

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 12/08/2024 – 8/09/2024**

**SYDNEY AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 12 August 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFE

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ421 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a passenger medical emergency immediately prior to departure. This required the aircraft to return to the gate for the passenger and their luggage to be offloaded from the aircraft, delaying departure and subsequent arrival into Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing at Sydney Airport no later than 23:15 local time. JQ421 had 202 passengers including 1 infant and 7 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: 15 August 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZM

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF748 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unforeseen weather events at Adelaide Airport. During local storms, a lightening warning was activated for ground crew at Adelaide Airport several times during the evening. These warnings required all ground crew to be removed from outdoor locations, pausing all operations. This delayed all flights departing Adelaide Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing at Sydney Airport no later than 23:30 local time. QF748 had 137 passengers and 6 crew on-board, with 2 shipments of Saving Human Lives goods. 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: 16 August 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVH

Operator: Emirates

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Emirates flight EK413 (Christchurch to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unforeseen weather events causing a holding pattern over Sydney Airport. The airline determined there was a risk of fuel shortage during the holding period, and diverted to Melbourne for refuelling before returning to Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing at Sydney Airport no later than 23:10 local time. EK413 had 177 passengers including 2 infants and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:05 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: 16 August 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVG

Operator: Emirates

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Emirates flight EK413 (Sydney to Dubai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to an aircraft swap to reduce delays caused by unforeseen weather events. A dispensation was granted for take-off from Sydney Airport no later than 00:30 local time. EK413 had 409 passengers including 8 wheelchair users, 5 infants and 29 crew on-board. Cargo included blood samples, human tissue samples and perishable foods. The aircraft departed at 00:24 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: 16 August 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTC

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a control panel error on the aircraft. This required the aircraft to return to the gate for repairs before being approved for departure. A dispensation was granted for take-off from Sydney Airport no later than 23:30 local time. MH140 had 286 passengers including 12 crew on-board and freight including perishable goods and biological substances. The aircraft departed at 23:29 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: 21 August 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGO

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ614 (Avalon to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering repair required prior to departure at Avalon. During taxiing to the runway an oxygen mask in the front lavatory was found to be dislodged requiring the aircraft to return to bay to be reset prior to take off. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ614 had 150 passengers including 1 assisted passenger and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:15 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: 23 August 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXU

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF496 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due an engineering issue requiring an aircraft swap prior to departing Melbourne. Pre-flight checks identified a broken rudder pedal pin, rendering the aircraft unable to fly. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:14 local time. QF496 had 101 passengers including 1 passenger with a mobility aid 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: 28 August 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTC

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Malaysia Airlines flight MH141 (Kuala Lumpur to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to high winds and single runway operation at Sydney Airport. The aircraft was in a holding pattern over Sydney before diverting to Melbourne to refuel and return to Sydney to land. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. MH141 had 278 passengers including 32 wheelchair passengers, 6 infants, 1 hearing impaired passenger and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:03 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: 4 September 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTC

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Malaysian Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a fail-to-start engine. The aircraft returned to the bay for an assisted engine start. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. MH140 had 278 passengers including 16 wheelchair users, 3 infants, 12 crew and 3 pallets of perishable goods on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:58 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: 6 September 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YQM

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Australia

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA887 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to air-conditioning and cabin pressurisation faults detected inflight. The flight returned to Melbourne, and an aircraft swap was made before departing for Sydney again. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. VA887 had 171 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:17 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

## **REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY AIRPORT #12/24**

### **INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 12/08/2024 – 8/09/2024**

There were no refused dispensations for Sydney Airport during this period.

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**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 16 August 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUX

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA248 (Adelaide to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to an ill flight crew member who needed to be replaced with a new crew member. A dispensation was granted for take-off from Adelaide Airport no later than 23:45 local time. VA248 had 163 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:38 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: 17 August 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGD

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ805 (Sunshine Coast to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a 2-hour delay in the previous sector due to an emergency panel that was found to be defective. The panel needed to be repaired before being approved for departure from Sunshine Coast Airport. Further delays occurred during passenger boarding due to difficulties manoeuvring a wheelchair passenger. A dispensation was granted for landing at Adelaide Airport no later than 23:10 local time. JQ805 had 155 passengers including 7 children, 2 infants, 2 wheelchair users and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:02 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: 25 August 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-IXJ

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Virgin Australia flight VA723 (Adelaide to Perth) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to 2 passengers requesting to disembark after taxiing had commenced. The aircraft returned to the gate, the passengers and their luggage were offloaded from the aircraft. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. VA723 had 94 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed 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: 29 August 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYC

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a snapped rudder pedal. The pedal was required to be fixed as there was no alternative aircraft or crew to operate another aircraft. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. QF749 had 84 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:28 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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



**GOLD COAST AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 14 August 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWW

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ446 (Melbourne to Gold Coast) was delayed arriving at Gold Coast Airport due to an engineering fault with the master engine start lever, identified in Melbourne. Once replaced, an engine run needed to be completed before being approved for departure from Melbourne Airport. There were no alternative aircraft available. A dispensation was granted for landing at the Gold Coast Airport no later than 23:30 local time. JQ446 had 229 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:23 local time.

**Approved:** Yes

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

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

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

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**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS**

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**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 22 August 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-OFP

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ985 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to strong head winds in previous sector. A NOTAM had been issued warning pilots of these winds. A dispensation was not granted for landing, as the decision-maker was not satisfied the circumstances for the delay were exceptional. JQ985 had 227 passengers including 15 children, 2 infants and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 22:58 local time.

**Approved:** No

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

**DISPENSATION REPORT – REFUSED DISPENSATIONS OTHER CURFEW AIRPORTS #12/24**

**GOLD COAST AIRPORT**

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

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

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