

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 3/06/2024 – 23/06/2024

SYDNEY AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 6 June 2024

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-XZB

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an unwell passenger on the previous sector resulting in the original aircraft being declared a biohazard, and an aircraft swap required. A dispensation was granted for arrival no later than 23:25 local time. QF498 had 100 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived 23:06 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YIY

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA887 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights, which resulted in single runway operations at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for arrival no later than 23:59 local time. VA887 had 172 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:08 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YQM

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA443 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights, which resulted in single runway operations at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for arrival no later than 23:59 local time. VA443 had 176 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:11 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYH

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF559 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights, which resulted in single runway operations at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF559 had 151 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:24 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EUH

Operator: Emirates

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK413 (Christchurch to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights, which resulted in single runway operations at Sydney Airport. This change in runway operations was not known at the time of departure and resulted in a diversion to Brisbane Airport prior to the arrival to Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. EK413 had 121 passengers including 1 infant, 6 wheelchair users, 7 children, with 29 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:14 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-8IF

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA996 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights, which resulted in single runway operations at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for arrival no later than 23:59 local time. VA996 had 174 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:21 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 18 June 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A7-APD

Operator: Qatar Airways

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qatar Airways flight QR909 (Sydney to Doha) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a tow bar shear pin breaking during push back, requiring an inspection on the nose wheels before departure approval. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. QR909 had 511 passengers and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:32 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 18 June 2024

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXI

Operator: Cathay Pacific Airways

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific flight CX138 flight (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a passenger experiencing a medical emergency after aircraft push back. A return to gate was needed to offload 2 passengers and their luggage. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CX138 had 331 passengers, 15 crew, and perishable cargo on board. The aircraft departed at 23:43 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 3/06/2024 – 23/06/2024

SYDNEY AIRPORT

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 6 June 2024

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-EXZ

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ002 (Sydney to Auckland) requested dispensation for a delayed departure from Sydney Airport. The dispensation was not granted for take-off as the delay occurred in the previous sector. HJ002 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board, with non-urgent radioactive medical goods.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 17 June 2024

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXP

Operator: Cathay Pacific

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) requested dispensation for a delayed departure from Sydney Airport. The dispensation was not granted for take-off as the delay occurred in the previous sector. CX318 had 327 passengers including 3 wheelchair users and 13 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:03 local time after pre-curfew taxiing.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 3/06/2024 – 23/06/2024****ADELAIDE AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 3 June 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZL

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport. Engineering damage was found during pre-departure inspection, and an aircraft swap was required. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF749 had 145 passengers including 6 crew on-board and emergency medical cargo. The aircraft arrived at 23:20 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXA

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights at Sydney Airport, which resulted in single runway operations. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF749 had 110 passengers, 6 crew on-board and Saving Human Life (SHL) medical cargo. The aircraft arrived at 23:53 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 14 June 2024

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-ZXZN

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF745 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a lightning strike causing an outage of the runway lights at Sydney Airport, which resulted in single runway operations. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF745 had 143 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:11 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

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GOLD COAST AIRPORT

There were no approved dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

There were no approved dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 3/06/2024 – 23/06/2024

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 6 June 2024

Aircraft: G650ER

Registration: OE-LTP

Operator: Sparfell Luftfahrt

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Private flight operator Sparfell Luftfahrt flight LDX3, requested a dispensation for 27 June 2024 for an Adelaide arrival at 02:05 local time. Request was refused due to the aircraft being above the allowable Maximum Take-Off Weight, and the request was not allowable under the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000* as it was not considered exceptional circumstances.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 6 June 2024

Aircraft: G650ER

Registration: OE-LTP

Operator: Sparfell Luftfahrt

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Private flight operator Sparfell Luftfahrt flight LDX3, requested a dispensation for 27 June 2024 for an Adelaide departure at 02:45 local time. Request was refused due to the aircraft being above the allowable Maximum Take-Off Weight, and the request was not allowable under the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000* as it was not considered exceptional circumstances.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 13 June 2024

Aircraft: GLEX

Registration: N926PN

Operator: Airflite Pty Ltd

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Private flight operator Airflite requested a dispensation for 19 June 2024 for an Adelaide arrival at 23:50 local time. Request was refused due to the aircraft being above the allowable Maximum Take-Off Weight, and the request was not allowable under the *Adelaide Airport Curfew Act 2000* as it was not considered exceptional circumstances.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for issue of a curfew dispensation.

GOLD COAST AIRPORT

There were no refused dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

There were no refused dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

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