

Alan,

Having read the Draft Consultation Paper on Levy CP7/2007, there are some comments I wish to make on behalf of AirOps.

The first and most obvious comment relates to charges. Having previously discussed same with Louise O'Dwyer, I have always felt that there was an inequitable system in place given the variation in size of the different companies carrying out their activities under the auspices of 'Groundhandling Services'. How can a company such as ours be charged the same rate as say Ryanair or Servisair who employ many multiples of staff and whose turnovers completely dwarf that which we take in.

To my mind there should be an aggregated scale, similar to the one already used by your office in relation to Tour Operators on the basis of 'Licensable Turnover'.

The proposed increase of 125% in the annual fee would be a very significant charge for us.

Yours sincerely
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