 a.m. and 10.00 p.m.; or
- (c) on any day (other than Good Friday or Christmas Day) at any other times that may be prescribed.”.

**2.** The Gambling (Betting) (Amendment No. 8) (Jersey) Regulations 1995<sup>[3]</sup> shall be repealed.

**3.** These Regulations may be cited as the Gambling (Betting) (Amendment No. 11) (Jersey) Regulations 2000, and shall come into force on the first day of June 2000.

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<sup>[1]</sup> Recueil des Lois, Volume 1963-1965, page 287.

<sup>[2]</sup> Nos. 4643, 6653, 7007, 7726 and 8843.

<sup>[3]</sup> No. 8843.