

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 5/11/2024 – 24/11/2024****SYDNEY AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 8 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZH

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF652

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney Airport) due to delays loading passenger wheelchair equipment. The flight had additional delays departing Perth directly relating to a Ground Delay Program (GDP) that was put in place at Sydney Airport by Air Traffic Control. The GDP was due to an aircraft engine fire and the resulting grass fire which closed down one runway. This affected all inbound and outbound flights at Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF652 had 162 passengers including a wheelchair user, and 6 crew, with freight including 12kg of blood products on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:18 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 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYA

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF557

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF557 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to departure delays at Brisbane Airport. On clearance for departure, there was some on-board instruments failure which required engineers to reset them before take-off clearance was granted. Departure was further delayed due to localised thunderstorms which resulted in a GDP being initiated by Air Traffic Control. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. QF557 had 148 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.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 10 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZB

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF559

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF559 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to delays departing Brisbane Airport. Localised thunderstorms at Brisbane resulted in a GDP being initiated by Air Traffic Control affecting all inbound and outbound flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. QF559 had 143 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:33 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: 11 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VQG

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight number: VA562

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA562 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to 3 fail-to-board passengers and the time taken to locate and offload their baggage prior to departure from Perth. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. VA562 had 150 passengers including 1 infant, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:09 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: 11 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXB

Operator: Texel Air

Flight number: TFX41

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air flight TFX41 (Sydney to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to ground delays resulting from other aircraft occupying loading bay. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:35 local time. TFX41 was a cargo flight with 2 crew and freight including medical goods, cancer isotopes and blood products. The aircraft departed 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: 13 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYJ

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF559

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF559 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to 3 fail-to-board passengers and the time taken to locate and offload their baggage prior to departure from Brisbane. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF559 had 134 passengers and 6 crew, with freight including of 15kg of live human organs. 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: 16 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZF

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF146

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF146 (Auckland to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an in-flight medical emergency requiring the flight to return to Auckland to offload the passenger and their luggage. Further delays were experienced due to the need to refuel before recommencing the flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF146 had 171 passengers and 7 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: 17 November 2024

Aircraft: A350

Registration: 9V-SME

Operator: Singapore Airlines

Flight number: SQ242

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Singapore Airlines flight SQ242 (Sydney to Singapore) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to two unexpected GDPs reducing airport operations. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. SQ242 had 243 passengers and 14 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:28 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 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZD

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF498

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an electrical fault that required engineering inspection and repair prior to departure from Melbourne. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. QF498 had 112 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 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 November 2024

Aircraft: A333

Registration: VH-QPH

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF26

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF26 (Tokyo to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to 2 unexpected and extended GDPs at Sydney Airport resulting from high winds and thunderstorms in the greater Sydney area, preventing landing as scheduled. The flight was diverted to Canberra to refuel before continuing to Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF26 had 247 passengers and 12 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: 17 November 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFS

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight number: JQ141

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ141 (Sydney to Avarua) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to delays in refuelling and ground handling resulting from a high volume of off-schedule aircraft movements Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. JQ141 had 137 passengers including 7 children, 3 infants, 2 wheelchair users, and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:52 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 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYD

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF499

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF499 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to delays in refuelling and ground handling resulting from a high volume of off-schedule aircraft movements Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF499 had 172 passengers and 6 crew, with 144kg of saving human life cargo on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:51 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 November 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: VH-EBJ

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF655

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF655 (Sydney to Perth) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to delays in refuelling and ground handling resulting from a high volume of off-schedule aircraft movements Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF655 had 239 passengers and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft departed 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: 17 November 2024

Aircraft: A330

Registration: N393HA

Operator: Hawaiian Airlines

Flight number: HAL452

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Hawaiian Airlines flight HAL452 (Sydney to Honolulu) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering work required before departure could be approved. During loading of the aircraft, a cargo loader collided with the loading door of the aircraft, requiring a panel to be replaced and inspected before approval for flight. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. HAL452 had 238 passengers and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:55 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 November 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVK

Operator: Emirates

Flight number: EK413

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK413 (Christchurch to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to the flight being diverted to Brisbane to refuel because of a large holding pattern at Sydney Airport due to localised high winds and thunderstorms. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. EK413 had 387 passengers including 8 wheelchair users, 3 infants, and 27 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:50 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 November 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVM

