

**APPROVED DISPENSATIONS**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 20/06/2008 – 20/08/2008**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 20 June 2008  
Aircraft: B767-300  
Registration: VH-OGQ  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF464 (Melbourne to Sydney) was scheduled to depart from Melbourne at 7:30pm, arriving in Sydney at 8:50pm, however, just prior to pushback technicians discovered water in the avionics. Engineers were called and able to rectify the problem. Qantas requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:20pm. There were 247 passengers and 10 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The water in the avionics was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:17pm.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Monday, 30 June 2008  
Aircraft: A330-300  
Registration: VH-QPG  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF187 (Sydney to Hong Kong) was scheduled to depart Sydney at 10:00pm when pre-flight checks identified a technical problem with the airspeed indicator. Qantas engineers were able to carry out the appropriate repairs quickly and Qantas requested a dispensation for a departure from Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 186 passengers and 13 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The fault was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:36pm. The Department has followed up the discrepancy in timing of the late departure and has received a satisfactory response from Qantas on the circumstances causing a six minute delay in the departure i.e. traffic delays after taxiing.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Wednesday, 2 July 2008  
Aircraft: A330-300  
Registration: VH-QPB  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF21 (Sydney - Narita) was ready to depart at 9:55pm when a right hand engine thrust reverser defect occurred. Engineers were able to repair this defect and at 10:35pm a functional test found a further thrust reverser defect, necessitating further repairs. Qantas requested a dispensation to depart no later than 11:30pm. There were 295 passengers and 13 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The fault was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:16pm.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Tuesday, 8 July 2008  
Aircraft: B767-300  
Registration: VH-OGC  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF555 (Brisbane to Sydney) was scheduled to depart Brisbane at 9:45pm, arriving in Sydney at 10:50pm when just prior to pushback, engineers discovered a fuel transfer defect. Engineers were able to rectify the problem quickly. Qantas requested a dispensation to arrive into Sydney no later than 11:15pm. There were 157 passenger and 11 crew members checked onto the flight.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

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

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Saturday, 12 July 2008  
Aircraft: A320-200  
Registration: VH-JQG  
Operator: Jetstar  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Jetstar flight JQ837 (Proserpine to Sydney) encountered a bat strike upon arrival into Proserpine. There are no engineering facilities in Proserpine, necessitating the Captain to liaise with engineers via telephone to determine if the aircraft was safe to fly to Sydney. Engineers gave the all clear and Jetstar requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 160 passengers and 6 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The bat strike was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar was unable to make alternative arrangements. The aircraft arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:22pm.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Monday, 14 July 2008  
Aircraft: B747-400  
Registration: VH-OJI  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF5 (Sydney to Frankfurt via Singapore) was scheduled to depart at 10pm when an air driven pump defect was discovered, delaying the aircrafts departure. Engineers were able to repair the fault quickly and Qantas requested a dispensation to depart no later than 11:17pm. There were 387 passengers and 20 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The defect was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. Qantas was ready to depart at 11:17pm, however was held at ATC direction. The aircraft departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:18pm.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Sunday, 27 July 2008  
Aircraft: B737-800  
Registration: VH-VXQ  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF497 (Sydney to Melbourne) was preparing to depart at 10:45pm when a passenger failed to board. The passenger was located in the terminal by Qantas staff and escorted to the aircraft. Qantas requested a dispensation to depart Sydney no later than 11:25pm. There were 168 passengers and 9 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. The failure of a passenger boarding this flight was immediate in origin as it occurred just prior to departure. It could not have reasonably been foreseen that the passenger would fail to board the aircraft on time. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight departed Sydney Airport on runway 16R at 11:22pm.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 15 August 2008  
Aircraft: A320-200  
Registration: VH-VQQ  
Operator: Jetstar  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Jetstar flight JQ429 (Coolangatta to Sydney) had pushed back at 9:26pm, as scheduled, when the aircraft had to return to the terminal due to a medical emergency on board. Paramedics were called and the passenger and their bags were removed from the aircraft. There were 171 passengers and 6 crew members on board.

**Approved: Yes**

**REASONS FOR APPROVAL**

The delegate was satisfied that the circumstances met the three mandatory criteria required for issue of a curfew dispensation. A medical emergency was immediate in origin as it occurred just prior to departure and it could not have reasonably been foreseen. Jetstar was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:17pm.



**DISPENSATIONS NOT APPROVED**

**INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD:**

**20/06/2008 – 20/08/2008**

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 20 June 2008  
Aircraft: B767-300  
Registration: VH-OGA  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF566 (Sydney to Brisbane) was scheduled to depart Sydney at 10:55pm. The aircraft was being refueled at 10:50pm when the fuel supply was lost to the bay. Once the fuel was restored a manual fuel check was required, causing a delay in departure. Qantas requested a curfew dispensation to depart no later than 11:15pm. There 225 passengers and 10 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 the airline was able to make alternative arrangements.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Thursday, 3 July 2008  
Aircraft: B737-800  
Registration: VH-VXC  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF494 (Melbourne to Sydney) was ready to depart from Melbourne at 10:00pm when a vibration from the Auxillary Power Unit was detected. Engineers were called to investigate the vibration on the aircraft. There were 65 passengers and 8 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 the airline was able to make alternative arrangements.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 11 July 2008  
Aircraft: B747-300  
Registration: VH-EBV  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF577 (Sydney to Perth) was unserviceable most of the day with engineers working to repair the aircraft. Qantas requested a dispensation for a late departure from Sydney once the aircraft was repaired to reposition the aircraft to Perth. This movement was to facilitate operations the following day to Sydney for the World Youth Day events. There were no 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. Repositioning of an aircraft is not considered an 'exceptional circumstance'.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Thursday, 17 July 2008  
Aircraft: B747-400  
Registration: VH-OEB  
Operator: Qantas  
Operation: Departure after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Qantas flight QF11 (Sydney to Los Angeles) was boarding for a scheduled departure at 10pm when a fuel leak on a engine wing tank was discovered. Passengers were removed from the aircraft and Qantas tried to source the required part from another aircraft. There were 328 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 as the airline was able to make alternative arrangements.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 1 August 2008  
Aircraft: A320-200  
Registration: VH-VQJ  
Operator: Jetstar  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Jetstar had encountered service disruptions earlier in the day. Jetstar flight JQ427 (Coolangatta to Sydney) was late in arriving into Coolangatta on the previous leg due to these disruptions. As a result of these service disruptions Jetstar also had multiple flights arriving and departing Coolangatta at the same time and ground staff were not able to keep up with the demand. Jetstar requested an arrival into Sydney after 11pm. There were 187 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. The circumstances were not immediate in origin and could have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar had known about the service disruptions from 4pm that afternoon.

**DETAILS OF DISPENSATION**

Date: Friday, 1 August 2008  
Aircraft: A320-200  
Registration: VH-VQZ  
Operator: Jetstar  
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

**CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST**

Jetstar flight JQ429 (Coolangatta to Sydney) was late in arriving into Coolangatta on the previous leg due to service disruptions earlier in the day. Jetstar had multiple flights arriving and departing Coolangatta at the same time and ground staff were not able to keep up with the demand. Jetstar requested an arrival into Sydney after 11pm. There were 178 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. The circumstances were not immediate in origin and could have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar had known about the service disruptions from 4pm that afternoon.