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Curfew Dispensation Report

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July 2025



GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 23 July 2025

Operator: China Southern Airlines

Flight Number: CZ302

Aircraft: B787

Registration: B-209X

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: China Southern Airlines flight CZ302 (Sydney to Guangzhou) was delayed in departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. A mechanical defect was identified during the engine start up process and the aircraft was required to return to the gate for an engineer to inspect and repair the defect. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 00:10 local time on 24 July 2025. CZ302 had 237 passengers and 16 crew on-board.

Approved: Yes

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

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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.

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.

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #04/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #04/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025**DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION**

Date: 24 July 2025

Operator: Sparfell Luftfahrt

Flight Number: nil

Aircraft: G650ER

Registration: OE-LTP

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Sparfell Luftfahrt requested a dispensation to land during the curfew period at Adelaide Airport on 5 August 2025. A dispensation was not granted as the request was made for a flight 12 days in advance and the request did not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances required to issue a curfew dispensation for landing at Adelaide Airport.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF REFUSED DISPENSATION

Date: 25 July 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: nil

Aircraft: nil

Registration: nil

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas requested a dispensation to depart from Adelaide Airport during the curfew period on 4 August 2025. A dispensation was not granted as the request was made for a flight 10 days in advance and the request did not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances required to issue a curfew dispensation for take-off at Adelaide Airport.

Approved: No

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #04/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 22/07/2025 – 29/07/2025

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

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