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Ms Marlene Tucker
Executive Director
International Air Services Commission
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Dear Ms Tucker 

Application for capacity allocation -- Korea route

As part of our alliance with Singapore Airlines, Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd (Virgin Australia) intends to implement code share services, as a marketing carrier, on flights operated by Singapore Airlines on the Australia -- Singapore -- Korea route.

We will shortly provide your office with an amended copy of the confidential code share agreement between Virgin Australia and Singapore Airlines. We request that this document is not placed on the public register.

Allocation sought

To facilitate our plans above, Virgin Australia is seeking an allocation of 1,000 seats per week on the Korea route which will be utilised on the following basis:

- the capacity will be utilised by Virgin Australia for joint services with Singapore Airlines;
- the allocation is requested for a period of five years from the date of the Determination; and
- the allocation will be fully used by 25 October 2014.

IASC Act and Minister's Policy Statement considerations

We request that the Commission consider this application against the general criteria for assessing the benefit to the public in Paragraph 4 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

The Paragraph 4 criteria provide that the use of entitlements by an Australian carrier under a bilateral air services agreement is of benefit to the public, provided that the carrier is reasonably capable of obtaining the necessary approvals and implementing the proposal.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Lee-Anne Tomkins on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely



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