

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 13/02/2024 – 25/02/2024

SYDNEY AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 19 February 2024

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWW

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar flight JQ959 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to air traffic services not being available, requiring a new flight plan, crew briefing and extra fuel, delaying departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ959 had 216 passengers including 3 infants, 11 children, 1 wheelchair passenger 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: 19 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZF

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF486 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to the aircraft being involved in a lightning strike rendering it unserviceable and requiring an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF486 had 168 passengers, 6 crew and 15kg of human organs 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: 19 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXF

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF927 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a passenger medical incident requiring a deep clean of the aircraft to meet hygiene measures. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. QF927 had 145 passengers, 6 crew and 45kgs of live crabs on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:40 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 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZR

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF555 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed due to an anti-icing defect found prior to departure, requiring an aircraft swap. There were limited accommodation options. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF555 had 173 passengers, 6 crew and 80kg of perishable goods on-board. The aircraft arrived 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: 20 February 2024

Aircraft: B787

Registration: VH-ZND

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF73 (Sydney to San Francisco) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to an air conditioning fault requiring an engineering fix. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF73 had 141 passengers including 7 children, 2 medical, and 14 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: 20 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXB

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF557 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering issue with the aircraft Pitot Tube, requiring an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF557 had 171 passengers and 8 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: 22 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXN

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF494 (Melbourne to Sydney) was late departing Melbourne, due to delays in Melbourne's ground operations. This pushed the expected arrival at Sydney into the curfew period. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:10 local time. QF494 had 84 passengers 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: 23 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YFF

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA898 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to damage to the original aircraft by the gate aerobridge, requiring an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:40 local time. VA898 had 170 passengers and 6 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: 23 February 2024

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EUW

Operator: Emirates

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK414 (Dubai to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to adverse weather conditions in flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. EK414 had 384 passengers including 14 wheelchair users and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:07 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: 13/02/2024 – 25/02/2024

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 17 February 2024

Aircraft: B737

Registration: DQ-FAF

Operator: Fiji Airways

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Fiji Airways flight FJ915 (Nadi to Sydney) requested a dispensation to arrive after curfew due to severe weather occurring in Nadi forcing aircraft holds. The dispensation was refused on the grounds that the request did not meet the criteria to be granted for a planned 00:30 arrival. Fiji Airways performed an aircraft swap, allowing it to land prior to the curfew. FJ915 had 152 passengers and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at Sydney Airport at 22:34 local time.

Approved: No

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

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ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 20 February 2024

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-XNW

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ766 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engine warning that required an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:05 local time. JQ766 had 178 passengers including 2 infants, 11 children, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:58 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

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Note: This Dispensation Report records all dispensations that are formally approved or refused. The Delegates regularly receive questions by phone from airlines about whether a dispensation is likely to be given if an application is made.

Where the Delegate advises that an application is unlikely to be given if an application is made, airlines do not generally make a formal application.

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.