STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2011 No. 2491

The Airport Charges Regulations 2011

PART 4

Setting airport charges and providing differentiated services

Setting of charges

13.—(1) Before deciding to continue or change the system or level of airport charges or the associated quality of services at an airport that it manages, a regulated airport operator must have regard to any representations (including objections) made by airport users consulted under regulations 7 to 9 or in circumstances in which regulation 12(2) applies.

(2) A regulated airport operator must publish details of any change to the system or level of airport charges or to the associated quality of services provided at an airport that it manages—

- (a) if practicable, before the beginning of the period of two months ending with the day on which the change takes effect, and
- (b) if not, as soon as practicable after the beginning of that period.

(3) Where any airport user gives notice to the relevant regulated airport operator that it objects to any changes proposed, the operator must provide to that person any reasons it has for disagreeing with views on those changes expressed by way of objection in that notice.

Basis for setting airport charges

14.—(1) Airport charges set by a regulated airport operator must not discriminate between airport users.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not prevent a regulated airport operator from varying airport charges for reasons relating to the public and general interest, including for reasons relating to the environment, where the criteria used for varying the charges are relevant, objective and transparent.

(3) Subject to paragraph (1), a regulated airport operator may set airport charges that differentiate between airport users provided that the reason for the differentiation is relevant, objective and transparent.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (3), a reason may (but need not) relate to the quality, scope or costs of services associated with the airport charge.

Basis for providing differentiated services

15.—(1) This regulation applies where a differentiated service cannot be provided to all of the airport users in relation to a regulated airport who notify the regulated airport operator of an interest in using the service.

(2) Where this regulation applies, allocation of the differentiated service must be determined by the regulated airport operator on the basis of relevant, objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria.

(3) For the purpose of this regulation, where a service or facility is provided at an airport to different airport users but the service or facility provided to one or more of them differs in quality or scope, each different version of the service or facility is a "differentiated service".

Status:

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Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Airport Charges Regulations 2011, PART 4.