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COMMISSION NOTICE CN 1/2008 APPLICATION BY DAA FOR APPROVAL OF GROUND-HANDLING CHARGES AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

On 8 February 2008 the Commission for Aviation Regulation (“the Commission”) received an application from the Dublin Airport Authority (“the DAA”) for approval of a proposed change in its check-in desk rental charging structure at Dublin Airport. Under Section 14(3) of Statutory Instrument 505 of 1998 (“the S.I.”),¹ the DAA must seek approval in advance from the Commission where it seeks to introduce or increase a fee in respect of an airport installation.

In 2004 the Commission approved an application for a fixed annual **desk rental charge** of €16,718 per desk and a flexible hourly rental charge of €21.40 per additional desk. The Commission also approved annual increases in the charging structure in line with the consumer price index.

The DAA have now proposed a fixed annual charge of €25,000 per desk and a flexible hourly charge of €30 per desk. The DAA has also applied to increase these charges annually in line with the consumer price index. The S.I. requires the Commission to consider the application in accordance with *relevant, objective, transparent* and *non-discriminatory* criteria.

The DAA has indicated to the Commission that it is considering applying for approval of a **baggage-related charge**. The Commission has not received an application for a baggage charge. The DAA have also written to the Commission seeking a view as to whether space rented to airlines and ground-handlers in the departures area for the purpose of installing airline-owned **self-service check-in kiosks** would constitute an airport installation within the meaning of Article 14(3) of the S.I.. The Commission is currently preparing a note on this issue and will shortly be seeking the views of airlines and ground-handlers.

As part of the DAA’s check-in desk fee application the Commission has been provided with all documentation relating to the consultation that the DAA held with users regarding the proposed charges, including user submissions. The DAA has also

¹ Statutory Instrument 505/1998 “*The European Communities (Access to the Groundhandling Market at Community Airports) Regulations 1998*”

provided the Commission with confidential and commercially sensitive information setting out how it calculates the cost of providing check-in desk facilities to users. The Commission is now considering the information provided by the DAA as part of its desk rental charge application, including those submissions made to the DAA by airlines and ground-handlers. Parties wishing to make additional representations to the Commission beyond what was provided to the DAA and now under consideration by the Commission are asked to do so by Wednesday 27 February. Submissions may be addressed to:

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