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Curfew Dispensation Report

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GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 28 August 2025

Operator: China Airlines

Flight Number: CI52

Aircraft: A359

Registration: B-18915

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: China Airlines flight CI52 (Sydney to Taipei) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft reported a mechanical fault with its wing spoilers, which required an engineer to inspect and repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. CI52 had 306 passengers and 15 crew onboard. The aircraft departed 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: 28 August 2025

Operator: Scoot Airways

Flight Number: TR13

Aircraft: B787

Registration: 9V-OJG

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Scoot Airways flight TR13 (Sydney to Singapore) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. Before departure, the aircraft reported a hydraulic defect which required an engineer to repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TR13 had 355 passengers and 11 crew onboard. The aircraft departed at 23:47 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 September 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 (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a technical issue with the Air Traffic Control tower. The technical issue reduced the amount of arrivals and departures that could occur per hour, resulting in delays. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TFX22 was a cargo flight with 2 crew onboard and freight which included time sensitive radioactive isotopes for medical treatment. The aircraft departed at 23:14 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 September 2025

Operator: Tasman Cargo Airlines

Flight Number: HJ002

Aircraft: B767

Registration: VH-EXZ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Tasman Cargo Airlines flight HJ002 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a technical issue with the Air Traffic Control tower. The technical issue reduced the amount of arrivals and departures that could occur per hour, resulting in delays. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. HJ002 was a cargo flight with 2 crew onboard and freight which included time sensitive medical treatment. The aircraft departed at 23:20 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 September 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX402

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXC

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX402 (Sydney to Brisbane) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a technical issue with the Air Traffic Control tower. The technical issue reduced the amount of arrivals and departures that could occur per hour, resulting in delays. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TFX402 was a cargo flight with 3 crew onboard and freight which included time sensitive radioactive isotopes for medical treatment. 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: 9 September 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 (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a technical issue with the Air Traffic Control tower. The technical issue reduced the amount of arrivals and departures that could occur per hour, resulting in delays. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TFX41 was a cargo flight with 2 crew onboard and freight which included time sensitive radioactive isotopes for medical treatment. The aircraft departed at 23:25 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: 10 September 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ612

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGO

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ612 (Avalon to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to adverse weather conditions. While airborne, the aircraft was put into a holding pattern to ease congestion caused by unexpected weather. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ612 had 176 passengers and 4 crew onboard. 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: 12 September 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ987

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ987 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. During a pre-flight inspection, damage was identified on one of the aircraft's tyres which required replacement. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ987 had 200 passengers including 3 infants, 14 children, 2 passengers requiring a wheelchair and 7 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:47 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 September 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF748

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VXQ

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF748 (Adelaide to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to boarding delays. After the aircraft was boarded, a customer became short of breath and required medical clearance before take-off could occur. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF748 had 81 passengers and 6 crew onboard. 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: 29 September 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ724

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VGF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ724 (Hobart to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to baggage loading delays. Baggage became stuck in the aircraft hold, and it required an engineer to troubleshoot and fix the issue. The aircraft was then required to wait for another inbound aircraft to land before it could take-off, causing a further delay. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ724 had 172 passengers including 9 children, 2 infants, 1 passenger requiring assistance and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:07 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 September 2025

Operator: ASL Airlines

Flight Number: PH71

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-RAN

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: ASL Airlines flight PH71 (Sydney to Auckland) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a Customs system error. A technical error with the Customs system caused delays in cargo being loaded into the aircraft. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. PH71 was a cargo flight with 3 crew onboard and urgent and time sensitive medical treatment. 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: 2 October 2025

Operator: Scoot Airways

Flight Number: TR13

Aircraft: B787

Registration: 9V-OJJ

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Scoot Airways flight TR13 (Sydney to Singapore) was delayed departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to ground operation delays. Weather at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport resulted in the use of a single-runway. A ground delay program and flight diversions were put in place as a result, causing delays. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:59 local time. TR13 had 355 passengers and 13 crew onboard. The aircraft departed 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: 2 October 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ612

Aircraft: A320

Registration: VH-VFI

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ612 (Avalon to Sydney) was delayed arriving at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to an engineering fault. During the pre-departure inspection, an engine high pressure valve defect was found requiring an engineer to repair. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:30 local time. JQ612 had 168 passengers including 2 children and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived 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: 6 October 2025

Operator: ASL Airlines

Flight Number: PH71

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-RAN

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. During the pre-departure inspection, the aircraft's rain repellent and windscreen function was found to be defective. The defect required an engineer to repair prior to take-off. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:45 local time. PH71 was a cargo flight with 2 crew onboard and freight including urgent and time sensitive medical supplies. 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.

