



Environmental Management

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Operational Safety Instruction

Disposal of Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants and other Hazardous Wastes

It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant OSIs are brought to the attention of their staff. However, individuals remain responsible for their own actions and those who are in any doubt should consult their Supervisor or Manager.

1. Introduction

- 1.1** The purpose of this Instruction is to ensure that all companies operating at Heathrow Airport are aware of the procedures that are to be followed with regards to the safe disposal of Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants (POL), waste and other polluting liquids used at the airport.
- 1.2** This Instruction should be read in conjunction with OSI ASEnv_OSI_059 Spillage & Incident Reporting Procedures.
- 1.3** Red bars have been added to draw the reader's attention to where changes have been made.
- 1.4** OSI_062 V1.0 is hereby cancelled.

2. Definitions

Abbreviation	Description
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
POL	Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants
WASTE	Unwanted or unused material, substances and by-products

3. Legislation

- 3.1** The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991 places a duty on any person or company which produces, stores, carries, treats or disposes of controlled waste, to ensure that it is managed properly and recovered or disposed of safely.
- 3.2** Waste categories and types that are not specific to this OSI can be found in ASEnv_OSI_058 Waste Management & Disposal including Aircraft Catering Waste.



3.3 The Special Waste Regulations 1996 stipulate the procedures that should be followed for all pollutants, oils, lubricants and other hazardous wastes.

3.4 The Water Resources Act 1991 and The Water Industry Act 1991 prohibit unlicensed disposal of pollutants to the drainage system.

3.5 Guidance regarding acceptable methods of disposal can be obtained from:

- i. The European Waste Catalogue which defines whether the product is hazardous.
- ii. The COSHH data sheet which provides specific details on the properties of the product and appropriate disposal methods.
- iii. DEFRA - Guidance note for the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001.

4. Responsibility of Airside Operators

4.1 All companies that operate at Heathrow must establish and maintain compliant means of transporting, collecting, storing, and disposing of pollutants, oils, lubricants and other hazardous wastes and ensure that:

- i. No pollutants, oils, lubricants or other hazardous wastes shall be deliberately discharged into the airport drainage system.
- ii. Any accidental discharge must also be prevented from entering the airport drainage system.
- iii. All operators must have a process to report any accidental discharge of pollutants, oils, lubricants or hazardous waste as per ASEnv_OSI_059 Spillage & Incident Reporting Procedures.
- iv. No pollutants, oils, lubricants or other hazardous wastes shall be disposed of in waste compactors, containers or wheeled bins provided by Heathrow unless the bin is specifically labelled for that purpose.
- v. No pollutants, oils, lubricants or other hazardous wastes shall be placed in FOD bins.



4.2 Any unauthorised/illegal disposal of pollutants, oils, lubricants or other hazardous wastes could lead to a fine and /or criminal prosecution.

4.3 All producers of pollutants, oils, lubricants and other hazardous wastes must arrange suitable storage pending disposal to avoid spillages or hazards developing. The location of such storage facilities should be agreed with the Airside Standards and Assurance Team prior to its installation, and any legal requirements must be complied with.

4.4 All producers must have adequate and up to date COSHH risk assessment(s) and method statement(s) for handling waste. These must be made available for inspection by Heathrow and other control authorities upon request.

4.5 All spillages must be reported to Heathrow as detailed in ASEnv_OSI_059 Spillage and Incident Reporting Procedures.

5. Infringements

Failure to observe controls imposed under this Instruction or other legal frameworks may result in prosecution by the regulator or appropriate control authority in line with polluter pays principles. Heathrow Airport will also take action under London Byelaw 3 (22), which states: No person shall drop or otherwise deposit anything in such circumstances as to cause, contribute to, or tend to lead to, the defacement by litter pollution or waste substances of any part of the airport.

6. Enquiries

Any questions relating to this Instruction should be made to the Aerodrome Procedures Manager Aerodrome.Procedures@heathrow.com.

7. References

- ASEnv_OSI_058 Waste Management & Disposal including Aircraft Catering Waste
- ASEnv_OSI_059 Spillage and Incident Reporting Procedures
- The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991
- Special Waste Regulations 1996
- DEFRA – Guidance note for the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001.
- Heathrow Byelaws.

8. More information

- Water Resources Act 1991 and The Water Industry Act 1991
- European Waste Catalogue



9. Document Data

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