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

Application for Variation to Determination [2014] IASC 116 – United Arab Emirates route

Virgin Australia intends to commence commercial cooperation with Alitalia on the United Arab Emirates route, whereby Alitalia proposes to code share on flights operated by Virgin Australia between Sydney and Abu Dhabi (vv).

Variation sought

We request a variation to Determination [2014] IASC 116, held by Virgin Australia International Airlines Pty Ltd, to permit the utilisation of capacity for code share services with Alitalia on the United Arab Emirates route.

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

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 me on (02) 8093 7114.

Yours sincerely



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