



Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

RENEWAL DETERMINATION

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| Determination: | [2006] IASC 126 |
| Renewal of: | [2002] IASC 118 |
| The Route: | Singapore |
| The Applicant: | Qantas Airways Ltd (ACN 009 661 901) (Qantas) |
| Public Register File: | IASC/APP/200616 |

1 The application for renewal

1.1 On 7 May 2002, the Commission issued Determination [2002] IASC 118 (the Determination) allocating unlimited freight capacity and frequency in each direction on the Singapore route under the Australia - Singapore air services arrangements.

1.2 Under the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* (the Act), the Commission must start its consideration of the renewal of a determination at least 12 months before the expiry of the Determination. The Determination expires on 6 May 2007.

1.3 Qantas applied to the Commission on 26 September 2006 for a renewal of the Determination. The Commission published a notice on 3 October 2006 inviting other applications for an allocation of the capacity subject to renewal. No other applications were received.

1.4 In its renewal application, Qantas sought an allocation for a period of 10 years, consistent with the open capacity regime under the Australia – Singapore air services arrangements.

1.5 All material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents.

2 Delegate's consideration

2.1 In accordance with section 27AB of the Act and regulation 3A of the *International Air Services Commission Amendment Regulations 2003 (No.1)*, the delegate of the Commission considers the Qantas application.

2.2 Under the Minister's Policy Statement (No. 5), of 19 May 2004, where capacity is not limited under a bilateral arrangement, as in this case, the criteria set out

in paragraph 4 apply. Under paragraph 4, the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier that is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and of implementing its proposals is of benefit to the public. For an established international carrier such as Qantas, this means that there is public benefit arising from the use of the entitlements.

2.3 In these circumstances, the delegate concludes that the renewal of Determination [2002] IASC 118 would be of benefit to the public.

2.4 Under the Minister's policy statement, where capacity and route rights are not constrained, the Commission may issue a determination for a ten year period. The delegate will do so in this case.

2.5 The wording of the fresh determination below reflects the view of the Commission that determinations which renew original determinations should contain updated terms and conditions consistent with the Commission's current practice and current air services arrangements. Under the Act, the Commission may make changes to the terms and conditions included in the original determination where warranted by changes in circumstances since the original determination was made.

3 Determination for renewal of Determination [2002] IASC 118 allocating capacity on the Singapore route to Qantas ([2006] IASC 126)

3.1 The delegate, on behalf of the Commission, makes a determination in favour of Qantas, allocating unlimited frequency and capacity for all-cargo services on the Singapore route under the Australia – Singapore air services arrangements.

3.2 The determination is for ten years from 7 May 2007.

3.3 The determination is subject to the following conditions:

- Qantas is required to fully utilise the capacity;
- only Qantas is permitted to utilise the capacity;
- Qantas is not permitted to utilise the capacity to provide services jointly with another Australian carrier or any other person without the approval of the Commission;
- changes in relation to the ownership and control of Qantas are permitted except to the extent that any change:
 - results in the designation of the airline as an Australian carrier under the Australia – Singapore air services arrangements being withdrawn;
or

- has the effect that another Australian carrier, or a person (or group of persons) having substantial ownership or effective control of another Australian carrier, would take substantial ownership of Qantas or be in a position to exercise effective control of Qantas, without the prior consent of the Commission; and
- changes in relation to the management, status or location of operations and Head Office of Qantas are permitted except to the extent that any change would result in the airline ceasing to be an airline designated by the Australian Government for the purposes of the Australia – Singapore air services arrangements.

Dated: 26 October 2006

Michael Bird
Executive Director
Delegate of the IASC Commissioners