

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

16/10/2008 – 07/11/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Thursday, 16 October 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VOB
Operator: Virgin Blue
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Virgin Blue flight DJ899 (Melbourne to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 10:45pm, however was denied pushback in Melbourne by ATC due to congestion in Sydney. Virgin Blue applied for a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:20pm.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for the issue of a curfew dispensation. The denial to pushback in Melbourne was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Virgin Blue was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:16pm.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Sunday, 26 October 2008
Aircraft: Embraer E170
Registration: VH-ZHD
Operator: Virgin Blue
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Virgin Blue flight DJ9064 (Sydney to Melbourne) was preparing to pushback at 10:45pm when engineers encountered a problem with the door locking mechanism not engaging. Engineers assessed the problem and were able to correct the fault. Resolution of the door locking mechanism delayed the departure and a dispensation was requested.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The fault with the door locking mechanism was both immediate in origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Virgin Blue was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:13pm.

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 16/10/2008 – 07/11/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Monday, 27 October 2008
Operation: Period of runway construction works

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Sydney Airport Corporation Limited applied for a blanket runway dispensation to transfer permitted curfew traffic to the northern end of runway 16R/34L. This request is to undertake essential construction works for taxiway airfield ground lighting and the construction of new generation aircraft taxiway fillets within runway 16R/34L.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The runway works constitute an upgrade and are necessary for the continued safe operation of the Airport. This work constitutes 'exceptional circumstances', as listed in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the dispensation guidelines which cover the possible unavailability of the main north-south runway due to maintenance.