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 9 September 2025

Operator: Singapore Airlines

Flight Number: SQ7449

Aircraft: B777

Registration: 9V-DHA

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Singapore Airlines flight SQ7449 (Sydney to Singapore) requested a dispensation to depart from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to air traffic management limitations. A dispensation was not granted as the request did not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances required to issue a curfew dispensation for departing from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. SQ7449 was a cargo flight with 2 crew on board and no time sensitive cargo.

Approved: No

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

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: 25 September 2025

Operator: Texel Air Australasia

Flight Number: TFX402

Aircraft: B737

Registration: ZK-TXC

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Texel Air Australasia flight TFX402 (Sydney to Brisbane) requested a dispensation to depart from Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport due to a previous sector delay. A dispensation was not granted as the request related to a previous sector delay, which is not grounds for a dispensation to be granted for Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport. TFX402 had 2 crew onboard and no cargo.

Approved: No

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

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GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: 28 August 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-VYC

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to previous sector delays. Eight passengers and their luggage had to be offloaded at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport after aircraft boarding had completed. The passengers were previously misconnected from another flight. Further delays occurred in flight due to strong headwinds. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF749 had 144 passengers and 6 crew onboard with cargo including 10kg of blood products. 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: 29 August 2025

Operator: Virgin Australia

Flight Number: VA723

Aircraft: B737

Registration: VH-VOL

Operation: Departure

Circumstances Leading to Request: Virgin Australia flight VA723 (Adelaide to Perth) was delayed departing Adelaide Airport due to an engineering fault. The aircraft's flap overspeed system, which is necessary for take-off speed calculations, required engineer inspection and repair. A dispensation was granted for take-off no later than 23:20 local time. VA723 had 85 passengers and 6 crew onboard. The aircraft departed 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: 12 September 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ689

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ689 (Darwin to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to previous sector delays. In the previous sector flight (Adelaide to Darwin) a passenger suffered from a medical incident requiring the aircraft's physicians kit to be opened to assist medical personnel with treatment. An engineer was required to enter the incident on the Minimum Equipment List and complete checks. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:40 local time. JQ689 had 205 passengers including 5 children, 4 infants, 1 passenger requiring a wheelchair and 7 crew onboard. 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: 15 September 2025

Operator: Alliance Airlines

Flight Number: QF1936

Aircraft: E190

Registration: VH-UZF

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Alliance Airlines flight QF1936 (Brisbane to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to previous sector delays. The previous sector departure (Adelaide to Brisbane) was delayed due to a lightning strike in the terminal area causing a ground stop. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:15 local time. QF1936 had 68 passengers and 4 crew onboard. The aircraft arrived at 23:14 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 September 2025

Operator: Jetstar Airways

Flight Number: JQ689

Aircraft: A321

Registration: VH-OYR

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Jetstar Airways flight JQ689 (Darwin to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to previous sector delays. In the previous sector flight (Adelaide to Darwin) the aircraft recorded a hard landing, which required a full engineer inspection before a further departure could be approved. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. JQ689 had 215 passengers including 2 infants, 12 children, 2 passengers requiring a wheelchair and 7 crew onboard. 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: 2 October 2025

Operator: Qantas

Flight Number: QF749

Aircraft: B738

Registration: VH-XZA

Operation: Arrival

Circumstances Leading to Request: Qantas flight QF749 (Sydney to Adelaide) was delayed arriving at Adelaide Airport due to ground operation delays. Weather at Sydney (Kingsford Smith) Airport resulted in the use of a single-runway. A ground delay program and flight diversions were put in place as a result, causing delays. A dispensation was granted for landing no later than 23:59 local time. QF749 had 157 passengers including 1 requiring assistance and 6 crew onboard with cargo including 31kg of perishable food. The aircraft arrived 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.

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #06/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

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

APPROVED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS AIRPORT #06/2025

GRANTED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – GOLD COAST AIRPORT #06/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

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

REFUSED DISPENSATIONS – ESSENDON FIELDS #06/2025

REFUSED DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 25/08/2025 – 06/10/2025

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

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