



## Operational Safety Instruction

### Disposal of Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants and other Hazardous Wastes

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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 are aware of the procedures that are to be followed with regards to the safe disposal of waste Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants, 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** OSI/17/11 is hereby cancelled.

#### 2. Definitions

Abbreviation	Description
COSHH	Control of Substances Hazardous to Health
FOD	Foreign Object Debris
POL	Pollutants, Oils and Lubricants

#### 3. Safety Procedure

##### 3.1 Legislation

- 3.1.1** 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.
- 3.1.2** The Special Waste Regulations 1996 stipulate the procedures that should be followed for all POL and other hazardous wastes.



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

**3.1.4** Guidance regarding acceptable methods of disposal can be obtained from:

**3.1.4.1** The European Waste Catalogue which defines whether the product is hazardous.

**3.1.4.2** The COSHH data sheet which provides specific details on the properties of the product and appropriate disposal methods.

### **3.2 Responsibility of Airside Operators**

**3.2.1** All companies that operate at Heathrow must establish and maintain compliant means of transporting, collecting, storing and disposing of POL and other hazardous wastes and ensure that:

**3.2.1.1** No POL or other hazardous wastes shall be deliberately or accidentally discharged into the airport drainage system.

**3.2.1.2** No POL 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.

**3.2.1.3** No POL or other hazardous wastes shall be placed in FOD bins.

**3.2.2** Any unauthorised/illegal disposal of POL or other hazardous wastes could lead to a fine and /or criminal prosecution.

**3.2.3** All producers of POL 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 Environment Manager prior to its installation, and any legal requirements must be complied with.

**3.2.4** All producers must have adequate and an up to date risk assessment available for inspection by Heathrow and other control authorities on request.

**3.2.5** All spillages must be reported to Heathrow as detailed in ASEnv\_OSI\_059 Spillage & Incident Reporting Procedures.



### 3.3 Infringements

**3.3.1** Failure to observe controls imposed under this Instruction or other legal frameworks may result in prosecution by the regulator or appropriate control authority.

### 3.4 Enquiries

**3.4.1** Any questions relating to this Instruction should be made to the Airside Environment Manager, Airside Operations Facility, Building 16887, Heathrow Airport, Middlesex, TW6 2GW. Tel: 07900 307 697.

## 4. References

ASEnv\_OSI\_059 Spillage & Incident Reporting Procedures

The Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) Regulations 1991

Special Waste Regulations 1996

Water Resources Act 1991 and The Water Industry Act 1991

European Waste Catalogue

COSHH data sheet

