

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS****INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 8/10/2024 – 4/11/2024****SYDNEY AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 8 October 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZD

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF555 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney Airport) due to an engineering inspection being required prior to boarding after the gate airbridge made contact with the aircraft. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:50 local time. QF555 had 170 passengers including 2 unaccompanied minors, 5 crew, freight including live organs, valuable cargo, and a passenger's electric wheelchair on board. The aircraft arrived at 23:36 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: 9 October 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWN

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a medical incident that occurred immediately prior to departure from Perth. This required the aircraft to return to gate to offload passengers and undertake a short refuel. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ987 had 214 passengers including 21 children, 2 infants, and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:12 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: 9 October 2024

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXD

Operator: Cathay Pacific

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Cathay Pacific flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a passenger needing to be offloaded after losing his documentation. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CX138 had 311 passengers including 2 infants and 1 passenger with medical escorts, and 15 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:26 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: 10 October 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYC

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ532 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a fail to board passenger, requiring the removal of checked luggage before departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ532 had 230 passengers including 1 wheelchair user, and 7 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: 14 October 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XZM

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a fail to board passenger requiring the removal of checked luggage before departure, and unplanned runway taxiing delays at Perth Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. QF652 had 156 passengers including 4 wheelchair users, 2 unaccompanied minors, 7 crew, and 18kg of life saving medical supplies on board. The aircraft arrived at 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 October 2024

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-FKX

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ2 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to an engineering problem with the cargo load control system, requiring use of a manual backup. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. HJ2 was a cargo freight flight with 2 crew and sensitive cargo including lifesaving medical isotopes 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: 15 October 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXB

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF561 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a delayed departure from Brisbane as a result of paused ground operations at Brisbane Airport due to electrical storms. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF561 had 171 passengers, 6 crew and sensitive cargo including 64kg of life saving human organs 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: 22 October 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 4R-ALO

Operator: SriLankan Airlines

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** SriLankan Airlines flight UL606 (Colombo to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering work that was identified after push back, prior to departure. A fault was discovered in the aircraft hydraulics which required repair before being cleared as operable by engineers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. UL606 had 264 passengers and 15 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:26 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 October 2024

Aircraft: B787

Registration: B-20AJ

Operator: China Eastern Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** China Eastern Airlines flight MU736 (Sydney to Shanghai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to mechanical issues that required engineers to board the aircraft for repairs and testing before the aircraft could be cleared for take-off. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. MU736 had 220 passengers and 14 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:07 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 October 2024

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-XQU

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Operation: Departure

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ2 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to long than expected loading. The ground handling agent was short staffed and unable to support an on-time loading for departure. The aircraft was carrying time sensitive radioactive chemotherapy medicine that could not be transferred to alternative flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:15 local time. HJ2 was a freight flight with 2 crew and cargo including 161kg of urgent medical goods on board. The aircraft departed at 23:12 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: 31 October 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFV

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an aircraft weight imbalance that was detected immediately prior to departure. 50 items of luggage were removed and passenger seating was rearranged to meet weight and balance requirements for safe flying. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ987 had 222 passengers including 8 children, 1 infant, and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:46 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: 2 November 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTM

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 ground crew operations. A catering truck break had a mechanical failure and blocked the aircraft from push-back from the gate. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. MH140 had 251 passengers including 17 wheelchair users and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 22:15 local time.

**Approved: Yes**

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

**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 8/10/2024 – 4/11/2024**

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

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**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 8/10/2024 – 4/11/2024**

**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 14 October 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZA

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to ground delays at Sydney Airport because of localised storms. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF749 had 155 passengers including 3 wheelchair users 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.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 15 October 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFD

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 an aerodrome lighting failure at Sunshine Coast Airport. This resulted in paused ground crew operations and delayed departure from the Sunshine Coast. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ805 had 177 passengers including 4 infants, 2 wheelchair users and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:30 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 October 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXX

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a tyre requiring an engineering assessment prior to being approved for departure from Sydney. The tyre was assessed and approved to fly by engineers. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:55 local time. QF749 had 134 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:46 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 October 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGO

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ680 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a medical emergency in Hobart. A passenger experiencing an alleged angina attack required medical assistance including the use of one oxygen tank. Paramedics and firefighters attended to the passenger on arrival into Hobart. Passengers were unable to disembark until the passenger was removed from the aircraft delaying the turnaround time for the aircraft to be loaded and depart for the return flight to Adelaide. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ680 had 152 passengers including 9 children and 7 crew on-board. 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: 27 October 2024

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UYU

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fix required on the aircraft lavatory before it was approved to fly. No spare aircraft were available to complete a swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF1939 had 91 passengers and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:30 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: 31 October 2024

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-XVQ

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to ground holding in Brisbane because of nearby storms. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. QF1939 had 84 passengers including 4 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.

**GOLD COAST AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 16 October 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-YXV

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

**Circumstances Leading to Request:** Jetstar Airways flight JQ651 (Canberra to Gold Coast) was delayed arriving at Gold Coast Airport due to engine start problems which required specialised engineering repairs. Engineers were required to fly from Sydney to Gold Coast airport to complete the required fix and approve the aircraft to depart. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ651 had 137 passengers including 2 wheelchair users, and 6 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.

**ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT**

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

**REFUSED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 8/10/2024 – 4/11/2024**

**ADELAIDE AIRPORT**

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

**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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