

## Gatwick Airport Directive

Title: Air Traffic Control Radio Calls for Aircraft Tugs		Ref No: GAD/F:8/18
Issue Date: 22/02/2018	Effective Date: 24/01/2018	Expiry Date: 18/12/2020
<p><b>It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure the relevant Airport Notice is 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.</b></p>		
<b>Introduction:</b>		
<p>As the volume of movements has gradually increased the volume of radio traffic has increased. At peak times of the day there are occasions when operating crew are delayed passing operational messages to ATC due to the density of radio traffic. This GAD directs some non-urgent radio calls currently made on the Gatwick Ground frequency to be made on the Gatwick Delivery frequency in order to positively improve safety.</p>		
<b>Programme:</b>		
<p>From 00:01z on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, all radio checks and initial calls by aircraft tugs will be made on the Gatwick Delivery frequency, 121.95. Once all messages have been passed, as per current practice, the controller will instruct the tug to:          "Hold position and contact Ground on 121.8."          Once transferred to Gatwick Ground the tug's initial call is now reduced to:          "Ground, Tug ABC requesting pushback from stand 123."          NOTE - the transfer from Gatwick Delivery to Gatwick Ground is <b>NOT</b> a pushback clearance, and the tug is not to move until a specific executive clearance to do so has been issued by Gatwick Ground and read-back correctly.</p>		
<b>Operational Impacts:</b>		
<p>Noncompliance with this directive could result in delaying safety critical radio messages and thereby adversely affect safety.</p>		
<b>Further Information:</b>		
<p>Any questions concerning this Directive should be addressed to the Airside Operations Manager          Telephone - 07803 120 115.</p>		
<b>Signatory</b>		
<p>Kan Ni  <u>for and on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer of Gatwick Airport Limited</u></p>		
<b>Consultation:</b>		
<p>Has consultation on this Directive taken place? Yes - Consultation record held by author</p>		
<b>Distribution:</b>		
<p>FULL</p>		