

COMMISSION NOTICE 4/2005

NOTICE REGARDING PUBLICATION OF DRAFT DETERMINATION ON THE MAXIMUM LEVEL OF AIRPORT CHARGES AT DUBLIN AIRPORT

On 16 March 2005 the Commission for Aviation Regulation ("the Commission") stated in Commission Notice 1/2005 that it intended to publish a Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum by 6 May 2005 in relation to the making of a new Determination specifying the maximum levels of airport charges that may be levied at Dublin Airport under the Aviation Regulation Act 2001 as amended. As stated in that Notice, the purpose of the Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum is to give all interested parties and the public, a clear understanding of the approach and methodologies used in proposing a new price cap.

The Commission has recently received a substantial amount of financial and other information in relation to the performance of the airport authority in 2004. In addition, the Commission anticipates receiving additional information shortly regarding planned capital expenditure at the airport which it wishes to incorporate into its Draft Determination. In order that the Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum provide as complete a basis as possible for the statutory consultation process which will follow, the Commission considers it appropriate to take a short amount of additional time in order to have regard to this updated information. Accordingly, the Commission now gives notice that the Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum will be published no later than 31 May 2005. The form of the Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum will be in the manner set out in Notice 1/2005.

The publication of the Draft Determination and Explanatory Memorandum will commence the statutory consultation period required under the 2001 Act. At the end of the consultation period and following the consideration of any representations received, the Commission will, as soon as practicable and not later than 1 October 2005, make its final determination and report.

William Prasifka Commissioner 4 May 2005