

Commissioner for Aviation Regulation Publishes Review of Determination of Airport Charges

The Commissioner for Aviation Regulation, Mr. Bill Prasifka, today (26th March) published an amended Determination on Maximum Levels of Airport Charges. Commission Paper CP2/2004, published on the Commission website, www.aviationreg.ie, follows from a Review, which commenced on 7th November 2003, in consultation with representatives of the Airline industry and other interested parties.

The Review has resulted in the amendment of maximum levels of airport charges from September 2003 to the end of the regulatory period in September 2006. These are as follows:

	Current Price caps	Price caps after Review
Total Aer Rianta	€8.48	€8.02
Dublin Airport	€5.45	€5.29

"I would like to thank members of the airline industry and other interested parties who contributed to this Review of the Determination. It is thanks to ongoing, open consultation of this nature that we can continue to deliver clear and rational regulation of the maximum levels of airport charges," said Bill Prasifka, Commissioner for Aviation Regulation.

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Notes to Editor

1. The decision to conduct a Review was based on the identification of substantial grounds, as provided for by the Aviation Regulation Act 2001. The two main classes of substantial grounds identified were:
 - The commercial consequences (particularly as to changes in passenger traffic and security requirements) for airport management and the airline business sector arising from such exogenous events as September 11th and the war in Iraq.
 - The correction of matters of computation, calculation and application arising out of information received by the Commission after the Determination, including the substantial volume of information exchanged between the parties in the course of the Judicial review.
2. This Review brings the regulatory year (commencing on 24th September each year as per the date of the original Determination) into line with the calendar year. For this reason there are two sets of airport charges for the period up to December 2004 – (24th September 2003 to 31st December 2003 and 1st January 2004 to 31st December 2004).
3. The Review has three main sections as follows:
 - Amended Determination – this outlines the revised price caps for passengers and cargo up to September 2006.
 - Scope of the Review and Analysis of the Decisions made in the Review.
 - An outline of representations made by the airline industry and other interested parties and the Commission for Aviation Regulation's responses to these representations.