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Dear Mr Miller

**IATA Applications for Authorisation A91020 – A91022  
- draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) regarding certain aspects of the IATA Passenger Agency Program.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached. For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant the authorisation until 29 February 2008.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party who may be dissatisfied with the ACCC's draft determination may request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'. A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Under the *Trade Practices Act 1974*, the ACCC must set a date within 14 days of which any pre-decision conference must be requested. Accordingly, if your client wishes the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination, IATA must notify the ACCC in writing by **cob 11 April 2007**. Conferences are conducted informally, without the participation of legal or other professional advisers.



Alternatively, your client is also invited to make a written submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination. Written submissions should be lodged by **cob 18 April 2007** at the following address:

The General Manager  
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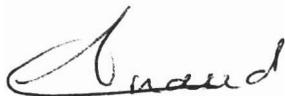
Submissions can also be lodged by e-mail to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) or by facsimile on 02 6243 1211.

Persons lodging a submission with the ACCC may request that information included in the submission be excluded from the public register in certain circumstances. Submissions which are excluded from the public register may still be taken into account by the ACCC when conducting its assessment of an authorisation application. Guidelines for seeking exclusion from the public register are attached for your information.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-determination conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to these applications.

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 Ilona Balint on (02) 6243 1113.

Yours sincerely



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