

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/11/2024 – 03/02/2025****SYDNEY AIRPORT****DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 25 November 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFU

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Kingsford Smith Airport (Sydney Airport) due to a baggage discrepancy requiring a luggage search to be undertaken before push-back. Further delay occurred as a result of departing flights waiting for arrivals that were given priority by air traffic control. Departing flights were required to wait until given clearance to proceed to take-off from Cairns Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:25 local time. JQ957 had 184 passengers including 2 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. 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: 27 November 2024

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF494

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYA

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF494 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a fail-to-board passenger in Melbourne, which required a search and removal of checked luggage. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. QF494 had 169 passengers, 6 crew on-board and cargo of perishable vaccines and medical samples. The aircraft arrived at 23:05 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: 28 November 2024

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA562

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YIA

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA562 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport caused by a runway closure at Perth Airport due to required works. This required cargo to be offloaded from the aircraft at the last minute to keep the aircraft under maximum performance limited take-off weight. The closure also created extended aircraft taxiing times and delayed departure from Perth Airport until operations returned to normal. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. VA562 had 157 passengers including 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:03 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: 28 November 2024

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTC

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a late arrival of the aircraft into Sydney. There were no other aircraft available for a swap. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. MH140 had 289 passengers including 22 wheelchair users and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:29 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: 29 November 2024

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A333

Registration: 9M-MTL

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to damage to the second passenger loading door area during cleaning, affecting the port-side lighting of the aircraft. Engineers inspected and repaired the damage before boarding could commence. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. MH140 had 292 passengers including 18 wheelchair users, 3 unaccompanied minors, 12 crew on-board and freight including 8 tonnes of perishable goods on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:18 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: 30 November 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFL

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to errors in the aircraft weight distribution being identified prior to departure from Perth Airport. This required passengers and luggage to be offloaded and then reboarded according to weight distribution requirements before the aircraft could depart. A dispensation was granted for landing in Sydney no later than 23:15 local time. JQ987 had 224 passengers including 10 children, 3 infants and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:12 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: 1 December 2024

Operator: All Nippon Airways

Flight Number: NH880

Aircraft: B787

Registration: JA893A

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: All Nippon Airways flight NH880 (Sydney to Tokyo) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a vehicle tow bar breaking during pushback from the gate. This required an engineering inspection and repair before departure. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. NH880 had 234 passengers and 12 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:55 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: 2 December 2024

Operator: Etihad Airways

Flight Number: EY455

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-ETJ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Etihad Airways flight EY455 (Sydney to Abu Dhabi) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a second passenger loading door safety slide partially deploying during aircraft boarding. An engineering fix was completed and a section of passengers and their luggage were removed from the aircraft for safety reasons. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. EY455 had 328 passengers including 6 wheelchair users, 6 infants and 16 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:31 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: 2 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ769

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ769 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport caused by a cabin crew member not being available due to a medical condition. A replacement crew member was required to travel from their home as none were immediately available at the airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ769 had 232 passengers including 10 children, 9 infants, 2 passengers requiring special assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:44 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 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ530

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-XSJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ530 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to First Officer communication equipment that was found to be inoperable during pre-flight checks. An engineering fix was required to be completed before boarding and departure could commence. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ530 had 183 passengers including 1 infant, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:12 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 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ750

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-YXS

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ750 (Launceston to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport caused by the aircraft being unable to be fully fuelled at Launceston due to a supply shortage. The flight was required to detour to Melbourne to refuel before completing its journey to Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ750 had 146 passengers including 5 children and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:34 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: 4 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ530

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ530 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to engineer repairs required prior to departing Melbourne Airport. During pre-boarding aircraft inspections, the Captain reported damage to the aircraft wings. This required an engineering fix and completion of paperwork before boarding could commence. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ530 had 173 passengers including 2 wheelchair users, 2 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 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: 6 December 2024

