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Chapter 1

Introduction

- 1.1 The Airport Charges Regulations 2011 (ACRs) came into effect in 2011 to implement the European Directive (2009/12/EC) on airport charges (ACD) into UK law. Following the UK's exit from the EU, the Airport Charges (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 made some minor changes to the ACRs, but the broad obligations that they create remain in place.
- 1.2 The ACRs cover airports that serve more than 5 million passengers per annum, and:
- set common principles on transparency and consultation for airports in determining charges levied on users;
 - stipulate that airport charges should be non-discriminatory;
 - allow differentiated charges based on relevant, objective, transparent and non-discriminatory criteria; and
 - sets out the CAA's functions to ensure the correct application of this legislation and to report on the exercise of its functions under the ACRs.
- 1.3 We have published guidance providing further information on the application of the CAA's powers under the ACRs.¹
- 1.4 This report covers the period from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2021. Previous reports are available on our website.²
- 1.5 During the period covered by this report we had the following functions under the ACRs (although circumstances were such that it was not appropriate and/or necessary for us to exercise all of these functions):
- to give notice to an airport operator that the ACRs apply in relation to that airport for that year (Regulation 5);
 - to publish a list of regulated airports for the following year (Regulation 6);
 - to consider imposing a penalty on an airport user for failing to provide prescribed information to an airport operator under Regulation 7(4) (Regulation 16);

¹ This is available at www.caa.co.uk/cap1343.

² <https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-industry/Airports/Economic-regulation/Competition-policy/Airport-charges-regulations/>