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Ms Marlene Tucker  
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Dear Ms Tucker *Marlene*

**Application for Variation – Thailand**

Qantas is seeking a variation to allocations of capacity on the Thailand route, as varied, to enable the consolidation of multiple Determinations.

Variations sought

Qantas holds the following Determinations under section 8 of the International Air Services Commission Act 1992 (the Act):

- Determination [2009] IASC 120 as renewed by Determination [2013] IASC 139;
- Determination [2009] IASC 127;
- Determination [2010] IASC 114;
- Determination [2011] IASC 101;
- Determination [2011] IASC 105;
- Determination [2011] IASC 112;
- Determination [2011] IASC 123; and
- Determination [2013] IASC 103.

The above Determinations allocate Qantas a total of 12.6 B747 equivalent units per week in each direction for passenger services and 56 third country code share frequencies per week between Australia and Thailand.

Qantas requests a variation to Determination 123/2011, which allocates seven B747 equivalent units per week between Australia and Thailand to increase the allocation by:

- 5.6 B747 equivalent units per week to 12.6 B747 equivalent units per week between Australia and Thailand; and
- 56 third country code share frequencies per week.



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As part of the variation, Qantas requests the following conditions to be included in the consolidated Determination:

- the capacity may be utilised by Qantas or another Australian carrier which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Qantas;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide joint services with any wholly-owned subsidiary and by any wholly owned subsidiary of the Qantas Group to provide joint services with Qantas;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Emirates;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Finnair;
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with British Airways; and
- the capacity may be used by Qantas to provide services jointly with Jetstar Asia.

The variation is requested for the duration of the Determination.

As this variation is intended to replace the remaining Determinations above, we seek a variation to Determinations 120/2009, 127/2009, 114/2010, 101/2011, 105/2011, 112/2011, 103/2013 and 139/2013 to amend the expiry dates to the date when the variation to Determination 123/2011 takes effect.

#### IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

This application should be considered against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

These state that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral arrangement is of benefit to the public, provided that it is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

We would be pleased to provide any further information the Commission may require.

Yours sincerely



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