Operator: Qatar Airways

Flight Number: QR908

Aircraft: A388

Registration: A7-APE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qatar Airways flight QR908 (Doha to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a medical emergency mid-flight, requiring the aircraft to divert to Colombo Airport, Sri Lanka. The passenger was offloaded and the aircraft refuelled before completing the route to Sydney Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:55 local time. QR908 had 459 passengers including 33 children, 23 wheelchair users, 8 infants and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:52 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: 7 December 2024

Operator: Qatar Airways

Flight Number: QR909

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A7-APE

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qatar Airways flight QR909 (Sydney to Doha) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport caused by the aircraft arriving late into Sydney from the previous leg due to medical emergency requiring a diversion to Colombo Airport. No other aircraft were available and Qatar Airways advised there was insufficient accommodation available to accommodate passengers overnight. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 02:15 local time. QR909 had 502 passengers including 30 wheelchair passengers, 21 children, 5 infants, 3 containers of perishable goods, human remains and 29 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 02:10 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: 7 December 2024

Operator: AirAsia X

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XXG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia X flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to engineering issues, requiring repairs to the air-start system before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:40 local time. D7221 had 369 passengers including 33 children, 3 wheelchair users, 3 infants, 2 unaccompanied minors and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:18 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: 11 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ419

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFY

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ419 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering fix required prior to departure. During the pre-flight inspection, the Captain reported loose speed tape on one of the aircraft wings. This required an engineer to fix and approve the aircraft for departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:45 local time. JQ419 had 162 passengers including 16 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:44 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: 13 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFW

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to boarding and ground halts at Cairns Airport caused by Air Traffic Control declaring airport operation stops because of lightning activity. Further delays were caused by a technical malfunction of boarding systems, requiring a manual boarding processes for each passenger. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ957 had 224 passengers including 5 children, 4 infants 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 15 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ612

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ612 (Avalon to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering inspection and repair that was required after multiple failures to start the aircraft with a Ground Power Unit before boarding could commence to depart Avalon Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ612 had 170 passengers including 12 children, 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:21 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: 20 December 2024

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF498

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XZO

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a mechanical fault during departure at Melbourne Airport. An Auxiliary Power Unit failure occurred during taxiing, requiring repair before departure was approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. QF498 had 141 passengers and 6 crew on-board with cargo including human blood and medical goods. The aircraft arrived at 23:17 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: 20 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWX

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to boarding and ground halts at Cairns Airport caused by Air Traffic Control declaring airport operation stops because of lightning activity. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ957 had 196 passengers including 18 children, 1 infant, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:22 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: 23 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWQ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineering fault reported for exhaust gas temperatures detected prior to departure from Perth Airport. This required an inspection and repair before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ987 had 213 passengers including 13 children, 5 infants and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:23 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: 4 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ40

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYQ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ40 (Denpasar to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an inflight passenger medical emergency, requiring the flight to be diverted to Darwin Airport to offload the passenger. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ40 had 230 passengers including 15 children, 6 infants and 9 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:52 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: 7 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-VWT

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to unplanned ground operations congestion at Perth Airport. This delayed push-back and taxiing for departure from Perth Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ987 had 214 passengers including 23 children, 5 infants, 2 wheelchair users and 7 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 7 January 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK414

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK414 (Dubai to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an in-flight passenger medical emergency, requiring diversion to Adelaide Airport to offload the passenger and refuel the aircraft. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 00:45 local time. EK414 had 463 passengers including 6 wheelchair users, 3 infants, 1 passenger requiring special assistance, 29 crew on-board and temperature sensitive perishable meat included in the aircraft cargo. The aircraft arrived at 00:45 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: 11 January 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTB

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to an engineering inspection prior to departure that was required on the aircraft's Auxiliary Power Unit found, resulting in an air-start. There was no aircraft available to swap in Sydney. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:15 local time. MH140 had 247 passengers including 8 wheelchair users, 5 infants and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:11 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: 14 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF498

