



INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES COMMISSION

DECISION

DECISION: [2001] IASC 204
VARIATION OF: [2000] IASC 113
THE ROUTE: SINGAPORE
THE APPLICANT: ANSETT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(ACN 060 622 460)
PUBLIC REGISTER: IASC/APP/200028

1 The application

1.1 Ansett International Limited (Ansett International) applied on 11 December 2000 to the Commission for a variation of Determination [2000] IASC 113. Ansett International is seeking to have the capacity allocated by Determination [2000] IASC 113 increased from 532 to 838 seats per week in each direction.

1.2 Ansett International intends to code share on all Singapore Airlines' services to Australia and has sought the allocation of seats due to additional services being introduced and to changes in aircraft seating on a number of services.

1.3 The Commission published a notice on 15 December 2000 inviting other applications for the capacity and submissions from interested parties. None were received. Material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents.

2 Provisions of relevant air services arrangements

2.1 Under the Australia – Singapore air services arrangements, the designated airlines of Australia are entitled to operate 26,700 seats per week in each direction, with effect from 1 October 2000. There are 953 seats per week available for immediate allocation, plus 100 seats per week to allow for additional capacity requirements. A further 1,400 seats per week will become available for allocation from 1 March 2001.

2.2 There are currently allocations on this route to Ansett International (5,891 seats) and Qantas (19,856 seats).

2.3 Under the air services arrangements any capacity used for codesharing counts as not less than 25% of the seats available on the aircraft used for each code share service.

3 Commission's assessment

3.1 Under paragraph 6.3 of the Minister's Policy Statement, in the absence of submissions about or opposing an application, the Commission is required only to apply the criteria in paragraph 4 of the Policy Statement. Paragraph 4 states that the use of Australian entitlements is of benefit to the public. For an established international carrier such as Ansett International, which is already providing services on the route, this means that there is a public benefit arising from the utilisation of the capacity.

3.2 The Commission notes that the capacity is to be used to provide joint services with Singapore Airlines pursuant to the Alliance Agreement dated 17 December 1997.

3.3 The Commission therefore concludes that it would be appropriate for Determination [2000] IASC 113 to be varied as requested.

4 Decision ([2001] IASC 204)

4.1 In accordance with section 24 of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992*, the Commission varies Determination [2000] IASC 113 by increasing the capacity allocated to Ansett International from 532 seat per week in each direction to 838 seats per week in each direction.

Dated: 23 January 2001

Ross Jones
Chairman

Stephen Lonergan
Member

Michael Lawriwsky
Member