

Application by DAA for ATI Fee Approval – CUPPS (DUB)



On 22 December 2015 the Commission for Aviation Regulation received an application from Dublin Airport (daa) for approval of a fee for the use of CUPPS (Common User Passenger Processing System) equipment at Dublin Airport.¹ The proposed fee is €0.08 per departing passenger.

Under Regulation 14(3) of Statutory Instrument 505 of 1998, Dublin Airport must seek approval in advance from the Commission where it collects a fee in respect of an airport installation.²

The Commission will now assess this application; prior to completing this assessment we invite submissions from interested parties.

The decision to approve such charges depends on whether the Commission is satisfied that four criteria are met:

- Relevancy
- Objectivity
- Transparency
- Non-discrimination

Prior to submitting its application to the Commission, Dublin Airport held a consultation with users on the proposed fee. Interested parties were invited to attend a consultation meeting on 27 November 2015. The Commission attended this meeting. Written comments were invited by Dublin Airport by 16 December 2015.

The costs associated with this installation are derived from a new contract Dublin Airport has entered into with a third party vendor. This contract runs from November 2015 to November 2020. The tender for this contract was preceded by a consultation with users on the functional and technical requirements for the service. The costs in Dublin Airport's proposal are valid only for the period of the contract.

The cap on airport charges set by the 2014 Determination included an opex charge for CUTE/CUPPS at Dublin Airport.³ It did not include revenue from CUTE/CUPPS in commercial revenue. Therefore CUTE/CUPPS is currently funded via airport charges. The Commission understands it is Dublin Airport's intention not to collect this proposed fee until 2020. If this is not the case and Dublin Airport does collect this fee at any stage between 2016 and 2019 it will be returned to users in 2020 via the ATI fee cap in the 2014 Determination. This will ensure users pay only once for this service.

Published alongside this note is Dublin Airport's application.⁴

The Commission would like to hear the views of interested parties on Dublin Airport's proposed fee. Responses should be marked "CUPPS Fee Dublin Airport" and sent by email to info@aviationreg.ie or to the postal address below. The closing date for receipt of submission is 5pm, 5 February 2016. It is the intention of the Commission to publish responses received.

¹ CUPPS was Previously called CUTE – Common User Terminal Equipment

² Statutory Instrument 505/1998 "The European Communities (Access to the Groundhandling Market at Community Airports) Regulations 1998"

³ http://www.aviationreg.ie/_fileupload/2014final/2014%20Final%20Determination.pdf

⁴ <http://www.aviationreg.ie/Documents/Default.150.html>