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Safety Alert

Multi-Vehicle Runway Incursion

1. Introduction

The purpose of this Safety Alert is to highlight a serious runway safety event occurred at 2130hrs on 25th October. The Cargo Tunnel was closed, and the diversion route was in operation, via the Eastern Tug Road.

Three large vehicles entered the taxiway system **without a leader escort** at stand 254, and whilst attempting to reach the Eastern Tug Road became disorientated and entered the live runway, which was in use for arriving aircraft at the time.

2. Safety Requirements

All operating companies whose drivers may be required to use the Cargo Tunnel contingency route now **must urgently re-brief all of their drivers** in line with the content of OAN_070 (Cargo Tunnel Refurbishment Works and Contingency Route) – a copy of which is attached for reference - **and additionally, brief all their drivers that;**

- If they have access to another route to reach their destination, they must use that instead of using the airfield diversion route.
- They must **NOT, under any circumstances**, enter the manoeuvring area (crossing the double white lines) unless they are part of a convoy led by an Airfield Operations vehicle
- They must **NOT** attempt to join a convoy which has already departed the muster points at stand 254 or 432. Drivers **MUST** be briefed that **if the queue of vehicles waiting at the muster point has already started moving when a driver reaches the back of it, DO NOT continue past the stop point, and await the next convoy.**

If any drivers are unsure of the relevant signage or markings which demarcate the diversion route, and particularly those which identify the manoeuvring area, operating companies must offer refamiliarisation or re-training.

All operating companies must be able to evidence (if requested by Heathrow) that the briefing above has been carried out and that all drivers have understood the requirements.

Enquiries

Any questions regarding this Safety Alert should be addressed to airside_safety@heathrow.com

Additional information, Operational Safety Instructions (OSIs) and Operational Advice Notices (OANs) can be found at heathrow.com/airside/useful-publications

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