

Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

DECISION

Decision: Variation of: The Route: The Applicant:

Public Register:

[2009] IASC 204 [2007] IASC 123 Papua New Guinea Qantas Airways Limited (ACN 009 661 901) (Qantas) IASC/APP/200907

1 The application

1.1 Qantas applied to the Commission on 24 March 2009 to reduce the capacity allocated by Determination [2007] IASC 123 for services on the Papua New Guinea route from 34 tonnes per week to 17.5 tonnes per week. Qantas advised that Express Freighters Australia (a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas) plans to commence services on the route during the Northern Winter 2009 scheduling period.

1.2 Material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents.

2 Commission's consideration

2.1 If an Australian carrier applies for a variation of a determination, the only effect of which would be to reduce capacity, the Commission is not required to invite submissions (section 22(1A) of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992*) and must vary the determination as requested (section 24(3)).

3 Decision ([2009] IASC 204)

3.1 In accordance with section 24(3) of the Act, the Commission, varies the allocation of capacity made to Qantas on the Papua New Guinea route by:

removing the following from paragraph 6.1 of Determination [2007] IASC 123

• "allocating 34 tonnes of freight capacity per week in each direction on the Australia - Papua New Guinea route, in accordance with the Australia – Papua New Guinea air services arrangements."

replacing the deletion from paragraph 6.1 with

"allocating 17.5 tonnes of freight capacity per week in each direction on the Australia - Papua New Guinea route, in accordance with the Australia – Papua New Guinea air services arrangements."

Dated: 11 May 2009

John Martin Chairman Philippa Stone Member Ian Smith Member