

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/11/2023 – 4/12/2023

SYDNEY AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 29 November 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZQ

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF927 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to airport hold at Cairns due to extensive storm weather. There was limited accommodation in Cairns. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF927 had 153 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board, along with 500kg of live fish, 63kg of live crabs, and 3 kg of must ride aircraft spares. The aircraft arrived at 23:59 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 29 November 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZF

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF556 (Sydney to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a failed to board passenger. The passenger's baggage was not located and permission from Qantas security was needed to depart. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF556 had 174 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:25 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 30 November 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYA

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF746 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineering issues with #2 engine after pushback necessitating an aircraft swap. The airline advised that there was limited accommodation in Adelaide. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF746 had 173 passengers and 6 crew on-board with 19kg of freight. The aircraft arrived at 23:42 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 30 November 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XZM

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF499 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering issues requiring a replacement of the Integrated Drive Generator Panel for #1 engine. Additionally, there were delays in refuelling the aircraft once repairs were completed and limited accommodation in Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF499 had 146 passengers including 2 wheelchair users and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:58 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 December 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXI

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF927 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed departing at Cairns Airport due to operational restrictions put in place by Cairns Air Traffic Control. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF927 had 160 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 20:35 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 December 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFP

Operator: Jetstar

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar flight JQ769 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed departing Adelaide Airport due to a refuelling issue. Refuelers uplifted 7.5 tonnes of fuel, 2 tonnes less than required. The Captain noticed this mistake and had the remaining fuel uplifted which caused delays. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ769 had 182 passengers including 1 infant, 4 children, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:05 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 December 2023

Aircraft: B777

Registration: B-KQS

Operator: Cathay Pacific

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing at Sydney Airport due to severe thunderstorms resulting in excessive Air Traffic Control airborne holding and multiple diversions across airports. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CX138 had 287 passengers including and 16 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:41 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 December 2023

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGO

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar flight JQ791 (Sunshine Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to severe thunderstorms resulting in excessive Air Traffic Control airborne holding along with a diversion to Canberra Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ791 had 151 passengers including 3 children, 2 wheelchair users and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft was diverted to Canberra, then later landed at Sydney at 23:36 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 December 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZC

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF549 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to severe thunderstorms resulting in excessive Air Traffic Control airborne holding and multiple diversions across airports. This flight was impacted and diverted to Canberra resulting in a delayed arrival into Sydney. There was limited accommodation at Canberra. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF549 had 177 passengers and 8 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at Sydney airport at 23:52 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 December 2023

Aircraft: B787

Registration: B-209E

Operator: China Southern

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: China Southern flight CZ302 (Sydney to Guangzhou) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a weather event resulting in Air Traffic Control holding all aircraft at Sydney airport. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. CZ302 had 242 passengers including 17 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:24 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 2 December 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZR

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF650 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a weather event in Sydney that resulted in Air Traffic Control placing a hold on operations. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF650 had 152 passengers and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft was diverted to Canberra, then arrived at Sydney at 23:09 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 3 December 2023

Aircraft: B787

Registration: JA885A

Operator: All Nippon Airways

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: All Nippon Airways flight NH880 (Sydney to Tokyo) was delayed departing Sydney Airport due to engineering issue discovered after push back. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. NH880 had 204 passengers and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:02 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 3 December 2023

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EEF

Operator: Emirates

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK417 (Sydney to Dubai) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to the onboarding of sensitive security passengers. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. EK417 had 409 passengers including 8 under security supervision, 4 wheelchair users, and 28 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:25 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 4 December 2023

Aircraft: A332

Registration: 9MMUD

Operator: Malaysian Airlines

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysian Airlines flight MH6428 (Sydney to Manila) was delayed departing Sydney due to technical issues loading the cargo. There were 24 pallets of live cattle on board along with perishable goods. A dispensation was granted to depart no later than 23:43 local time. MH6428 had 2 crew on board. The aircraft departed at 23:40 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/11/2023 – 4/12/2023

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

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Date: 1 December 2023

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UZH

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QF1979 (Canberra to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to engineering issues in the previous sector along with limited accommodation in Canberra. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF1979 had 100 passengers including unaccompanied minors and wheelchair passengers, with 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:08 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 1 December 2023

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YFY

Operator: Virgin Australia

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA442 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays from previous sector caused by the cancellation of a flight that resulted in 18 bags having to be removed. The airline advised that there was limited accommodation in Sydney. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. VA442 had 176 passengers including 172 connected to school groups, and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

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GOLD COAST AIRPORT

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

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/11/2023 – 4/12/2023

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

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

GOLD COAST AIRPORT

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

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

There were no refused dispensations for Essendon Fields 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 given if an application is made.

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

These situations are not recorded in this Dispensation Report.