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# NEWS RELEASE

## ACCC AUTHORISES COORDINATION BETWEEN JETSTAR JOINT VENTURES

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission has granted authorisation to Qantas Airways Limited and Jetstar Airways Pty Ltd for coordination involving four Asian based Jetstar branded joint ventures: Jetstar Asia, Jetstar Pacific, Jetstar Japan and Jetstar Hong Kong until 31 March 2018.

The authorisation allows Jetstar Airways and the Jetstar joint ventures to coordinate with each other on passenger and cargo services, predominately on intra-Asian routes. It also allows the airline owners of the joint ventures to support and expand each joint venture and to relate the joint ventures to their own businesses.

"The ACCC considers that the coordination is likely to result in benefits to consumers by increasing the likelihood of additional Jetstar flights and destinations in Asia, and providing improved connections for consumers which will result in a better overall travel experience," ACCC Chairman Rod Sims said.

"The ACCC considers that the coordination is likely to result in little, if any, detriment due to the fact that the Jetstar joint ventures are unlikely to be close competitors with each other with or without authorisation, nor are the joint ventures likely to be close competitors with their owners."

"More important, in most instances where overlap does occur, there are multiple competitors present. As a result the ACCC considers that the coordination is likely to result in little, if any, detriment," Mr Sims said.

The authorisation does not extend to coordination between any of the airline owners.

The joint ventures are:

- Jetstar Asia;
  - which is based in Singapore, and is a joint venture between the Qantas Group and a Singapore citizen;
- Jetstar Pacific;
  - which is based in Vietnam, and is a joint venture between the Qantas Group and Vietnam Airlines;
- Jetstar Japan;
  - which is a joint venture between the Qantas Group and Japan Airlines;
- Jetstar Hong Kong;
  - which is a joint venture between the Qantas Group and China Eastern Airlines.

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Authorisation provides immunity from court action for conduct that might otherwise raise concerns under the competition provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*. Broadly, the ACCC may grant an authorisation when it is satisfied that the public benefit from the conduct outweighs any public detriment.

More information about this application for authorisation and the granting of authorisation are be available at [www.accc.gov.au/authorisationsregister](http://www.accc.gov.au/authorisationsregister)

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