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RE: **Menzies World Cargo – Appeal under the European Communities (Access to the Ground Handling Market at Community Airports) Regulation 1998**

Dear Ms O'Dwyer

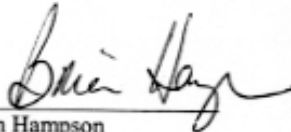
I refer to your letter of 3 August 2001 inviting submissions in response to the above-mentioned Notice of Appeal.

Aer Rianta believes that the decision which prompted this appeal was not a decision governed by the European Communities (Access to the Groundhandling Market at Community Airports) Regulations, 1998 (S.I. 505 of 1998) ("the Regulations"). We contend that a cargo warehouse facility is not an "airport installation" as referred to in Section 14 of the Regulations. The relevant section states;

"Subject to the provisions of Regulations 7, 8, 9,10 and 12, suppliers and self-handlers shall have access to the airport installations to the extent necessary for them to carry out their activities."

It is possible for a cargo handling company to operate from a site remote to the airport. A cargo operator does, however, require access to the apron areas and to the aircraft it serves and such access would be granted by Aer Rianta provided all the necessary criteria including relevant security and Customs requirements have been satisfied by the company proposing to carry out groundhandling activities.

Yours sincerely



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