

NOTICE

The Aviation Regulation Act, 2001 provides that a review of a Determination made by the Commission for Aviation Regulation may occur on or after the expiration of a period of two years after the making of the Determination if the Commission considers that there are substantial grounds for so doing. The Commission is of the view that there are currently matters which, unless there is a change in circumstances, would justify it in commencing a review at the statutorily prescribed time i.e. after the 26th of August 2003.

The Commission considers that possible grounds for a review include, but are not limited to the following:-

- The commercial consequences for airport management and the airline business sector arising from the events of September 11th, 2001;
- The commercial consequences for airport management and the airline business sector arising as a result of the current war in Iraq;
- The extensive range of information that has been exchanged between all the parties involved in the judicial review proceedings between Aer Rianta and the Commission for Aviation Regulation to which Aer Lingus and Ryanair are notice parties, and the two substantial Judgments which have been delivered in that case;

In addition to the foregoing, the Commission is aware of current consideration being given to the issue of a second terminal at Dublin Airport and the possibility of the segregation of responsibility for the airports at Dublin, Cork and Shannon.

By way of this Notice therefore, the Commission considers it desirable to give interested parties an early indication of its views in order to facilitate preparation for and the conduct of, any review.

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