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By email

Dear Interested Party

**British Airways, Qatar Airways and Iberia application for authorisation AA1000630 – final determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by British Airways plc, Qatar Airways Group Q.C.S.C and Iberia Líneas Aéreas de España (together, the **Applicants**) on 22 November 2022.

Authorisation was sought to enable the Applicants to coordinate air passenger services on routes between Australia and the UK/Europe.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 2 June 2028. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 4 of its determination.

**Application for review**

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 1 June 2023. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 2 June 2023.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <https://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Sam O'Connor on (03) 9910 9522.

Yours sincerely

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