

<u>Decision of the Commissioners of the</u> <u>Competition Commission</u>

Travel Agents' Service Fee

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COMMISSION/DS/001- Travel Agents' Service fee

Commissioners present - Mr Rajiv Servansingh – (Acting Chairperson) - Chairperson

Mr Rodney Rama – Commissioner

Mr Reshad Sadool – Commissioner

On the 6th October 2010, the Commissioners held a meeting where the following matters were considered:

- (1) The Executive Director's Report on the Travel Agents' Service fee case;
- (2) The fact that Air Mauritius and Mauritius Association of IATA Travel Agents have already taken the relevant actions to remedy the anti-competitive behavior as highlighted in the Executive Director's report;
- (3) The fact that both Air Mauritius and Mauritius Association of IATA Travel Agents have not opted for a hearing following the publication of the Final Report of the Executive Director;
- (4) Whether or not the Commission should issue a direction as provided for in Section 58 of the Act or make an order for a penalty as provided for in Section 59 of the Act.¹

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¹ See para, 22 Rules of Procedure

In the light of the above, the Commissioners present have unanimously decided that:

- (i) No financial penalty shall be imposed because no intentional or negligent breach of the Act was committed;
- (ii) No direction shall be issued as the parties have already taken actions to render the agreement null and void;
- (iii) The Executive Director should be urged to continue to monitor the situation to ensure that Air Mauritius and Mauritius Association of IATA Travel Agents are complying with the Competition Act in respect of the anti-competitive behavior investigated.

Dated this 13th October 2010

Mr. Rajiv Servansingh

(Chairperson)

Mr. Reshad Sadool

(Commissioner)

Mr. Rodney Rama

(Commissioner)

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