

Australian Government

International Air Services Commission

[2015] IASC R01 (25 February 2015) Pionair Australia Pty Ltd (Pionair)

The International Air Services Commission (the Commission) issued the following Interim Determinations allocating freight capacity to Pionair:

- [2013] IASC 129 dated 29 July 2013 allocating 18 tonnes of freight capacity per week on the Papua New Guinea (PNG) route; and
- [2013] IASC 128 dated 19 August 2013 allocating one all-cargo service per week with capacity up to 28 tonnes on the Australia-France Route 3 (New Caledonia route).

Both interim determinations include a condition requiring Pionair to utilise the capacity on each of the routes from no later than 31 December 2013, or from such other date approved by the Commission. Upon the request of Pionair, the Commission through three resolutions, extended the date of utilisation of the capacity on both routes to 24 March 2014, 14 July 2014 and subsequently to 7 November 2014 or from such other date approved by the Commission.

At a meeting on 25 February 2015 between the airline representative and the Commissioners, the airline requested a further extension of the date of utilisation of its capacity on both routes to 31 July 2015. The airline provided confidential information and supporting documents, marked 'not for public record', to support its request.

The Commission is satisfied that the causes of the delay of commencement of utilisation of the capacity allocations are beyond Pionair's control. In light of this, the Commission issues Resolution [2015] IASC R01 granting an extension of time for the utilisation of capacity by Pionair on the PNG and New Caledonia routes.

Pionair must fully utilise the capacity allocated on the PNG and New Caledonia routes, pursuant to Interim Determination [2013] IASC 129 and Interim Determination [2013] IASC 128, by no later than 31 July 2015 or such other date approved by the Commission.