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Our ref:
AFL CV27/2017/18

Date:
6 December 2017

Dear Iain

ARGYLL FERRIES LTD: MV CORUISK OPERATION WINTER 2017/18

This letter is written notice that, in exercise of their powers under Clause 4.1, 'Change to Agreement Requirements,' of the Public Service Contract between The Scottish Ministers and Argyll Ferries Ltd (AFL) dated 7 June 2011, ("the Contract") the Scottish Ministers hereby vary the Contract to authorise the deployment of the MV Coruisk to provide certain of the Services as set out below during Winter 2017/18 (specifically between 13 December 2017 and 24 March 2018, allowing for redeployment and any alterations to be actioned ahead of taking up its scheduled Summer 2018 services).

From or around 13 December 2017 and throughout the winter period until 24 March 2018, the MV Coruisk will provide replacement sailings, Monday – Saturday, in the morning and in the evening peak hours in place of the MV Ali Cat.

The MV Coruisk will operate in place of the MV Ali Cat on the following sailings:
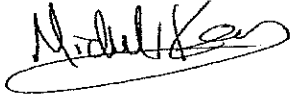
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	16:50		17.20
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The MV Coruisk will be on standby as a relief vessel for the remainder of the day should either the MV Ali Cat or the MV Argyll Flyer be cancelled due to bad weather. She will also be on standby on a Sunday. I would ask that you arrange to timetable her in accordance with the Published Timetable and that any consequential variations to that timetable be considered within the terms of the Contract

Should AFL consider that this variation to the services will affect the operating costs and / or revenue of the Contract Year 7 Base Case, then I invite you to submit for the consideration of the Scottish Ministers a notification in accordance with clause 4.2 setting out in detail, with supporting information where possible, the impact the variation may have on the above.

I am copying this letter to ████████████████████ Argyll Ferries Limited and ████████████████, Argyll Ferries Limited.

Yours sincerely

Michael Kean
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Ferries Unit