

DECISION

DECISION:	IASC/DEC/9929
VARIATION OF:	IASC/DET/9920
THE ROUTE:	SINGAPORE
THE APPLICANT:	ANSETT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (ACN 060 622 460)
PUBLIC REGISTER:	IASC/APP/99035

1 The application

1.1 On 1 November 1999, Ansett International Limited (Ansett International) wrote to the Commission seeking a variation of determination IASC/DET/9920 allocating capacity on the Singapore route. The variation sought would increase capacity from 624 seats per week in each direction to 692 seats.

1.2 Ansett International intends to code share on all 66 Singapore Airlines' services to Australia and has sought the allocation of seats due to changes in aircraft seating on a number of services.

1.3 The Commission published a notice inviting submissions from any interested persons about the application. No applications or submissions were received.

1.4 All non-confidential material supplied by the applicant is filed on the Register of Public Documents. Confidential material is filed on the Commission's confidential register.

2 Provisions of relevant air services arrangements

2.1 The air services arrangements between Australia and Singapore permit code sharing, including on services operated by third country carriers. Any capacity used under a code share arrangement counts as not less than 25% of the seats available on the aircraft used for each code share service.

2.2 The Register of Available Capacity shows 2,313 seats a week available for allocation with immediate effect. There are currently allocations on this route to Ansett International (5,291 seats) and Qantas (15,596 seats).

3 Commission's assessment

3.1 Under paragraph 6.3 of the policy statement, in the absence of submissions about or opposing an application, the Commission need only satisfy itself that the proposed application does not adversely affect the application of the criteria in paragraph 4 of the policy statement. Paragraph 4 states that the use of Australian entitlements is of benefit to the public. For an established international carrier such as

Ansett International, which is already providing services on the route, this means that there is a public benefit arising from the utilisation of the capacity.

3.2 The Commission therefore concludes that it would be appropriate for Determination IASC/DET/9920 to be varied as requested.

4 Decision (IASC/DEC/9929)

4.1 In accordance with section 24 of the *International Air Services Commission Act 1992*, the Commission varies Determination IASC/DET/9920 by increasing the capacity allocated to Ansett International from 624 seat per week in each direction to 692 seats per week in each direction.

Dated: 29 November 1999

Russell Miller
Chairman

Michael Lawriwsky
Member

Stephen Lonergan
Member