

APPROVED DISPENSATION

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 7/11/2008 - 27/11/2008

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Thursday, 13 November 2008
Aircraft: B767-300
Registration: VH-ZXB
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF557 (Brisbane to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 9:45pm. This flight was delayed due to a baggage container breaking whilst in the process of being loaded and locked into the cargo hold. Further delays were encountered in the air as Qantas was queued to land behind two other aircraft in Sydney. Qantas requested a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:10pm. There were 141 passengers and 11 crew members on board.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for the issue of a curfew dispensation. The baggage container breaking was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:05pm.

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Date: Thursday, 20 November 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VYF
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF557 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed due to ground operation delays from thunderstorms in the Brisbane area. Qantas requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:25pm. There were 154 passengers and 7 crew members on board.

Approved: Yes

REASONS FOR APPROVAL

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for the issue of a curfew dispensation. The ground operation delay was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:21pm.

DISPENSATION NOT APPROVED

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Date: Friday, 7 November 2008
Aircraft: E170
Registration: VH-ZHA
Operator: Virgin Blue
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Virgin Blue flight DJ895 (Melbourne to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 10pm, however encountered a mechanical issue with the fuel imbalance system just prior to departure from Melbourne. There were 75 passengers and 6 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.

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Date: Thursday, 13 November 2008
Aircraft: A330
Registration: BLAG
Operator: Cathay Pacific
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Cathay flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) had commenced final boarding when engineers were informed that on the preceding sector the aircraft had encountered a heavy landing. Cathay engineers had to perform tests on the aircraft which caused a delay in departure. There were 252 passengers and 13 crew members onboard.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation.

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Date: Friday, 14 November 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VYH
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF462 (Melbourne to Sydney) diverted to Melbourne for refuelling due to thunderstorm activity in Sydney. Qantas refuelled the aircraft and was ready to depart Melbourne for Sydney, however due to congestion could not get a departure slot until 10:10pm from Melbourne. There were 161 passengers and 7 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.

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Date: Friday, 14 November 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-OGR
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF582 (Perth to Sydney) was diverted to Melbourne from Perth due to thunderstorms and tarmac closure in Sydney. Qantas requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:20pm. There were 226 passengers and 9 crew members onboard.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

The application did not meet the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation.

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Date: Friday, 14 November 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VXJ
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF454 (Melbourne to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 6:55pm, however due to ATC staff shortages and Sydney thunderstorm forecasts they were required to hold. The aircraft exhausted holding fuel and diverted back to Melbourne to refuel. Once refuelled, this flight was delayed due to congestion in Melbourne. There were 163 passengers and 7 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.

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Date: Friday, 14 November 2008
Aircraft: B747-400
Registration: VH-OEJ
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF32 (London to Sydney via Singapore) was diverted to Canberra due to Sydney thunderstorm activity and ATC delays. The flight arrived in Canberra at 8:27pm for refuelling, however refuelling did not commence until 10pm. There were 292 passengers and 17 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.

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Date: Sunday, 16 November 2008
Aircraft: A340-600
Registration: A6-EHI
Operator: Etihad Airways
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Etihad flight EY455 (Sydney to Abu Dhabi) encountered damage to the landing lights on the left wing on the preceding sector. Maintenance were able to source a new part, however it did not fit. A specialist was engaged to try to replace the part. There were 220 passengers and 19 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.