



COMMISSION ANNOUNCES DECISION ON AIRPORT CHARGES REVIEW

The Commission for Aviation Regulation today (30 July 2007) published its Final Decision on the Interim Review of the maximum levels of airport charges at Dublin Airport, together with the reasons for reaching that decision.

Consistent with its draft decision, which was published for comment in May 2007, the Commission has decided not to increase the cap on airport charges in place until end-2009 under the existing Determination.

The Commission is satisfied, having regard to the above-forecast numbers of passengers using Dublin Airport, the finalised capital investment programme of the DAA for 2006-2009 can be financed without an increase in the existing cap on per passenger airport charges.

The Commission also clarified its approach towards the treatment of capital expenditure for the next regulatory period, which will be to continue to allow the DAA to recover reasonably incurred costs that meet the needs of current and prospective users. The Decision refrains from suggesting what airport charges may apply for the next determination, 2010-2014.

In announcing the decision, the Commissioner for Aviation Regulation, Cathal Guiomard, commented that

“Today’s decision concludes an eight month interim review of airport charges arising from the need to assess the financial impact of the Dublin Airport Authority’s revised capital expenditure programme. This programme had not been available to the Commission when it last set airport charges in September 2005. The Decision gives the DAA and its users clarity on the pricing structures at Dublin Airport for the remainder of the current determination period and a clear indication of the Commission’s approach at the time of the next determination.”

The full text of the Decision and Report can be downloaded from the Commission’s website www.aviationreg.ie.

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