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DECISION UNDER SECTION 11 OF THE TRANSPORT ACT 2000 ON A MODIFICATION TO THE AIR TRAFFIC SERVICES LICENCE FOR NATS (EN ROUTE) PLC

The Proposal

On 28 July 2006 the CAA published a proposal to make a modification to Schedule 4 of the air traffic services licence held by NATS (En Route) plc ("the Licensee"). The effect of the proposed modification was to remove from Schedule 4 the Nuclear and Chemical Accident Service with effect from 1 December 2006 so that the Licensee would no longer be under an obligation to provide this specified service under Condition 2.1(b) of the Licence.

The proposal was made following an agreement between the Licensee and the CAA that responsibility for the Nuclear and Chemical Accident Service would be transferred from the Licensee to the CAA with effect from 1 August 2006. Pending the removal of the service from the Licence, the CAA has relieved the Licensee of its obligations under Condition 2.1(b) of the Licence in relation to the Nuclear and Chemical Accident Service with effect from 1 August 2006 for an indefinite period.

The CAA invited representations by Friday 25 August 2006.

Representations

The CAA received a representation from bmi asking whether there were any cost implications arising from the transfer of the service from the Licensee to the CAA. The CAA believes that any cost implications would be negligible.

Decision

In the absence of any objections to the proposed modification the CAA has decided to make the modification as proposed with immediate effect.

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