

*These notes refer to the Transport Act 2000 (c.38)  
which received Royal Assent on 30 November 2000*

# TRANSPORT ACT 2000

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## EXPLANATORY NOTES

### COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

#### Part I: Air Traffic

##### *Chapter I: Air Traffic Services*

##### *Sections 1 and 2: General Duties*

20. *Sections 1 and 2* set out the general duties of the Secretary of State and the CAA. The Secretary of State must exercise his functions under Chapter 1 so as to maintain a high standard of safety in the provision of air traffic services. The safety duty has priority over any other function. The Secretary of State is also required to exercise his functions under chapter 1 in the manner he thinks best calculated to achieve the purposes set out in subsection 2. These purposes include furthering the interests of airlines, their passengers and freight customers, and airports, including furthering those interests through promoting competition, where appropriate. Section 2 imposes similar obligations on the CAA. In section 2, *subsection (5)* disapplies section 4 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (“the 1982 Act”) when the CAA is performing its functions under Chapter I. Section 4 of the 1982 Act makes it the duty of the CAA to perform its functions in a manner best calculated to achieve objectives which relate to air transport services and users. This duty is not limited to functions under the 1982 Act and, if not disapplied, would apply to functions under this Act.