

USE OF ILLUMINATED WANDS DURING PUSHBACK OPERATIONS

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MANUAL REFERENCE(S):-		Aerodrome Manual 2021 – ASI 18 Aircraft Pushback Procedures – 18.1 Generic conditions and procedures.			

PLEASE ENSURE THIS INFORMATION IS PROMULGATED TO ALL STAFF

1.0 OBJECTIVE

- 1.1 This safety alert aims to remind the community of correct Aircraft Pushback Procedures, and to raise awareness as we enter Winter Operations and more working hours are conducted in darkness.

2.0 SCOPE

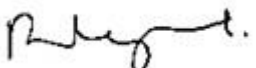
- 2.1 This Aerodrome Safety Alert (ASA) is relevant to all airside who are involved in pushback operations.

3.0 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 As the operation has increased, there have been noticeable incidents of operators using poor or unlit wands during pushback operations.
- 3.2 The Aerodrome Manual (ASI 18) states *'If there is a rear of stand road, the red illuminated wands must be in use to indicate to airside drivers that a pushback is occurring. This should be done using the IATA standard signal at all times.'*
- 3.3 We ask that all airside operators ensure that steps are in place to re-brief/re-familiarise colleagues on this procedure and relevant wands are available to operators.

4.0 QUESTIONS

- 4.1 Any questions should be addressed to the Airfield Duty Manager x 3331 ((0)161 489 3331).

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