

Aerodrome Safety Notice

Fuel Availability for Fixed Wing and Rotary Helicopters

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It is the responsibility of all employers to ensure that relevant Airport Notices 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.

INTRODUCTION

This notice is issued following restructuring of the staffing in the Operations Department at Brighton City Airport Ltd. The revised staffing means we need to reorganise & restructure tasks to give best value to both the needs of operators and the aerodrome.

To address possible difficulties and avoid delays in operation, we can no longer sustain the duty crew travelling throughout the site offering individual refuelling as-and-when-required to all aircraft in both Avgas & Jet A1 via bowser. We will from now on offer fuel in a static position in the refuelling zone.

- **Larger aircraft and helicopter operations that are unable to access the static fuel facilities will of course continue to be supported on an “as soon as possible basis”.**

We are now able to offer a static positioned Jet A1 bowser to enable continued support from the briefing room. The Jet A1 bowser will be positioned for use in the usual fuel pick-up zone located adjacent to the briefing room and can be accessed through the apron or via the Alpha link taxiway.

SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Miss fuelling (incorrect fuel grade supplied) can have serious implications to the safety of aircraft and cause engine failure. Pilots and operators should ensure that fuel grade markings are clearly visible and located in the area of intake of fuel tanks (filler neck) on all aircraft.

- **Operators & Pilots should ensure they are fully aware of the type of fuel required for the type of aircraft under their control. They should ensure the correct decals are clearly displayed in position.**

Procedures for Jet A1 fuel pick-up will be as for Avgas (travelling to and from the pumps area). Pilots wishing to pick-up Jet A1 must park their aircraft on the white stop line abeam the Jet bowser as positioned.

Only RFFS trained operatives will operate the bowser. As a safety check Pilots must verbally confirm to the fueller the fuel type/grade required before all uplifts. The fueller will check the grade markings before refuelling commences.

OPERATING TIMES

All fuel will be available approximately 30 minutes after the advertised opening of the Airport and available until 15 minutes before the advertised closing time.

Operators are requested to complete fuel uplifts the day before flight if they are expecting to operate (fly) early morning to avoid disappointments and delays.

OPERATING PROCEDURES

All movements are under the control of ATC at Shoreham Airport. Pilots should always call for “Taxi to pumps”.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Any questions relating to this safety instruction should in the first instance be addressed to the Operations Team on 01273 467395.

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