

23 May 2018

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

Dear Ms Tucker,

Application for Variation - Singapore, Hong Kong and France routes

As part of a code share arrangement between Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and Air France, it is proposed that Air France will offer code share services on flights operated by Qantas on the Singapore and Hong Kong routes. In addition, it is proposed that Qantas will offer code share services on flights operated by Air France on the France route.

It is planned that the code share arrangement will be available for booking from 5 June for travel from 20 July 2018.

A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Air France will be provided separately to the Commission. We request that this document is not placed on the public register.

Variation Sought on the Singapore route

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2007] IASC 116 (as varied) and its subsequent renewal under Determination [2017] IASC 131 to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with Air France on the Singapore route. The variation is requested for the duration of the determinations.

Variation Sought on the Hong Kong route

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2015] IASC 115 (as varied by Decision [2017] IASC 213 and [2017] IASC 218) to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with Air France on the Hong Kong route. The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.

Variation Sought on the France route

Qantas requests a variation to Determination [2016] IASC 108 to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with Air France on the France route. The variation is requested for the duration of the determination.



IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that this application be considered against the reasonable capability criterion for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 8 of the International Air Services Commission Policy Statement 2018.

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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