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYD

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to congestion at Melbourne Airport, resulting in delayed departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:50 local time. The dispensation was granted on the grounds that the flight had 10kg of live human organs in the cargo that could not be transferred to another Sydney-bound flight that evening. QF498 had 155 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:28 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ532

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQG

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ532 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ532 had 175 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:00 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ419

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-A5B

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ419 (Gold Coast to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ419 had 168 passengers including 3 infants and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:03 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport because of a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF652 had 141 passengers and 6 crew on-board with cargo including 41kg of live fish, 13kg of human organs and 3kg of perishable meat. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF807

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Sydney to Canberra) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF807 had 166 passengers including 6 infants and 6 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 15 January 2025

Operator: AirAsia X

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XXU

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia X flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. D7221 had 241 passengers including 16 children, 5 elderly passengers, 1 infant and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:42 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX41

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXB

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX41 (Sydney to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TFX41 is a freight flight with 2 crew and cargo including time-sensitive medical goods and cancer isotopes on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:44 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF499

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF499 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. QF499 had 149 passengers and 6 crew on-board with cargo including life-saving goods. The aircraft departed at 23:46 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTD

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. MH140 had 215 passengers including 20 wheelchair users and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:48 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Airwork

Flight Number: AWK2

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TLM

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Airwork flight AWK2 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. AWK2 was a freight flight with 2 crew and cargo including express goods, urgent factory equipment and aircraft parts on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:51 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: 15 January 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX22

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXD

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX22 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TFX22 is a cargo flight with 2 crew and freight including time-sensitive medical goods and cancer isotopes. The aircraft departed at 23:52 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: 16 January 2025

Operator: Cathay Pacific Airways

Flight Number: CX138

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXN

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 01:00 local time. CX138 had 226 passengers and 14 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 00:02 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: 16 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF904

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF904 (Sydney to Sunshine Coast Airport) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:30 local time. QF904 had 90 passengers including 6 infants and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 00:08 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: 16 January 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA898

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA898 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 01:00 local time. VA898 had 173 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 00:28 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF652

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF652 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF652 had 166 passengers including 5 infants, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board with cargo including human blood. The aircraft arrived at 23:03 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF746

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXC

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF746 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF746 had 163 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:06 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ750

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFX

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ750 (Launceston to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ750 had 175 passengers including 2 infants, 2 passengers requiring special assistance and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF498

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-XZB

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF498 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF498 had 172 passengers including 1 infant and 6 crew on-board with cargo including human organs and medical pharmaceuticals. 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Thai AirAsia X

Flight Number: XJ389

Aircraft: A330

Registration: HS-XTG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Thai AirAsia X flight XJ389 (Sydney to Bangkok) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. XJ389 had 126 passengers including 7 children, 3 passengers requiring special assistance and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:19 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ535

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGQ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ535 (Sydney to Melbourne) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to delays in freight loading and completing must-ride paperwork. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. JQ535 had 185 passengers including 7 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board with cargo including medical equipment and human blood. The aircraft departed at 23:22 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: AirAsia X

Flight Number: D7221

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-XBI

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: AirAsia X flight D7221 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. D7221 had 211 passengers including 15 children, 4 infants, 5 passengers requiring special assistance and 11 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:31 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTJ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. MH140 had 231 passengers including 5 wheelchair users, 1 child requiring special assistance, 1 deportee with 2 escorts and 10 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:37 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Hawaiian Airlines

Flight Number: HA452

Aircraft: A330

Registration: N379HA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Hawaiian Airlines flight HA452 (Sydney to Honolulu) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to catering truck breakdown while still connected to the aircraft. An engineering fix on the truck's brakes was required before it could be detached from the aircraft and to then allow for preparation for take-off. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. HA452 had 258 passengers and 13 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 17 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ957

