

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: **1/05/2008 - 22/05/2008**

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Friday, 16 May 2008

Operation: Period of essential 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 relocation of the Hold Point at Taxiway Alpha-6, within Runway 16R/34L. The northern end of runway 16R/34L is normally closed to aircraft movements during curfew, but is required to be opened to any permitted aircraft during curfew for 10 nights only during the period of 19 May to 30 June 2008. Approval was given on the condition that the community living immediately to the north of the Airport were advised of the changes in curfew operations.

Approved: **Yes**

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

Relocation of the Hold Point at Taxiway Alpha-6, within Runway 16R/34L constitutes an upgrade and is 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 essential maintenance.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Thursday, 22 May 2008
Aircraft: B747-400
Registration: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Just prior to the departure of Qantas flight QF566 (Perth to Sydney) six passengers failed to board. The flight's original scheduled departure time was 4:15pm (WA local time). This event triggered mandatory security checks and the removal of the passengers checked baggage. These mandatory security checks caused a delay in take-off from Perth. Qantas advised the flight's proposed rescheduled departure time was 5:30pm (WA local time) with an expected landing time at Sydney no later than 11:15pm (NSW local time). There were 362 passengers and 17 crew members onboard.

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 failure of six passengers boarding this flight and the mandatory security checks required was immediate in origin as it occurred just prior to departure. It could not have reasonably been foreseen that the passengers would fail to board the aircraft. Qantas was not reasonably able to make alternative arrangements for the 362 passengers and 17 crew members. The flight landed at Sydney Airport on runway 34L at 11:14pm.

DISPENSATIONS NOT APPROVED

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Sunday, 18 May 2008
Aircraft: A330-243
Registration: B-6113
Operator: Air China
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

At 3:40pm Air China requested a dispensation for flight CA176 (Sydney to Beijing via Shanghai) to depart during the curfew period. This flight had an original scheduled departure time of 9:30am, but due to weather delays on the previous leg into Sydney, flight CA176 had rescheduled to depart no later than 11:20pm. There were 205 passengers onboard, crew numbers were not provided.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The circumstance was not of an immediate origin or an unforeseen event as the situation had been known to the operator much earlier in the day. The operator had sufficient time to make alternative arrangements. The application did not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.