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Mr Michael Bird *MB 3573*
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 International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mr Bird *Mike*

Application for Variation – Thailand route

Pacific Blue Airlines Australia (Pacific Blue) is seeking a variation of its capacity allocation on the Thailand route to enable V Australia to code share on Pacific Blue's four times weekly Perth-Phuket vv services.

V Australia is already designated under the Australia-Thailand Air Services Agreement. We plan to implement this code share arrangement following consideration and approval of this application.

Variation sought

Pacific Blue requests a variation to Determination [2009] IASC 133 which allocates 3.15 B747 equivalent services of capacity per week in each direction on the Thailand route, to permit such capacity to be used to offer joint services with V Australia or any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Virgin Blue Group.

This variation is requested for the remaining duration of the Determination.

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 provide that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral 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.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lee-Anne Tomkins on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely

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