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Mrs Jasmina Morling
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International Air Services Commission
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Dear Mrs Morling,

APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY – CHILE ROUTE

From 20 November 2026, or as soon as all necessary approvals have been received, Qantas Airways Limited (**Qantas**) plans to expand code share arrangements with its partner airline Cathay Pacific Airways Limited (**Cathay Pacific**) to include services operated on the Chile route.

Under these expanded arrangements, it is proposed that Cathay Pacific will code share on Qantas' operated services between Sydney and Santiago. The code share arrangements enable Cathay Pacific to expand its selling proposition by independently marketing and pricing services between Hong Kong and Chile via Australia, enhancing the range of choices and benefits for consumers.

Qantas, as the operating carrier, intends to provide Cathay Pacific with access to available inventory on a free sale basis. A copy of the confidential code share agreement between Qantas and Cathay Pacific will be provided separately to the Commission.

Variation sought

Qantas seeks to vary Determination [2024] IASC 125, allocating seven frequencies per week in each direction on the Chile route, to permit Cathay Pacific to code share on Qantas operated services. The variation is requested for the duration of the Determination.

IASC Act and Policy Statement Considerations

We request that the Commission assess this application against the 'reasonable capability criterion' in section 8 of the Minister's Policy Statement.

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

Yours sincerely,

Megan Morris
Head of Group International Regulatory Affairs

