

APPROVED DISPENSATION

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

20/08/2008 – 12/09/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2008
Operator: Sydney Airport Corporation Limited
Operation: Period of runway construction works

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Sydney Airport Corporation Limited applied for a blanket runway dispensation to transfer permitted curfew traffic to the northern end of runway 16R/34L. This request is to undertake essential construction works for taxiway airfield light re-spacing and the construction of new generation aircraft taxiway fillets within runway 16R/34L.

The northern end of runway 16R/34L is normally closed to aircraft movements during curfew, but is required to be opened to any permitted aircraft during curfew for 28 nights only during the period of 1 September to 30 October 2008. Approval was given on the condition that the community living immediately to the north of the Airport were advised of the changes in curfew operations.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The runway works constitute an upgrade and are necessary for the continued safe operation of the Airport. This work constitutes 'exceptional circumstances', as listed in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the dispensation guidelines which cover the possible unavailability of the main north-south runway due to maintenance.

DISPENSATION NOT APPROVED

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:

20/08/2008 – 12/09/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Saturday, 23 August 2008

Aircraft: B747-400

Registration: VH-OEF

Operator: Qantas

Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF128 (Hong Kong to Sydney) was originally diverted to Manila due to a predicted typhoon in Hong Kong. The flight resumed its schedule to Hong Kong once the typhoon had passed. Qantas was delayed departing Hong Kong at 12:50pm due to traffic congestion as a result of the typhoon. Qantas applied for a dispensation to land no later than 11:10pm at Sydney Airport. There were 253 passengers and 18 crew members on board.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation as Qantas had sufficient time to make alternative arrangements.