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VWW

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ957 (Cairns to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to localised thunderstorms in the Cairns area halting ground operations and delaying departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ957 had 225 passengers including 16 children, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:41 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ724

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-A5A

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ724 (Hobart to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ725 had 178 passengers including 24 children, 2 infants and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:45 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ532

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFH

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ532 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops and a holding pattern were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ532 had 184 passengers including 5 children, 1 infant, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:50 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: 18 January 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airways

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A330

Registration: 9M-MTA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to 2 fail-to-board passengers, requiring luggage to be found and offloaded before departure. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. MH140 had 194 passengers including 11 wheelchair users and 11 crew on-board with cargo including goods on dry ice, perishable meats and fruits. The aircraft departed at 23:28 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: 21 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OFE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an engineer fix required for a defective tray table. The aircraft was held for 90 minutes for repairs with no substitute aircraft available to swap. A passenger incident also occurred during the repairs that required the removal of the passenger and their luggage. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ987 had 217 passengers including 25 children, 2 infants, 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:36 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: 21 January 2025

Operator: Malaysia Airlines

Flight Number: MH140

Aircraft: A333

Registration: 9M-MTB

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Malaysia Airlines flight MH140 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) was delayed departing from Sydney Airport due to an Auxiliary Power Unit becoming inoperable after boarding. A Ground Power Unit was required to help with the air-start of engines. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. MH140 had 222 passengers including 19 wheelchair users and 11 crew on-board with 13 tonnes of perishable goods included in the cargo. The aircraft departed at 23:23 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: 25 January 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ750

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ750 (Launceston to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to a security breach at Launceston airport requiring all passengers to disembark, re-screened for security before reboarding the aircraft. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ750 had 163 passengers including 15 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:02 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: 27 January 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA879

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUI

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA879 (Melbourne to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to an unruly passenger prior to departure at Melbourne. The aircraft was required to return to the gate where the Australian Federal Police escorted the passenger from flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. VA879 had 169 passengers with 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:12 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: 31 January 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK414

Aircraft: A380

Registration: A6-EVJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK414 (Dubai to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney Airport due to ground congestion prior to departure from Dubai Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. EK414 had 478 passengers including 42 children, 11 wheelchair users, 4 infants and 29 crew on-board and perishable cargo. The aircraft arrived at 23:04 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/11/2024 – 03/02/2025**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 23 January 2025

Operator: Fiji Airways

Flight Number: FJ915

Aircraft: B737

Registration: DQ-FAH

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Fiji Airways flight FJ915 (Nadi to Sydney) requested a dispensation for a late arrival at Sydney Airport due to an inclement weather warning at Nadi causing a ground stop delaying planned departure from Fiji. A dispensation for landing was not granted as the circumstances for delay were not exceptional. FJ915 had 164 passengers with 7 crew on-board. Flight was rescheduled for 24 January 2025.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 28 January 2025

Operator: Turkish Airlines

Flight Number: TK175

Aircraft: A350

Registration: TC-LGC

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Turkish Airlines flight TK175 (Sydney to Kuala Lumpur) requested a dispensation for a late departure from Sydney Airport due previous sector's late arrival into Sydney Airport. The aircraft had been diverted to Canberra for refuelling before continuing on to Sydney. A dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for delay were not exceptional. TK175 had 169 passengers with 11 crew on-board. The flight was cancelled and rescheduled for 29 January 2025.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 28 January 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX22

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXD

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX22 (Sydney to Melbourne) requested a dispensation for a late departure from Sydney Airport due to increased cargo because of the Australia Day public holiday and inclement weather at Sydney delaying departures. A dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for delay were not exceptional. TFX22 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board with freight including medical isotopes and time sensitive medical goods. The flight was cancelled.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 28 January 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX41

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX41 (Sydney to Brisbane) requested a dispensation for a late departure from Sydney Airport due to increased cargo because of the Australia Day public holiday and inclement weather at Sydney delaying departures. A dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for delay were not exceptional. TFX41 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on-board with freight including medical isotopes and time sensitive medical goods. The flight was cancelled.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 28 January 2025

Operator: Cathay Pacific Airways

Flight Number: CX138

Aircraft: A350

Registration: B-LXL

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Cathay Pacific Airways flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) requested a dispensation for a late departure from Sydney Airport due to a significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. A dispensation for take-off was not granted as the circumstances for delay were not exceptional. The flight was cancelled.

