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Mr Michael Bird
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Dear Mr Bird

Application for a Variation to Determination [2007] IASC 118

Pacific Blue Airlines (Aust) Pty Ltd (PBA) seeks a variation to Determination [2007] IASC 118 which allocates capacity on the New Zealand route to enable it to engage in code share operations with Etihad Airways on routes operated in both directions by PBA between points in Australia and Auckland and Christchurch.

Under the codeshare arrangements, the terms of which have separately been provided to the Commission, all reasonable steps will be taken to ensure that all passengers are informed at the time of ticket reservation of the carrier actually operating the flight.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

The Paragraph 4 criteria provides that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under an air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We would be grateful if the Commission could make a determination in favour of Pacific Blue (Aust) for the duration of Determination [2007] IASC 118. We would be happy to provide any other information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely



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