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Dear Andrew,

## **Contestability of Air Navigation Services at UK Airports: Request for advice under Section 16 (1) (CAA 1982)**

1. In my letter of 22 March 2012 I set out the Secretary of State's requirement for the CAA, in accordance with Section 16(1) (CAA 1982), to provide advice and assistance in assessing whether Air Navigation Services (ANS) at relevant airports in the UK are contestable in accordance with criteria set down in European Legislation.
2. Recent work on the drafting of amendments to the EC regulations setting up a common charging scheme<sup>1</sup> and a performance scheme<sup>2</sup> indicate that if the CAA were to submit its assessment by the current specified deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012, then that assessment would not take account of expected changes in these regulations. Following a meeting of our respective specialists on 23 October 2012, they agreed it would be sensible and achievable to delay the submission date for the CAA assessment to 28 February 2013.

Yours,

JONATHAN MOOR

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<sup>1</sup> COMMISSION REGULATION (EC) No 1794/2006  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2006R1794:20101220:EN:PDF>

<sup>2</sup> COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 691/2010  
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:2010R0691:20111215:EN:PDF>