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**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts**

Curfew Dispensation Report

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APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – SYDNEY (KINGSFORD SMITH) AIRPORT #06/2026**GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 23/03/2026 – 29/03/2026****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 March 2026

Operator: ASL Airlines

Flight Number: PH71

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-CYK

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: ASL Airlines flight PH71 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. On arrival in Sydney, the aircraft signalled an issue with the pressure in its rear wings, which required an engineer to assess and rectify. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. PH71 was a freight flight with cargo including must-fly medical supplies, which was considered by the delegate in granting the dispensation.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 24 March 2026

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Flight Number: HJ2

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-XQU

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ2 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft experienced damage to its aft hold on arrival at Sydney, which required an engineer to assess, repair and complete paperwork. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. HJ2 was a freight flight with cargo including must-fly radioactive medical isotopes with a limited half-life, which was considered by the delegate in granting the dispensation.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 27 March 2026

Operator: Hawaiian Airlines

Flight Number: HA852

Aircraft: A332

Registration: N385HA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Hawaiian Airlines flight HA852 (Sydney to Honolulu) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. Before departure, the aircraft reported a defect with the fuel filter, which required an engineer to inspect and repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 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 #06/2026

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 23/03/2026 – 29/03/2026

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.

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.