

**OPERATIONAL SAFETY INSTRUCTION**

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Aircraft Waste (Gash Bags)Issued By Airside Operations
and Safety Manager

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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

This instruction contains the Bristol Airport requirements for the collection and disposal of aircraft waste bags (degash).

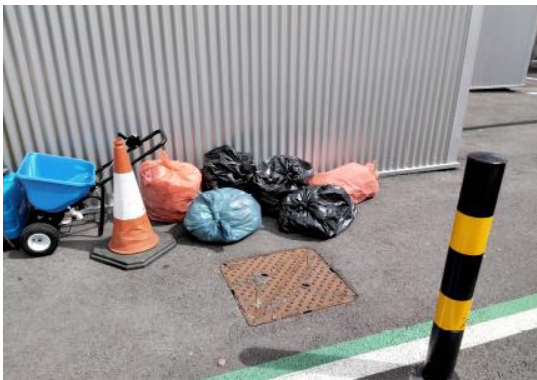
2. PROCEDURE

- Aircraft waste/gash bags should be left on the ground next to the rear steps by the cabin crew or ground crew, for collection by cleaning operatives. Bags must not be left on the steps or thrown down from height.
- Gash bags must not be left on a stand when a turnaround or aircraft servicing is not in progress, or when the stand is unoccupied. Unattended gash bags attract wildlife and create FOD.
- Collected gash bags must be collected in vehicles, bins or trailers that do not allow wildlife or birds to gain access e.g., caged compartment. Disposal must be via recycling facilities, general waste, or CAT I ICW bins as appropriate.
- Uncollected gash bags will be removed from the ramp by the Airside Operations team. The responsible cleaning company will be charged by Bristol Airport for waste removal, as per the Airport's Fees and Charges.
- The airline will be charged for the waste removal if cabin crew leave waste at the top of aircraft steps and not made known to the ground crew, or if it is left by the cabin crew in any other incorrect area.
- Gash bags will be temporarily stored in waste bins on the East Apron (Up and Away) or West Apron (Swissport). These bins will need to be regularly checked and emptied by the relevant cleaning companies.

3. WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

If waste bags aren't collected before the aircraft turnaround or servicing is complete, they are often attacked by scavenging birds seeking an easy food source. This presents four problems:

- An increase in bird activity and birdstrike risk
- Loose FOD blowing across the apron, increasing the risk of aircraft damage
- Untidy appearance of the airside areas of Bristol Airport
- Poor environmental performance



4. GENERAL ENQUIRIES

Any enquiries should be addressed to Airside Operations on **01275 473705** or **07712 792235**.