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The Commission for Aviation Regulation is the authority charged with declaring coordination parameters at coordinated Irish Airports. In this note we set out our Draft Decision on the Dublin Airport parameters for the Winter 2020 season. This note is published alongside the advice we have received from the Coordination Committee.

Ahead of previous scheduling seasons, the Commission, together with the Coordination Committee, has assessed where changes to the Coordination Parameters were required to meet the expected demand profile, and sought to give effect to those changes. That was also our intention for the Winter 2020 season, and the airline growth plans (or 'wishlists') provided were analysed and modelled in the usual way in order to identify the impact of changes to the parameters which would be required to give effect to expected demand. However, given the impact of COVID-19 on the aviation industry, at the Winter 2020 Coordination Committee Meeting, the Committee unanimously agreed that no changes should be made from the Winter 2019 season. The following reasons were cited:

- The Wishlist demand forecasts provided by airlines in February are no longer valid, and consequently attempting to predict demand increases for W20, based on this data or otherwise, is futile at this time.
- The relative lack of hourly runway capacity issues in the Winter Season, meaning that even if demand were to recover to near the pre-COVID-19 level, there would not be significant capacity issues anyway.
- The Committee members needed to focus on immediate issues and the usual level of engagement in the process would not be feasible.

The Commission agrees with the unanimous view of the Committee. Our Draft Decision, therefore, is to roll forward the Winter 2019 limits to Winter 2020. The Winter 2019 limits can be viewed <u>here</u>.

This is a consultation document. Responses should be sent to <u>info@aviationreg.ie</u> no later than 5 pm, 23 April.¹

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