

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD
TO A QUESTION ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY CARL MEERVELD**

Regarding P.2022/90 ALDERNEY AIRPORT RUNWAY REHABILITATION

Question 1

Background:

I believe the existing Alderney runway and facilities are classed as an aerodrome authorised to support Code B aircraft under current CAA regulations. Option C and C+ would expand the Alderney runway and facilities to support Code C aircraft (i.e. ATR72's) but would result in it being classified as an airport requiring considerably greater safety and security requirements.

Question:

What are the current CAA regulatory requirements for airports supporting Code C aircraft (under Options C and C+), assuming no derogations, above and beyond those currently applied to the Alderney aerodrome supporting Code B aircraft?

Answer

The CAA regulatory requirements for an airport supporting Code C aircraft are very similar to those required for Code B aircraft, in almost all regards.

The primary difference relates to the design of the hard paved surfaces. There is a requirement for increased strength (i.e. thickness) and length of runway, as well as additional requirements relating to the strength, width and alignment of the taxiways, and the size and strength of the apron. For Option C and C+, all these requirements have been incorporated in the overall ROM capital costs for those schemes (Table 6 of the policy letter), including the additional maintenance costs associated with the extended pavement surfaces which are encompassed within the operating expenditure.

The other difference relates to the need to apply full aviation security measures. Alderney Airport is currently subject to a variation due to the weight of the aircraft being operated. A provision for the additional capital and operating expenditure has been included in the ROM costs for Options C and C+ (Table 6 of the policy letter).

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