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### 1. AVIATION SECURITY REGIME

Department for  
**Transport**

Recent events have demonstrated that the threat levels to the UK remain high, and are currently classified as 'Severe'.

Consequently, the aviation security regime must continue to be robust.

Does that mean that no improvements can be made? Are long check-in times, and long security queues here forever?

The solution is to develop technology and procedures that are just as effective and robust as the current ones, but which are not as time-consuming.

The points were made that inconsistencies exist with other countries, and that the issue was much more one of facilitation than security.

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Similarly, the lifting of the current cabin baggage restrictions would offer great improvements for millions of passengers, and take the strain off baggage systems that were never designed to handle the quantities that they are currently required to do.

The Secretary of State for Transport, Ruth Kelly MP, recently hosted an aviation security summit attended by industry leaders, including BAR UK.

The willingness for change is there; the challenge is for the industry to demonstrate what they should be, and how they should be made. A small and dedicated working group has been set up for this specific purpose, after which the Department for Transport will consider the best ways forward without compromising safety.



## **2. CHANGES WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT**

The new Prime Minister, Gordon Brown MP, made several changes to his Cabinet, some of which affect those Departments with which BAR UK closely works.

Home Office - Home Secretary: Jacqui Smith MP

Department for Transport -

Secretary of State - Ruth Kelly MP

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State - Jim Fitzpatrick MP (with responsibilities for aviation)

BAR UK has already had the pleasure of meeting them all, and plans are now in hand to develop full working relationships.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - welcomes and farewells**

### **(a) Two changes to BAR UK Board**

Christine Ourmières (representing Northwest Airlines) was elected to the Board at the recent Annual General Meeting. Since then, her responsibilities within the consolidated AF/KL/NW organisation have changed considerably; with great reluctance, she is now unable to undertake the BAR UK directorship.

Peter Dunkin (Etihad), having left the airline, has tendered his resignation.

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As allowed for by the Articles of Association, the Board has co-opted two new directors in their places. They are:

**Bob Schumacher** (Continental Airlines), and  
**Samir Rishq** (Royal Jordanian).

Congratulations to them both on their appointments.

#### **(b) Welcome to new BAR UK membership**

Membership of BAR UK continues to expand, and it is a pleasure to welcome two new companies:

Airline member:

**Air Astana** of Kazakhstan, represented by **Richard Ledger**

Associate member:

**Heathrow Medical Services**, represented by **Ms. Tina Hames**

#### **(c) People on the move**

We say farewell to some delegates, but are pleased to welcome their successors:

<u>Airline member</u>	<u>Welcome</u>	<u>Farewell</u>
Finnair	Tomi Hanninen	Mikko Paronen
United Airlines	Karolien De Hertogh	Marcel Fuchs
Caribbean Airlines	Valerie Murphy Rahman/ Clayton Fraser	B.W.I.A

#### **4. AIRLINE TERMINAL RELOCATIONS AT HEATHROW** **BAA**

The opening of Terminal 5 in March 2008, and the demolition of Terminal 2 later next year, are the cause of a major terminal relocations programme for many airlines.

The BAA has written to all airlines at Heathrow, clarifying whether a move to another terminal is expected, or if no change of terminal is due.

The process is a massive one, taking place in several stages over a four-year period.

An Airlines Relocation Working Group (ARWG) has been established. It comprises the BAA on one hand, the Airport Operators' Committee and IATA on the other, plus BAR UK as an observer.

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The ARWG will explore all the proposed moves in detail, analyse the risks and issues, and develop solutions to manage them.

## **5. AVIATION AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

Many different claims are made in respect of the causes of climate change, and other environmental issues, due to the effects of air travel.

Whatever the truth, or lies, of the claims, the industry as a whole was seen as slow and uncoordinated in representing itself.

That can no longer be said to be true.

'Flying Matters' has been established to constructively represent the many different facets of the aviation industry, including airports, airlines, and aircraft and aero-engine manufacturers.

The industry already has a great record of improving its environmental performance over many years; it also realises it must continue to do so in the years ahead.

A Flying Matters website, [www.flyingmatters.org.uk](http://www.flyingmatters.org.uk), is currently being developed.

### Heathrow protest

BAR UK members are also advised to note that protestors against air travel have announced that they are establishing a 'climate change camp' at Heathrow for the period 14-21 August. It is quite possible that disruption could occur to airport and terminal operations.

## **6. DE-DESIGNATION OF MAN AND STN AIRPORTS?**

Four UK airports currently have their prices regulated by the CAA, and are called designated airports. Preliminary consultations have taken place in respect of de-regulating two of them, Manchester and Stansted airports.

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Among the many factors that have to be taken into account in the consultation are the market shares enjoyed by each airport, the pressures on them by the development of other competing airports, and the burdens and costs associated with regulation.

BAR UK has submitted its initial response. In it, we seek some degree of assurance that, should any abuse of market power be seen in the future, then an effective process of re-designation exists.

The formal consultation document is now awaited.

## **7. NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

As advised in the last newsletter, please make a note for your diary NOW!

The date: 12 OCTOBER 2007

The Venue: Institute of Directors, LONDON

The keynote speaker is **Geoff Muirhead CBE**, Chief Executive of the Manchester Airport Group, which is generously sponsoring the venue and meeting facilities.



## **8. JOINT ABTN - BAR UK COMPETITION**

The winner, and runners-up to the recent ABTN - BAR UK competition were:

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Sandra Lange - Delta Airlines

Runners up: Caroline Brace - BAA.  
Shirley Wittekind - Czech Airlines  
Simon Brown - Deloitte

Congratulations to them all

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