Approved: No

Reasons for Approval: 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.

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/11/2024 – 03/02/2025

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 27 November 2024

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA247

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-IWY

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA247 (Melbourne to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays in previous sector caused by a holding pattern and a missed approach on arrival to Melbourne Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. VA247 had 142 passengers and 6 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 the approval of a curfew dispensation.

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 27 November 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ682

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ682 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a fuel discrepancy in the previous sector requiring a recalculation and additional refuelling. The aircraft engines required an air-start due to an inoperable Auxiliary Power Unit which delayed departure from Hobart Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ682 had 155 passengers including 8 children, 3 infants, 1 passenger requiring special assistance and 6 crew on-board. 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: 29 November 2024

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to a late arrival in the previous sector and a need to change crew for this flight. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. QF749 had 161 passengers including 4 wheelchair users, 1 carer and 6 crew on-board and freight including 95kg of human blood and biological samples. The aircraft arrived at 23:10 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: 30 November 2024

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK441

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWH

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to damage to an aircraft wheel in the previous sector that required a return to gate for replacement before departure from Dubai Airport. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:10 local time. EK441 had 257 passengers including 9 wheelchair users, 3 infants and 17 crew on-board with freight including perishable meat and human blood. The aircraft departed at 00:06 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: 30 November 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ682

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ682 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering inspection requested by the Captain after boarding was completed. A fault was found in the trim air system that required an engineer repair prior to being approved for departure. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. JQ682 had 142 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:06 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: 2 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ680

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQE

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ680 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an error identified with a wing fuel transfer valve. An inspection was required before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. JQ680 had 146 passengers including 2 children, 1 special assistant passenger and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:00 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: 2 December 2024

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA442

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-YWD

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA442 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault with a window that could not be repaired. The fault was identified prior to boarding in Sydney, resulting in an aircraft swap. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. VA442 had 174 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:44 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: 4 December 2024

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1939

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-A2V

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airways flight QF1939 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to localised storms affecting ground operations at Brisbane Airport. Ground stops were called due to lightning strikes at Brisbane Airport, delaying network departures and affecting the previous sector's arrival to Brisbane Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:20 local time. QF1939 had 95 passengers including 3 wheelchair users, 1 passenger requiring medical assistance and 4 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 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: 13 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ768

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGY

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ768 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due an engineering fix required after the aircraft was cleared for departure from Sydney Airport. The aircraft was required to return to gate because of a flight control error requiring inspection and engineering fix before departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. JQ768 had 159 passengers including 6 children, 2 wheelchair users, 1 infant and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:28 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: 16 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ680

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGN

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ680 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an aircraft swap required as a result of an unrepairable engine compressor vane. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ680 had 131 passengers including 2 children, 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:16 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: 30 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ680

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VQJ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ680 (Hobart to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to delays at Hobart Airport. In the previous sector, the aircraft required an air-start required on the engines, delaying arrival at Hobart Airport. At Hobart Airport, an engineering inspection and repairs were undertaken on an engine defect. This delayed the aircraft refuelling before passenger boarding could commence. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ680 had 171 passengers including 13 children, 1 infant and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:19 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: 31 December 2024

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ980

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-OFQ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ980 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due engineering fix required prior to departure from Perth Airport. During pre-flight inspection engineers found a wing-to-body fairing to be loose. Repair and documentation needed to be completed before departure approval. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 22:30 local time. JQ980 had 217 passengers including 15 children, 4 infants and 7 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 23:22 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 January 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK441

