

Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

[2014] IASC R05 (27 June 2014) Qantas Airways Ltd (Qantas)

The International Air Services Commission (the Commission) has given authorisation for Qantas to code share with LATAM Airlines Group (LATAM) on the following routes:

• New Zealand: [2014] IASC 102; and

• Chile: [2011] IASC 114 as varied by [2011] IASC 220

The authorisation was given in accordance with the code share agreement between Qantas and LATAM dated 2 April 2003 (as amended on 27 November 2013), or any subsequent code share agreement between the parties whether or not it replaces the existing agreement, with the prior approval of the Commission.

On 14 June 2014 Qantas provided the Commission with a copy of a new code share agreement between Qantas and LATAM, which effectively amends the commercial arrangements for code share between Qantas and LATAM.

Further to their existing code sharing on each other's services between Sydney and Santiago (including LATAM services via Auckland), LATAM will also place its code on Qantas operated flights between Auckland and Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth. This should create additional competition in the mature Australia-New Zealand market, in which seven airlines operate services and numerous others offer code share services.

Qantas will place its code on LATAM operated flights between Santiago and Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro and Lima. These code share services will improve options available to inbound and outbound passengers looking to travel between Australia and South America.

The Commission resolves ([2014] IASC R05) to approve the use of the allocated capacity under the new code share agreement between Qantas and LATAM.