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The Commission for Aviation Regulation is the authority charged with declaring coordination parameters at coordinated Irish airports. In this note we set out our Draft Decision on the Dublin Airport parameters for the Winter 2022 season. This note is published alongside the advice we have received from the Coordination Committee.

In a letter to the Coordination Committee members on 28 March 2022, CAR set out a proposed approach to the declaration of Winter 2022 whereby all coordination parameters would be unchanged relative to the Winter 2021 parameters. The published Coordination Committee advice references this letter and notes that no Committee member objected to the proposal at the Coordination Committee AGM. This proposal now informs our Draft Decision.

Prior to the impact of COVID-19, the usual capacity declaration for Winter and Summer each year involves an assessment of capacity parameters and demand. However, capacity parameters have been rolled forward at the airport since April 2020. This was largely due to the high level of demand uncertainty due to COVID-19, and the unlikelihood that significant capacity issues would materialise as demand remained below 2019 levels. This was particularly true for the winter season when traffic is generally lower.

For Summer 2022, the parameters were rolled forward from Summer 2021. This decision was reached following a detailed consideration of Condition 5 of the planning permission for the North Runway, and its implications for capacity at the airport. The impact of this condition remains in line with the conclusions reached in our decision¹ for Summer 2022. As the 92 day modelling period defined in Condition 5 of the planning permission for the North Runway occurs in the Summer, the constraint will not affect the level of traffic in Winter 2022. Thus, Condition 5 will not serve to reduce capacity relative to the 2021 capacity parameters in Winter 2022.

Therefore, our Draft Decision is to roll forward the Winter 2021 limits to Winter 2022, which is in line with the advice from the Coordination Committee. The Winter 2021 limits can be viewed in the appendix of the Winter 2021 decision [here](#).

This is a consultation document, interested parties are invited to provide their views on all aspects of this proposed decision. Responses should be sent to info@aviationreg.ie no later than 5 pm, 10 May 2022².

¹ <https://www.aviationreg.ie/fileupload/FinalDecisionS22.pdf>

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