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Dear Mr Miller

**International Air Transport Association – Passenger Agency Program  
Applications for Minor Variation to Authorisation A90791**

I refer to the International Air Transport Association's (IATA's) applications for minor variation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 11 March 2005 and 23 December 2004.

The ACCC has initiated consultation with potential interested parties on this matter. A pro-forma copy of the letter is attached for your information. The ACCC will provide you with the opportunity to comment on any publicly available submissions received from interested parties in due course.

The ACCC notes that the substitute condition the subject of IATA's application of 11 March 2005 removes the requirement for a statement of reasons to be provided to the Executive Council Australia. In light of this the ACCC seeks confirmation from IATA that there will be no restriction placed on accredited agents in providing a copy of the statement of reasons they have received from an airline to any third party. It would be of assistance to the ACCC if IATA could provide confirmation of this by 15 April 2005.

Should you have any query about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Byrne on 02 6243 1279.

Yours sincerely

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