

APPROVED DISPENSATION

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/11/2008 - 28/01/2009

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Monday, 1 December 2008
Aircraft: B767-300
Registration: VH-ZXC
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF556 (Sydney to Brisbane) encountered a delay just prior to departure due to a mechanical fault. Engineers assessed the fault and repairs were carried out quickly. Qantas requested a dispensation to depart Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 140 passengers and ten crew members onboard.

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 mechanical fault was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Qantas was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:28pm.

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Date: Friday, 12 December 2008
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 ground lighting 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 24 nights only during the period of 1 January to 31 March 2009. 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.

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Date: Friday, 12 December 2008
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQF
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Jetstar flight JQ425 (Coolangatta to Sydney) was delayed just prior to departure when two broken seat belts were found. As a result, two passengers and their luggage were removed from the aircraft due to mandatory safety regulations. Jetstar requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 175 passengers and six crew members onboard.

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 two broken seatbelts were of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:20pm.

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Date: Thursday, 18 December 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VOK
Operator: Virgin Blue
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Virgin Blue flight DJ434 (Perth to Sydney) was delayed in Perth due to a fault with a passenger screening machine. Passengers onboard and waiting to board had to be re-screened as per mandatory Australian security requirements. Virgin Blue requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:25pm. There were 165 passengers and six crew members onboard.

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 failure of passengers boarding was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 10:55pm (prior to curfew).

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DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Sunday, 21 December 2008
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQQ
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Just prior to the departure of Jetstar flight JQ724 (Hobart to Sydney) three passengers failed to board. The passengers' baggage had to be removed as per mandatory procedures which caused a delay. Jetstar requested a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:10pm. There were 150 passengers and five crew members onboard.

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 failure of passengers boarding was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Jetstar was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:02pm.

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Date: Tuesday, 23 December 2008
Aircraft: B777-200
Registration: CF-IVK
Operator: Air Canada
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Air Canada flight AC033 (Vancouver to Sydney) encountered a delay in departing Vancouver due to unforeseen snow falls which blocked the runway. Air Canada requested a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 245 passengers and 18 crew members onboard.

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 time taken to remove the unexpected snow and de-ice the runway was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Air Canada was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 16R at 11:40pm. Upon arrival in Sydney, the aircraft was advised to go-around by Air Traffic Control due to strong tail winds (above 20 knots). As a result, the aircraft was further delayed (beyond control of the operator) and landed on runway 16R at 11:40pm.

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Date: Monday, 29 December 2008
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VOQ
Operator: Virgin Blue
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Virgin Blue flight DJ272 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed in Brisbane after the First Officer of the flight reported in sick. Ground operation delays due to lightning strikes also caused delays. Virgin Blue requested a dispensation to land in Sydney no later than 11:30pm. There were 188 passengers and six crew members onboard.

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 sick crew member and the ground operation delays were of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Virgin Blue was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight arrived in Sydney on runway 34L at 11:23pm.

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DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Tuesday, 6 January 2009

Aircraft: A340-600

Registration: A6-EHH

Operator: Etihad Airways

Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Etihad Airways flight QY455 (Sydney to Abu Dhabi) encountered a delay just prior to departure when it was discovered that there were more bags onboard than what had been checked in. The additional bags had to be removed as per mandatory security requirements. Etihad was unable to locate the specific additional bags in question and then chose to remove all of the baggage on the aircraft to ensure compliance with security requirements. There were 269 passengers and 19 crew members onboard.

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 luggage discrepancy was of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Etihad Airways was unable to make alternative arrangements. The flight departed Sydney on runway 16R at 11:40pm.

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Date: Tuesday, 13 January 2009
Aircraft: A330-300
Registration: BLAC
Operator: Cathay Pacific
Operation: Departure on runway 34L before 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Cathay Pacific flight CX138 (Sydney to Hong Kong) applied to utilise runway 34L for departure between 10:45 pm and 11:00pm instead of the curfew designated runway of 16R. This application to use an alternative runway was due to high winds and the pilot felt that it was unsafe to use the designated curfew runway 16R. There were 219 passengers and 13 crew members onboard.

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 high winds were of immediate origin and could not have been reasonably foreseen. Cathay Pacific could not have reasonably made alternative arrangements. The flight departed Sydney on runway 34L at 10:52pm.

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Date: Wednesday, 21 January 2009
Aircraft: B737-800
Registration: VH-VYI
Operator: Qantas
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Qantas flight QF559 (Brisbane to Sydney) was delayed due to ground operation delays from severe unpredicted thunderstorms in the Brisbane area. Qantas requested a dispensation to arrive in Sydney no later than 11:22pm. There were 163 passengers and seven 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: Wednesday, 24 December 2008
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQX
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Jetstar flight JQ427 (Coolangatta to Sydney) was delayed when a passenger failed to board requiring their checked baggage to be removed from the aircraft. The airline was able to make alternative arrangements for the 150 passengers and seven crew members onboard.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

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

INDIVIDUAL DISPENSATION DETAILS FOR PERIOD: 27/11/2008 - 28/01/2009

DETAILS OF DISPENSATION

Date: Friday, 26 December 2008
Aircraft: B767-300
Registration: N582HA
Operator: Hawaiian Airlines
Operation: Departure after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Hawaiian Airlines was delayed in arriving in Sydney from Seattle (previous sector). Hawaiian Airlines requested a dispensation for flight HA452 (Sydney to Honolulu) to depart Sydney during the curfew period. There were 233 passengers and 12 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: Wednesday, 21 January 2009
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQJ
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Jetstar flight JQ626 (Avalon to Sydney) was scheduled to arrive in Sydney at 9:35pm, however was delayed in Avalon due to traffic congestion caused by earlier Air Traffic Control system outages. There were 177 passengers and six 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: Wednesday, 21 January 2009
Aircraft: A320-200
Registration: VH-VQY
Operator: Jetstar
Operation: Arrival after 11pm

CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO REQUEST

Jetstar flight JQ791 (Maroochydore to Sydney) encountered delays in Maroochydore due to traffic congestion caused by earlier Air Traffic Control system outages. There were 177 passengers and six crew members onboard.

Approved: No

REASONS FOR DISAPPROVAL

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

ADELAIDE AIRPORT CURFEW APPROVED DISPENSATION SUMMARY REPORT 01/01/2009 – 28/01/2009

Date	Carrier	Aircraft Type	Movement	Summary of events
9 January 2009	Virgin Blue	Embraer E190	Arrival	Virgin Blue flight DH358 (Perth to Adelaide) encountered a mechanical fault during taxi. Engineers were able to rectify the problem quickly and a dispensation was approved. There were 83 passengers and five crew members onboard. The flight landed at 11:05pm on runway 05.

COOLANGATTA AIRPORT CURFEW APPROVED DISPENSATION REPORT 01/01/2009 – 28/01/01/09

Nil approved applications.

ESSENDON AIRPORT CURFEW APPROVED DISPENSATION REPORT 01/01/2009 – 28/01/01/09

Nil approved applications.