Operator: Emirates

Flight number: EK413

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK413 (Sydney to Dubai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to the aircraft being delayed on the incoming flight which was diverted to Brisbane to refuel before returning to Sydney (see above dispensation details for EK413 (Christchurch to Sydney) also on EK413). This delay required an aircraft swap before departing Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:36 local time. EK413 had 298 passengers including 2 wheelchair users and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 00:36 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: 17 November 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EOD

Operator: Emirates

Flight number: EK417

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK417 (Sydney to Dubai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to the aircraft struck by lightning just prior to landing in Sydney requiring a full inspection prior to commencing boarding process and the aircraft being approved to depart. Departure was further delayed due to refuelling and ground handling resulting from a high volume of off-schedule aircraft movements Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:15 local time. EK417 had 395 passengers including 27 children, 16 wheelchair users, 7 infants, and 27 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 00:05 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: 19 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZF

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF652

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport to departure delays in Perth from a failed-to-board passenger and he time require to located and remove their luggage, as well as changed departure instructions from the Perth Air Traffic Control. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF652 had 148 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew, with freight including 18kg of life saving organs 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: 22 November 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQJ

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight number: JQ957

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a bird strike on the aircraft in Cairns which required inspection. As a result, boarding and departure from Cairns was paused while engineers inspected the aircraft.

A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ957 had 183 passengers including 5 children, 1 passenger with special assistance, 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.

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 5/11/2024 – 24/11/2024

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

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INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 5/11/2024 – 24/11/2024

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 7 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YIZ

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight number: VA722

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA722 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving in Adelaide due to delays in the previous sector (VA687 (Melbourne to Perth) on VH-YIZ). Prior to departing Melbourne, a HF radio was identified as being inoperative causing an engineering delay. The engineering solution also required a replan of the flight plan to an alternative route to remain within VHF radio coverage creating a longer than usual flight time between Melbourne and Perth. There was no available aircraft for swap on arrival to Perth. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. VA722 had 170 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:25 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: 8 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYI

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF749

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a GDP in the previous sector (Brisbane to Sydney). The GDP delayed operating crew arriving on-time into Sydney for the departure flight to Adelaide. There were no other operating crew available to swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 00:15 local time. QF749 had 174 passengers and 6 crew, with freight of medical and surgical equipment on-board. The aircraft arrived at 00:07 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: 8 November 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-YXU

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight number: JQ682

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ682 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to 3 fail-to-board passengers and the time taken to locate and offload their luggage. The flight was further delayed due to an engineering restart required on the air-conditioning system prior to departing Hobart. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ682 had 154 passengers including 4 children, 3 infants, 2 wheelchair users, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 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: 12 November 2024

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWA

Operator: Emirates

Flight number: EK441

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to a medical emergency in the prior sector (Dubai to Adelaide). During taxiing for departure from Dubai a passenger became unwell and was removed from the plane. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. EK441 had 66 passengers and 16 crew, with freight including pharmaceuticals, biologic substances, perishable meat and seafood on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:41 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: 13 November 2024

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UYN

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight number: QF1939

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to departure delays experienced in Brisbane. The flight into Brisbane on the preceding sector was significantly delayed due to airborne holding from severe weather around Brisbane Airport, which was worse than forecasted. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF1939 had 87 passengers including 2 unaccompanied minors, and 5 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:37 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 November 2024

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-XVQ

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight number: QF1939

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to unexpected storms and lightning strikes at Brisbane Airport causing a GDP, delaying departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF1939 had 90 passengers and 4 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.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 15 November 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGY

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight number: JQ768

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ768 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due a aircraft swap in in Sydney. The replacement aircraft suffered a maintenance issue, requiring another, unplanned aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ768 had 179 passengers including 5 children, 2 infants, 1 wheelchair user, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:09 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 November 2024

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VXE

Operator: Qantas

Flight number: QF745

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF745 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault that was detected after push back in Sydney, which required a return to gate for repairs prior to being approved for departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. QF745 had 161 passengers including 1 wheelchair user, 6 crew, with 11kg of biological freight on-board. The aircraft arrived 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: 15 November 2024

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWI

Operator: Emirates

Flight number: EK441

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to a delay in the previous sector. The inbound aircraft was delayed due to the need to alter its flight path to avoid storm activity over Australia. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. EK441 had 164 passengers and 16 crew, with freight of blood samples and perishable meat on-board. The aircraft departed 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: 17 November 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUP

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight number VA442

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA442 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to 2 unexpected and extended GDPs at Sydney Airport due to high winds and thunderstorms, resulting in delayed departure out of Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. VA442 had 165 passengers and 6 crew 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.

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: 5/11/2024 – 24/11/2024

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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