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TO: IATA Member Airlines Government Affairs Contacts
FROM: Government and Industry Affairs Department
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SUBJECT: ACCC AUTHORISATION FOR IATA TRAFFIC CONFERENCES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Dear Colleagues,

This GOVAF is for your information only.

The ACCC has now issued its final decision on IATA's amended application for exemption (or "Authorisation") from Australian Competition law for the Traffic Conferences (except Passenger Agency) and other related activities. This Authorisation, which is effective 01 December 2006, provides IATA with the time necessary to review existing programs to determine if any components are not in compliance with Australian Competition law and, where necessary, to either amend them to bring them into compliance or to seek new, more focused exemptions.

In this decision has given IATA the following transition periods:

- Until 21 December 2006 for the IATA Clearing House, IATA Prorate System and IATA Scheduling System.
- Until 31 August 2007 for the IATA Cargo Agency System, IATA Passenger Services System and IATA Cargo Services System.
- Until 30 June 2008 for the IATA Passenger Tariff Coordination and IATA Cargo Tariff Coordination

IATA has completed its review of the first three and has concluded that no changes are required to these programs. We are now in the process of assessing the Cargo Agency, Cargo Services and the Passenger Services Conferences. Our assessments will be developed in close coordination with outside competition counsel in Australia. Recommendations, if any, will be made to the Conferences if it is determined that some changes are required. The same self-assessment will be made with the Cargo and Passenger Tariff Conferences.

Background

In November 2002 IATA submitted an application to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) for renewal of the Authorisation issued in 1985 for the Traffic Conferences and other related activities. The ACCC issued a series of "discussion" papers related to the various activities and IATA has submitted detailed responses to these papers. All of these documents, submissions made by third parties and the final decision, can be found on the ACCC's web site at:

<http://www.accc.gov.au/content/index.phtml/itemId/744580/fromItemId/278039>

In August 2006 IATA amended its application and requested that the ACCC terminate the process by giving IATA the time necessary to bring its programs into compliance with Australian law.

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