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Exchange of Notes constituting an agreement enabling the aircraft of the Qantas Empire Airways to fly over Italy and to land at Ciampino (Rome) on the route Sydney-London. Rome, 26 July and 2 August 1948

English and Italian official texts communicated by the Secretary-General of the International Civil Aviation Organization. The registration took place on 13 April 1949.

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Textes officiels anglais et italien communiqués par le Secrétaire général de l'Or-ganisation de l'aviation civile internationale. L'enregistrement a eu lieu le 13 avril 1949.

No. 424. EXCHANGE OF NOTES¹ CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF AUSTRALIA AND OF ITALY ENABLING THE AIRCRAFT OF THE QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS TO FLY OVER ITALY AND TO LAND AT CIAMPINO (ROME) ON THE ROUTE SYDNEY-LONDON. ROME, 26 JULY AND 2 AUGUST 1948

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BRITISH EMBASSY
ROME

26th July, 1948

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to the discussion between Captain E. C. Johnston, Assistant Director-General of the Australian Department of Civil Aviation, accompanied by Mr. J. G. Boyd of this Embassy, and Signor D'Ajeta, on the 21st July, 1948, and the further discussions with Signor De Vera on the 22nd July, 1948, concerning the desire of His Majesty's Government in Australia that the Australian Airline, Qantas Empire Airways, should be enabled to call at Rome on flights, in both directions, between Sydney and London. At present the intermediate stop between Cairo and London is made at Castel Benito but, for operational reasons, and also on account of the greater conveniences for transit passengers, the Australian Government are anxious to substitute for it an intermediate stop made at Rome.

A further important consideration is the fact that Qantas Empire Airways operates the London-Sydney Service under a parallel partnership arrangement with the British Overseas Airways Corporation, which arrangement provides for the common use of technical and traffic facilities, and for the pooling of the revenue earned by both operating Companies for the carriage of passengers, mails and freights.

The Australian Government does not seek for Qantas Empire Airways the privilege of embarking or disembarking passengers, mails or freight at Rome, but only the privilege of transit over Italian territory and the privilege of non-traffic stops at Rome, including temporary accommodation for passengers and crews in the event of emergency delay of a flight at Rome.

¹ Came into force on 2 August 1948, by the exchange of the said notes.

Qantas Empire Airways operates the air service from Sydney to London with Constellation 749 Aircraft and the frequency is at present three trips in each direction each fortnight, but is expected to be increased to two trips in each direction, each week, commencing about mid-August. Calls at Rome could be introduced promptly after the necessary authorisation is given. The Australian authorities would undertake, of course, to see that the appropriate Italian authorities are kept informed of the timetables and any changes in the frequencies of the Q.E.A. services.

It is appreciated, of course, that Q.E.A. would be required to satisfy the appropriate Italian authorities that it is qualified to fulfil the conditions prescribed under the Italian Laws and Regulations applicable to the operations of international air services.

The Australian Government assumes that any authorisation given by the Italian Government in response to this request would provide that Qantas Empire Airways would be granted exemption of customs and similar charges on fuel uplifted at Rome for flights to places outside Italian territory—as is understood to be the current practice—and in the application otherwise of Italian customs, immigration, quarantine and similar regulations, would be granted treatment equal to that accorded to Italian airlines engaged in similar international services.

The Australian Government for its part does not desire that any change of the Qantas Empire Airways route to include a call at Rome should be of a purely temporary nature, but if the Italian Government finds it possible to agree to only a temporary arrangement, the Australian Government would hope that the duration of such temporary arrangement would be adequate to justify Qantas Empire Airways making the organizational changes involved.

I would be glad to know whether the Australian Government proposals are acceptable to the Italian Government, and if so, whether they would agree to the Qantas Empire Airways Services operating via Rome forthwith.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

(Signed) V. A. L. MALLET

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ITALIAN TEXT — TEXTE ITALIEN

IL MINISTRO DEGLI AFFARI ESTERI

ITO 726/134

Roma, li 2 agosto 1948

Signor Ambasciatore,

In risposta alla lettera di V.E. n. 659/7/49 del 26 luglio u.s. ho l'onore di informare V.E. che, in data 31 luglio 1948, è stato consentito agli apparecchi della Qantas Empire Airways il sorvolo e lo scalo tecnico a Ciampino (Roma) sulla rotta Sydney-Londra.

Sarò pertanto grato a V.E. se vorrà far conoscere alla Direzione Generale Affari Economici gli orari e le frequenze della linea in questione onde essa possa informare le competenti Autorità Aereo Portuali.

Resta inteso che tale concessione è fatta sulla base di completa reciprocità in attesa di poter stipulare, in avvenire, un regolare accordo che disciplini i rapporti aerei tra l'Italia e l'Australia.

Gli apparecchi della Qantas Empire Airways godranno le medesime facilitazioni nei rifornimenti concesse alle altre Compagnie estere.

Voglia gradire, Signor Ambasciatore, i sensi della mia più alta considerazione.

SFORZA

A. S.E. Sir Victor A. L. Mallet
Ambasciatore di Gran Bretagna
Roma

TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²

Rome, 2nd August, 1948

Mr. Ambassador,

In reply to Your Excellency's letter No. 659/7/49 of 26th July, 1948, I have the honour to inform you that, as from the date of 31st July 1948, it has been agreed that aircraft of the Qantas Empire Airways to fly over this country and to land at Ciampino (Rome) on the route Sydney-London.

I should be very grateful if Your Excellency would transmit to the Directorate General of Economic Affairs the schedules and frequency of the air line concerned in order that the competent airport authorities may be informed.

It is emphasised that this concession has been made on a basis of complete reciprocity as a temporary measure pending the possible future conclusion of a formal agreement regulating air traffic between Italy and Australia.

The aircraft of Qantas Empire Airways will enjoy the same re-fuelling facilities as are granted to other foreign companies.

I take this opportunity, Mr. Ambassador, etc.

(Signed) SFORZA

H.E. Sir Victor A. L. Mallet
British Ambassador
Rome.

¹Translation by the Government of Australia.

²Traduction par le Gouvernement de l'Australie.