



INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES COMMISSION

RENEWAL DETERMINATION

DETERMINATION NO: [2002] IASC 125
RENEWAL OF: DETERMINATION IASC/DET/9812
THE ROUTE: FIJI
THE APPLICANT: QANTAS AIRWAYS LIMITED
(ACN 009 661 901) (QANTAS)
PUBLIC REGISTER FILE: IASC/APP/200216

1 The application for renewal

1.1 On 18 May 1998, the Commission issued Determination IASC/DET/9812 (the Determination) allocating 50 tonnes per week in each direction on the Fiji route.

1.2 Qantas currently has no other allocations of freight capacity on the route.

1.3 Under the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992* (the Act) the Commission must start its consideration of the renewal of a determination at least 12 months before expiry of the Determination. The Determination expires on 17 May 2003.

1.4 Qantas applied to the Commission for a renewal of the Determination. The Commission published a notice on 2 September 2002 inviting submissions about the application, and other applications for an allocation of the capacity subject to renewal. No submissions or other applications were received.

1.5 All material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents.

2 Commission's consideration

2.1 Under the Minister's Policy Statement (No. 3), of 23 April 1997, as amended on 9 March 1999, there is a rebuttable presumption in favour of the carrier seeking the renewal.

2.2 The Commission notes that:

- Qantas has been fully utilising the relevant capacity;
- there are no other applicants seeking capacity on the route;
- there are 20 tonnes per week available for immediate allocation; and
- there is no evidence that Qantas has failed to service the route effectively.

2.3 In these circumstances, the Commission concludes that the renewal of Determination IASC/DET/9812 would be of benefit to the public.

2.4 The wording of the fresh determination below reflects the view of the Commission that determinations which renew original determinations should contain updated terms and conditions consistent with the Commission's current practice and current air services arrangements. Under the Act, the Commission may make changes to the terms and conditions included in the original determination where warranted by changes in circumstances since the original determination was made.

3 Determination for renewal of Determination IASC/DET/9812 allocating capacity on the Fiji route to Qantas ([2002] IASC 125)

3.1 The Commission makes a fresh determination in favour of Qantas Airways Limited, allocating 50 tonnes per week in each direction between Australia and Fiji.

3.2 The determination is for five years from 18 May 2003.

3.3 The determination is subject to the following conditions:

- Qantas is required to fully utilise the capacity;
- Qantas is not permitted to utilise the capacity to provide services jointly with another Australian carrier or any other person without the approval of the Commission;
- changes in relation to the ownership and control of Qantas are permitted except to the extent that any change:
 - results in the designation of the airline as an Australian carrier under the Australia - Fiji air services arrangements being withdrawn; or
 - has the effect that another Australian carrier, or a person (or group of persons) having substantial ownership or effective control of another Australian carrier, would take substantial ownership of Qantas or be in a position to exercise effective control of Qantas, without the prior consent of the Commission; and
- changes in relation to the management, status or location of operations and Head Office of Qantas are permitted except to the extent that any change would result in the airline ceasing to be an airline designated by the Australian Government for the purposes of the Australia - Fiji air services arrangements.

Dated: 25 November 2002

Ross Jones
Chairman

Michael Lawriwsky
Member

Stephen Lonergan
Member