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Curfew Dispensation Report

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (Kingsford Smith) AIRPORT #08/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 31 October 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH141

Aircraft: A339

Registration: 9M-MNH

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH141 (Kuala Lumpur to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to adverse weather conditions. The aircraft was unable to land in Sydney due to weather and was diverted to Melbourne Airport, causing a delay. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. MH141 had 298 passengers, including 14 passengers requiring a wheelchair, and 11 crew onboard and cargo including perishable biological substances. The aircraft arrived at 23:27 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 3 November 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OGA

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to ground operation delays. The flight was fully boarded and ready to push-back when an aircraft loading truck broke down behind it. The loading truck had to be towed away before the aircraft could depart. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF652 had 155 passengers, including 2 passengers requiring a wheelchair, and 8 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:13 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 3 November 2025

Operator: AirAsia

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XXU

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to ground operation delays. The aircraft had been previously diverted to Melbourne Airport due to an unforeseen increase in weather severity in Sydney. Ground operations in Sydney further delayed the departure as inbound aircraft were prioritised by Air Traffic Controllers. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 0:30 local time on 4 November 2025. D7221 had 184 passengers, including 2 infants, 11 children and 1 passenger requiring a wheelchair, and 10 crew onboard. The aircraft departed at 00:19 local time on 4 November 2025.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (Kingsford Smith) AIRPORT #08/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

There were no refused dispensations for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport during this period.

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 approved if an application is made.

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These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.

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Date: 3 November 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QQ1407

Aircraft: Fokker 100

Registration: VH-UQD

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QQ1407 (Adelaide to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to previous sector delays. The previous sector flight (Brisbane to Adelaide) identified an engineering fault with the flight controls and had to return to the gate. An engineer attended to replace a part on the aircraft and approve paperwork, causing the delay. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:15 local time. QQ1407 had 93 passengers, including 1 passenger requiring a wheelchair and 2 infants, and 4 crew onboard. The aircraft departed at 23:13 local time.

Approved: Yes

Reasons for Approval: The Delegate was satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #08/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

There were no approved dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #08/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

There were no approved dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #08/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

There were no refused dispensations for Gold Coast Airport during this period.

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS #08/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/10/2025 – 3/11/2025

There were no refused dispensations for Essendon Fields Airport during this period.

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