

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

29/05/2008 – 10/06/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2008
Aircraft: A330- 200
Registration: VH-EBH
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF21 (Sydney to Narita) pushed back at 9:54pm when a warning message indicating a fault with a flight control flap occurred. The aircraft returned to the blocks for engineers to assess the fault and carry out repairs. Qantas engineers were able to carry out the appropriate repairs quickly and advised the aircraft would be able to depart by 11:30pm. There were 139 passengers and 14 crew members on board.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The Delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation as the application met all of the three criteria required for consideration. The fault was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. The delegate agreed that it was difficult for the airline to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:26pm.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Friday, 6 June 2008
Aircraft: B767-300
Registration: VH-ZXF
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF492 (Melbourne to Sydney) pushed back at 8:50pm when a fault with the thrust reverser occurred. Upon inspection, engineers deemed this aircraft unserviceable. Qantas was able to find an alternate aircraft to undertake the scheduled flight to Sydney. Qantas advised the scheduled service would be able to land in Sydney by 11:20pm. There were 195 passengers and 10 crew members on board.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The Delegate was satisfied that all three criteria had been met and the airline had demonstrated that every reasonable effort had been made to avoid the need for a dispensation. Upon identifying the fault the airline immediately sourced an alternative aircraft as well as attempting to source accommodation for all passengers. The aircraft arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:18pm.

DISPENSATIONS NOT APPROVED

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Sunday, 1 June 2008
Aircraft: B747-300
Registration: VH-EBV
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF583 (Sydney to Perth) was delayed at 7:20pm due to a water leak entering the electronics bay. Engineers deemed this aircraft unserviceable. Qantas was able to find an alternate aircraft to undertake this flight. Qantas advised the replacement aircraft was due to land in Sydney at 11pm and it was able to quickly turn around the aircraft to undertake the scheduled flight. Qantas requested a dispensation for the replacement aircraft to depart Sydney for Perth no later than 11:59pm. There were 327 passengers and 17 crew members on this flight.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Tuesday, 3 June 2008
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQX
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Jetstar flight JQ429 (Coolangatta to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 10:25pm, however prior to departure at 9:35pm a nail was found in the aircraft tyre which caused a delay. The tyre had to be replaced for safety reasons and Jetstar requested a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:20pm. Alternative arrangements had not been made at the time of the request. There were 134 passengers and 7 crew members on board.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Thursday, 5 June 2008
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-JQG
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Network delays from 3pm had caused the original flight JQ478 (Melbourne to Newcastle) to miss landing at Newcastle Airport outside the RAAF imposed curfew period of 10pm. Jetstar made alternative arrangements to land at Sydney Airport prior to the Sydney Curfew and transport the passengers to Newcastle by bus. Upon departure from Melbourne, the flight was delayed further due to two passengers preferring not to fly to Sydney Airport and continue the trip to Newcastle by bus. This event triggered the removal of the passengers checked baggage from the aircraft hold. Jetstar requested a dispensation to land at Sydney Airport no later than 11:10pm. There were 135 passengers and 7 crew members on board.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the 'exceptional circumstances' criteria.