

Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

RESOLUTION

Resolution: [2024] IASC R04
Determination: [2023] IASC 117
The Route: Papua New Guinea

The Applicant: AERgO International Pty Ltd (AERgO)

(ACN 110 218 016)

Public register file: IASC/APP/202434

On 4 May 2023, the International Air Services Commission (the Commission) issued Determination [2023] IASC 117 (the Determination) allocating 45 tonnes of freight capacity per week to AERgO International Pty Ltd (AERgO) on the Papua New Guinea route. The Determination includes several conditions including the requirement for the capacity to be utilised no later than 27 March 2024 or such other date approved by the Commission. On 21 February 2024, at the request of AERgO, the Commission issued Resolution [2024] IASC R01, extending the date of commencement for the use of the capacity to 31 October 2024. The Commission granted this extension as AERgO required additional time to finalise remaining approvals from the Government of Papua New Guinea, necessary for it to operate the scheduled freight services on the route.

On 16 October 2024, AERgO wrote to the Commission seeking a further extension of the date for utilisation of the capacity from 31 October 2024 to 31 August 2025. As part of its application, AERgO indicated that the carrier is continuing to work with the Government of Papua New Guinea to finalise remaining approvals necessary for it to operate the scheduled freight services on the route, and that it has kept the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts informed of the circumstances of the outstanding approvals.

The Commission notes that AERgO has continued to operate non-scheduled freight services from Australia to Papua New Guinea in the interim, to meet consumer demand.

In light of these circumstances, the Commission issues Resolution [2024] IASC R04 to provide that the capacity allocated under Determination [2023] IASC 117 is to be utilised from no later than 31 August 2025, or such other date approved by the Commission. The Commission will continue to monitor the airline's ability to fully utilise the capacity issued under the determination.

Dated: 22 October 2024

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