



22 January 2013

Ms Marlene Tucker
A/g Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Ms Tucker 

Application for Variation – France Route 1

In September 2012, Qantas Airways (Qantas) and Emirates signed an agreement to form a global aviation partnership. In a joint application to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), Qantas and Emirates have sought authorisation to coordinate their operations across their respective networks and it is anticipated that the ACCC will issue its final determination on this matter in March.

As part of this proposed partnership, Qantas plans to code share with Emirates on services between points in Australia and points in France, via Dubai, Singapore, Thailand and Malaysia from 31 March 2013.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Emirates will be provided as soon as it is available, and prior to the commencement of the code share services.

Variation Sought

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2011] IASC 119, which allocates 250 one-way seats per day code share capacity, averaged over 12 months on France Route 1 route to enable Qantas to code share on Emirates.

The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

This application should be considered against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

These state that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided that it is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.



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We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require in support of this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Wheelens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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