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWB

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to delays in previous sector because a pilot headset required replacement before boarding could commence. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. EK441 had 196 passengers including 24 children, 1 infant and 16 crew on-board, with freight including 11kg of human blood samples. The aircraft departed at 23:16 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: 8 January 2025

Operator: Qatar Airways

Flight Number: QR915

Aircraft: A350

Registration: A7-ALD

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qatar Airways flight QR915 (Adelaide to Doha) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to a change in weather conditions for departure. The captain determined the aircraft was too heavy for the weather conditions for a safe take-off and requested the removal of 8.4 tonnes of cargo and luggage. A flight plan and weight recalculations needed to be completed before departure approval. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QR915 had 272 passengers and 17 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:28 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: 9 January 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK441

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWF

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to departure in previous sector caused by longer than expected refuelling at Dubai Airport. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. EK441 had 240 passengers including 5 wheelchair users and 16 crew on-board with 12 tonnes of cargo including perishable meat and a radioactive shipment with a courier on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:32 local time. Emirates advised the department the cause for the later departure was due to 2 passengers moving about the cabin during taxiing, this prevented the aircraft's crew from declaring the cabin safe and secured for take-off.

Approved: Yes

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 16 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VZM

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to significant weather event affecting ground operations and departures at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 00:30 local time. QF749 had 160 passengers and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft arrived at 00:10 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF888

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VYI

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF888 (Perth to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to required engineering repairs on aircraft door prior to departure from Perth Airport. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF888 had 175 passengers including 1 infant, 1 unaccompanied minor and 6 crew on-board with cargo including 31kg of human blood. The aircraft arrived at 23:01 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: 17 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXG

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to significant weather event affecting ground operations at Sydney Airport. Repeated ground stops were called delaying all arriving and departing flights. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF749 had 175 passengers including 3 wheelchair users, 1 infant, 6 crew on-board with cargo including must travel medical supplies. The aircraft arrived at 23:42 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: 27 January 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA723

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VUT

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA723 (Adelaide to Perth) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to delays in previous sector (Melbourne to Adelaide). An aircraft swap was needed at Melbourne Airport after occurred during landing to aircraft. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:25 local time. VA723 had 167 passengers including 1 wheelchair user and 6 crew on-board. The aircraft departed at 23:21 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: 28 January 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF745

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXG

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF745 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to an aircraft swap required in Sydney Airport. During pre-boarding checks, the flight crew reported an odour in the cockpit and cabin that could not be identified. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF745 had 173 passengers and 6 crew on-board with cargo including live animals and human organs. The aircraft arrived at 23:41 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: 31 January 2025

Operator: Emirates

Flight Number: EK441

Aircraft: B777

Registration: A6-EWH

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Emirates flight EK441 (Adelaide to Dubai) was delayed departing from Adelaide Airport due to delays in the previous sector. Delays at Dubai Airport due to passenger transfers and boarding delays for passengers connecting from other flights. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. EK441 had 145 passengers and 16 crew on-board, with 23 tonnes of perishable cargo. The aircraft departed at 23:15 local time.

Approved: Yes

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

GOLD COAST AIRPORT**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 8 January 2025

Operator: QantasLink

Flight Number: QF1262

Aircraft: A220

Registration: VH-X4B

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: QantasLink flight QF1262 (Gold Coast to Brisbane) was originally a flight from Melbourne to Brisbane, however diverted to Gold Coast to refuel. This was because of Brisbane Airport Air Traffic Control placing a holding pattern above Brisbane Airport due to localised thunderstorms. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:30 local time. QF1262 had 53 passengers including 1 infant, 1 wheelchair user and 5 crew on-board. The aircraft departed 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.

ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS

INDIVIDUAL REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/11/2024 – 03/02/2025

ADELAIDE AIRPORT

There were no refused dispensations for Adelaide 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 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.