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**1986 No. 1502**

**CIVIL AVIATION**

**The Economic Regulation of Airports (Designation) Order 1986**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>1st September 1986</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>10th September 1986</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>1st October 1986</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under section 40 of the Airports Act 1986(1), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Economic Regulation of Airports (Designation) Order 1986 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1986.

2. The following airports are hereby designated for the purposes of section 40 of the Airports Act 1986:

Gatwick Airport (London)  
Heathrow Airport (London)  
Manchester International Airport  
Stansted Airport (London)

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.

1st September 1986

*Michael Spicer*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department of Transport

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(1) the date appointed for the coming into force of section 40 is 1st October 1986 (S.I. 1986/1487).

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Part IV of the Airports Act 1986 provides that certain airports, whose annual turnover is above £1 million or such other sum as is for the time being specified in section 14(1) of that Act, shall be subject to economic regulation and that no airport charges may be levied at such an airport except by the airport operator to whom a permission to do so in respect of that airport has been granted. It also provides that, for so long as a permission is for the time being in force in respect of an airport, the airport operator shall comply with such conditions as are for the time being in force in relation to the airport by virtue of the provisions of Part IV. Section 40 provides that where an airport subject to economic regulation is designated for the purposes of the section by an order made by the Secretary of State conditions must be imposed for securing that the accounts of the airport operator disclose certain information and for regulating the maximum amounts of airport charges which may be levied within five year periods.

This Order designates Gatwick, Heathrow, Manchester and Stansted airports for the purposes of section 40.