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Section 3 Miscellaneous

The CAA has referred Heathrow and Gatwick airports to the Competition Commission as part of its review of the price controls on the airports. The text of the references is shown below. When making the references, the CAA published a document setting out its current position on a number of aspects of the price controls. The document is available in the Economic Regulation section of the CAA's website.

Reference of Heathrow Airport to the Competition Commission

The Civil Aviation Authority ('CAA'), pursuant to its duties under sections 40(9) and 43(1) of and paragraph 6 of schedule 1 to the Airports Act 1986, hereby refers to the Competition Commission ('the Commission') the questions set out below relating to Heathrow Airport Ltd.

For the purposes of this reference, terms shall have the same meaning as in the Airports Act 1986.

The Commission shall upon this reference investigate and report on the following questions:

- what are the maximum amounts that should be capable of being levied by Heathrow Airport Ltd by way of airport charges at Heathrow Airport during the period of five years beginning on 1 April 2008;
- whether Heathrow Airport Ltd has at any time during the period beginning with 28 February 2002 (the date of the previous reference) and ending with the date of this reference pursued:
 - in relation to any airport charges levied by it at Heathrow Airport, or
 - in relation to any operational activities carried on by it and relating to Heathrow Airport, or
 - in relation to the granting of a right by virtue of which any operational activities relating to Heathrow Airport may be carried on by any other person or persons,a course of conduct which has operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest;
- whether any associated company of Heathrow Airport Ltd has at any time during the period beginning with 28 February 2002 (the date of the previous reference) and ending with the date of this reference pursued:

- in relation to any operational activities carried on by it and relating to Heathrow Airport, or
- in relation to the granting of a right by virtue of which any operational activities relating to Heathrow Airport may be carried on by any other person or persons,

a course of conduct which has operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest; and

- if so, whether the effects adverse to the public interest which the course of conduct falling within (b) or (c) above has had, or might be expected to have, could be remedied or prevented by the imposition of any conditions in relation to Heathrow Airport or by the modification of any conditions already in force in relation to Heathrow Airport.

Pursuant to section 44(2) of the Airports Act 1986 the CAA is providing to the Commission documents which set out information on the setting of the conditions on airport charges from 1 April 2008 and on other matters related to the reference, for the purpose of assisting the Commission in carrying out an investigation.

The Commission shall report on this reference within a period of six months beginning on the date hereof.

30 March 2007

Reference of Gatwick Airport to the Competition Commission

The Civil Aviation Authority ('CAA'), pursuant to its duties under sections 40(9) and 43(1) of and paragraph 6 of schedule 1 to the Airports Act 1986, hereby refers to the Competition Commission ('the Commission') the questions set out below relating to Gatwick Airport Ltd.

For the purposes of this reference, terms shall have the same meaning as in the Airports Act 1986.

The Commission shall upon this reference investigate and report on the following questions:

- what are the maximum amounts that should be capable of being levied by Gatwick Airport Ltd by way of airport charges at Gatwick Airport during the period of five years beginning on 1 April 2008;
- whether Gatwick Airport Ltd has at any time during the period beginning with 28 February 2002 (the date of the previous reference) and ending with the date of this reference pursued:
- in relation to any airport charges levied by it at Gatwick Airport, or

- in relation to any operational activities carried on by it and relating to Gatwick Airport, or
- in relation to the granting of a right by virtue of which any operational activities relating to Gatwick Airport may be carried on by any other person or persons,

a course of conduct which has operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest;

- whether any associated company of Gatwick Airport Ltd has at any time during the period beginning with 28 February 2002 (the date of the previous reference) and ending with the date of this reference pursued:
- in relation to any operational activities carried on by it and relating to Gatwick Airport, or
- in relation to the granting of a right by virtue of which any operational activities relating to Gatwick Airport may be carried on by any other person or persons,

a course of conduct which has operated or might be expected to operate against the public interest; and

- if so, whether the effects adverse to the public interest which the course of conduct falling within (b) or (c) above has had, or might be expected to have, could be remedied or prevented by the imposition of any conditions in relation to Gatwick Airport or by the modification of any conditions already in force in relation to Gatwick Airport.

Pursuant to section 44(2) of the Airports Act 1986 the CAA is providing to the Commission documents which set out information on the setting of the conditions on airport charges from 1 April 2008 and on other matters related to the reference, for the purpose of assisting the Commission in carrying out an investigation.

The Commission shall report on this reference within a period of six months beginning on the date hereof.

30 March 2007