



Commission Announces Decision on Scheduling Status of Dublin Airport from the start of Winter 2007

The Commission for Aviation Regulation has today (13 February 2007) decided, in accordance with the relevant EU Regulation¹, that the scheduling status of Dublin Airport should be that of a coordinated airport from the commencement of the Winter 2007 scheduling season.

Following its consideration of a capacity assessment of Dublin Airport (the Jacobs Report), and of all of the submissions and other information received following its publication of that Report, the Commission has accepted the Report's conclusions and recommendations.

The Commission has accepted the recommendation of the Jacobs Report that Dublin Airport be designated as coordinated from the start of the Winter 2007 season. This is due to insufficient airport runway and apron capacity during peak times, with the consequence that the airport will suffer "significant delays" and because such problems cannot be resolved in the short term.

Accordingly, the Commission has designated Dublin Airport as coordinated from the commencement of the Winter 2007 scheduling season.

The full text of the Commission decision will be placed on the Commission's website, www.aviationreg.ie.

¹ Council Regulation (EC) No. 95/93, as amended by Regulation No. (EC) 793/2004

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Background

The Commission is the competent authority in Ireland for the implementation of EU legislation on schedule facilitation.

A “coordinated airport” is an airport where, in order to land or take off, it is necessary for a carrier to have been allocated a slot by a coordinator.

A “scheduled facilitated airport” is an airport where there is potential for congestion but which is amenable to resolution by voluntary cooperation between air carriers and where a schedules facilitator has been appointed to facilitate the operations of current and intended operators at that airport.