

6 September 2016

Ms Marlene Tucker Executive Director International Air Services Commission GPO Box 630 Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Ms Tucker,

## **Application for Variation - Thailand**

From 15 October 2016, Qantas and Jet Airways plan to code share on the Thailand route, whereby Jet Airways will code share on Qantas services between Bangkok and Sydney and Qantas will place its code on Jet Airways' services between Bangkok and Mumbai/New Delhi.

A copy of the code share agreement between Qantas and Jet Airways will be provided separately to the Commission.

## Variation sought

Qantas seeks a variation to Determination [2011] IASC 123, which allocates 35.6 B747 equivalent units of capacity per week and 26 third country code share frequencies per week on the Thailand route, to permit Jet Airways to code share on Qantas operated services. 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.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require.

Yours sincerely,

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