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By email

Dear Sir / Madam

Qantas Airways Limited and American Airlines Inc application for revocation of authorisations A91265 & A91266 and substitution of new authorisations A91502 & A91503 – final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a determination in respect of the application for re-authorisation lodged by Qantas Airways Limited (Qantas) and American Airlines Inc (American) (together, the Applicants) on 10 June 2015.

The Applicants are seeking re-authorisation to continue to coordinate their operations on the trans-Pacific routes pursuant to their alliance.

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 re-authorise the alliance for a further five years until 18 March 2021.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 17 March 2016. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 18 March 2016.

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 <http://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 Luke Griffin on 02 6243 1114 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'B Mullen'.

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