CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY OF MALAYSIA
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CONSULTATION ON THE APPLICATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL EXEMPTION FOR THE PROPOSED JOINT BUSINESS BETWEEN MALAYSIA AIRLINES BERHAD AND CHINA SOUTHERN AIRLINES

1 Introduction

1.1 This Advisory Information is issued to notify the public of an upcoming public consultation by the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia ("CAAM") on the proposed joint business between Malaysia Airlines Berhad ("MH") and China Southern Airlines ("CZ").

1.2 CAAM has received an application for an individual exemption under section 36Q of the Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia Act 2017 [Act 788] in relation to the proposed joint business between MH and CZ.

2 Background

2.1 MH and CZ (collectively referred to as the "Parties") propose to enter into a metal-neutral joint business partnership (the "Proposed JB") covering scheduled passenger air services operated by the Parties between Malaysia and China.

2.2 According to the application, the Proposed JB is intended to generate operational and commercial efficiencies and deliver benefits to the travelling public through closer commercial cooperation across the Parties' respective networks.

2.3 In their application, the Parties describe the scope of the Proposed JB as follows:

2.3.1 Existing direct services operated by either or both Parties between Malaysia and China, comprising:

a) Kuala Lumpur – Guangzhou and Shenzhen;

b) Kuala Lumpur – Beijing;

c) Kuala Lumpur – Shanghai;

d) Kuala Lumpur – Xiamen;

e) Kuala Lumpur – Changsha; and

f) Kuala Lumpur – Chengdu;

(collectively referred to as the "Direct Routes")

2.3.2 Routes within Malaysia or China connecting to/ from the Direct Routes;

2.3.3 Routes to/ from Malaysia or China currently operated by either or both Parties; and

2.3.4 Future routes to/ from Malaysia or China to be operated by either or both Parties.

3 Public Consultation

3.1 CAAM will conduct a public consultation in respect of the Proposed JB. A non-confidential version of the application will be made available for public review.

3.2 CAAM invites views, comments and written submissions from interested parties, including industry stakeholders and members of the public, on the potential effects of the Proposed JB on competition and the aviation sector.

3.3 Further details, including the consultation period, relevant documents, submission procedures and deadline for responses, will be published on CAAM's official website in due course.

3.4 CAAM invites all interested parties to provide written submissions within the consultation period. All submissions received will be duly considered as part of CAAM's assessment of the Proposed JB.

4 Other Information

4.1 Any enquiries regarding this Advisory Information, the public consultation or the individual exemption application shall be directed to the Economics and Competition Division, Civil Aviation Authority of Malaysia, Putrajaya via email at competition@caam.gov.my.

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