

## Gatwick Airport Directive

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**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.**

### Introduction:

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Gatwick is committed to maximising recycling and minimising waste to landfill. Airline cabin waste contributes 30% of Gatwick's total waste and Airlines and their Handling Agents have a significant part to play in Gatwick achieving these commitments.

All Airlines, Catering Companies and Airline Cleaners have responsibilities under the Control Regulations (1069/2009) on International Catering Waste from aircraft. International Catering Waste (ICW) is considered to be a high risk Category 1 (Cat 1) Animal By-product waste. ICW is subject to strict handling and disposal controls to prevent the introduction of exotic notifiable diseases, such as Foot and Mouth, into the UK.

This GAD specifies the requirements for Airlines, Cleaners and Catering companies operating at Gatwick to both maximise recycling and to ensure full compliance with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) instructions (link below).

[www.gov.uk/guidance/handling-and-disposing-of-international-catering-waste](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/handling-and-disposing-of-international-catering-waste)

#### 2. CLASSIFICATION OF ICW FOR CAT 1 WASTE DISPOSAL

APHA specify that catering waste includes all food products prepared or stored in a kitchen or catering facilities irrespective of whether they are of animal origin or not, on the basis that contamination of food products not of animal origin can occur during all stages of storage, food preparation or consumption. The only exception is sealed packages of confectionary goods, crisp type products, nuts and cold drinks (excluding milk and milk / yoghurt based drinks), unless these products are soiled or have been mixed with other catering waste. Note that catering waste also includes milk containers and cups soiled with hot drinks containing milk.

#### 3. RULES AND WASTE FACILITIES FOR AIRLINE WASTE AT GATWICK

##### Catering Waste (NOT ACCEPTED)

Gatwick does not accept airline catering waste. All catering waste must be returned via the catering company. Under no circumstances should Gatwick's waste facilities be used for catering waste and cleaning companies must organise a process for any residual catering waste to be passed back to the catering companies concerned.

Gatwick reserve the right to penalise any companies contravening this principle.

##### Cabin Waste

The following facilities are provided for airline cabin waste:

- Category 1 waste (cabin waste contaminated with food and hot drink cups)
- Category 3 EU cabin waste
- Recyclable waste
- Cardboard
- Magazines / Newspapers
- Glass
- Headphones (electrical waste)
- Bio-hazardous/clinical waste

##### Waste Facility

Gatwick has a dedicated facility for aircraft waste which is situated on the airfield behind Pier 4. This facility is open 24/7. Familiarisation with the operation of this facility can be organised by contacting DHL Envirosolutions on 01293 502325

Under no circumstances shall any aircraft waste be deposited in any other locations.

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#### 4. AIRLINE RESPONSIBILITIES

Under the Regulations the Airlines, as producer of waste have ultimate responsibility to ensure that the waste is correctly identified and disposed of. The guidance specifies that there is a duty of care on the generator of the waste to audit businesses working on their behalf to ensure that disposal is taking place as per Regulations.

It is a requirement that Airlines have processes in place to ensure that all catering waste is returned to the catering companies and is not left within the aircraft cabin.

As per GAD 'Airport Waste & Recycling Management' it is a requirement that all companies operating at Gatwick to segregate waste and utilise the recycling facilities provided. Airlines must have processes in place to actively segregate recyclable material and ensure that their staff are aware of what recycling facilities are available at Gatwick Airport. At no time can waste be left unattended on stands or jetties.

All airlines must have a process for managing bio-hazardous material/clinical waste with their appointed cleaning company.

#### 5. CLEANER RESPONSIBILITIES

Cleaning companies must organise for any catering waste left on aircraft to be passed back to the catering companies concerned and ensure it is not brought to Gatwick's waste facilities.

To increase recycling cleaning companies must have processes in place to identify cabin waste originating from European countries. Gatwick Airport will provide labels marked 'EU Cabin Waste' that must be attached to all EU cabin waste and disposed of in the container for 'EU cabin waste (CAT 3)'

Gatwick Airport has outlined the process for the identification of EU waste in appendix 1 - Identification of EU waste.

Cleaning companies must have mechanisms in place to segregate general cabin waste contaminated with ICW from recyclable material to enable the airport to maximise recycling.

Cleaning companies must have processes in place for managing bio-hazardous/clinical waste with their airlines. Cleaning companies must ensure that bio-hazardous material/clinical waste is segregated from other waste streams. Bio-hazardous /clinical waste must be disposed off via the cleaning company's facilities or via DHL at the CARE centre.

Cleaning companies will be audited to ensure that they are following the correct processes and are compliant.

Cleaning companies must clean and disinfect any containers that held ICW after each use, with a Defra-approved disinfectant and use the approved disinfectant for a spill.

Cleaning companies must have regular training in place to ensure that all staff are aware of their responsibilities and the process for disposing of waste at Gatwick.

All waste must be in transparent bags.

Cleaners are required to provide full cooperation with DHL Envirosolutions , Gatwick's waste management contractor and with the operational procedures in place at the airfield central recycling point (CRP).

Gatwick reserve the right to penalise any cleaning companies who are not compliant with the above.

#### 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact; DHL Envirosolutions on x 62325 or [eh&s@gatwickairport.com](mailto:eh&s@gatwickairport.com)

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