

heard by the Board at a meeting to consider the application or proposal, if he belongs to one or more of the following categories—

- (a) the holder of any air service licence;
- (b) an applicant for any air service licence whose application has not yet been determined by the Board, or having been so determined, is or may be the subject of an appeal to the Minister;
- (c) the holder of an aerodrome licence;
- (d) a person whose business includes the carriage of passengers, mails or other cargo for reward otherwise than by air and whose principal place of business is in the United Kingdom, any of the Channel Islands, or the Isle of Man;
- (e) a Government Department or Minister of the Crown, including a Department or Minister of the Government of Northern Ireland, but not including the Minister of Aviation.

(4) Subject to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 2 of the Act, the Board shall not be required to determine any application without hearing the applicant, but, subject to paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) of this Regulation, they may dispense with a hearing whenever they think fit.

(5) A hearing shall not be held by the Board at any meeting to consider an application to or proposal of the Board unless they have served on all persons having a right to be heard at that meeting not less than fourteen days notice in writing of the date, time and place of the hearing, and the notice shall clearly identify the application or proposal to which it relates. A similar notice shall be published by the Board in their official record not less than seven days before the day of the hearing, and shall be exhibited in a public place for a like period.

(6) In addition to persons having a right to be heard, the Board may, if they think fit, hear any other person.

(7) Every person who belongs to one or more of the categories set forth in paragraph (3) of this Regulation and has a right to be heard by the Board in connection with any case shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be deemed to be a party to that case.

(8) The Board may, if they think fit, and subject to the provisions of this Regulation, hear two or more cases together, but a party to one case shall not on that account be deemed to be a party to any other case.

(9) At a hearing by the Board every party to a case may appear in person or be represented by any other person whom he may have authorised to represent him, and may produce oral or written evidence, and examine any other party to that case and any witnesses by him.

(10) The Board shall give reasons for their decision—

(a) if any objections to the application have been considered by the Board;

(b) if the Board have held a hearing in connection with the application; or

(c) if the Board have refused the application, or have granted the application with a modification determined by the Board:

Provided that the Board shall not be required to disclose any information which they have received from the Minister in the course of consultation with him in accordance with subsection (3) of section 2 of the Act.