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Curfew Dispensation Report

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #04/2026

APPROVED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 02/03/2026 – 09/03/2026

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 March 2026

Operator: Fiji Airways

Flight Number: FJ915

Aircraft: B737

Registration: DQ-FAB

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Fiji Airways flight FJ915 (Nadi to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to unexpected adverse weather conditions at Nadi Airport, which delayed the aircraft's departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time.

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 #04/2026

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 02/03/2026 – 09/03/2026

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 7 March 2026

Operator: National Airlines

Flight Number: NCR504

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: National Airlines flight NCR504 (Sydney to Hong Kong) requested a dispensation to depart from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport as the aircraft had experienced a delay in the previous sector due to crewing arrangements. A dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for the delay were not exceptional. The delay occurred in the previous sector, which does not meet the criteria required to issue a curfew dispensation for take-off at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport.

Approved: No

Reasons for Refusal: The Delegate was not satisfied that exceptional circumstances existed for the approval of a curfew dispensation.

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.

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

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.