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 FROM : GROUND OPERATIONS SMS MANAGEMENT  
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 SUBJECT : OPERATIONAL PRECAUTIONS DURING ADVERSE  
 WEATHER CONDITIONS

### **URGENT NOTICE!**

Due to the adverse weather conditions affecting our airports (snow and icing conditions), the frequency of ground operation disruptions causing aircraft damages, AOG and delays has increased.

We kindly request that the following information be urgently communicated to all related staff and that feedback confirming the dissemination of these warnings be provided.

- Meteorological reports shall be monitored continuously and in real time.
- Ground operations shall not be initiated until snow and ice removal on the apron surface is completed, requiring cleaning shall be reported and coordinated with the airport authority.
- When visibility is reduced (heavy snowfall, blizzard); speed limits shall be reduced, equipment operations, approaches and removed shall be carried out strictly under supervision. Ensure that parked equipment is properly chocked and parking brakes are applied.

#### **Equipment:**

- Brake systems shall be checked prior to operation against snow and icing conditions.
- Tires and tire pressure, tire tread depth and wear condition shall be inspected/checked.
- General cleaning of all equipment shall be carried out to ensure full and clear visibility.
- Windshield wipers shall be checked, and windshield washer fluid levels shall be verified.
- Potable water and lavatory service vehicles shall be kept in enclosed areas to prevent freezing.
- For all equipment, especially those in direct contact with the aircraft such as passenger steps, conveyors, and pushback tractors.
  - Snow and ice shall be removed prior to operation.
  - The operability of platforms shall be checked. (Functionality checks of passenger steps locking pistons, rear platform handrail locking checks of the ambulift, checks of the ambulift cabin internal door locking mechanism, and cleanliness checks of the ambulift cabin floor shall be performed)
  - Safety locks and emergency stop buttons shall be tested and confirmed to be fully functional. (The functionality of control buttons shall be checked to ensure they are not affected by freezing)
  - Passenger steps shall be checked for ice accumulation.
  - Sudden breaking and sharp maneuver shall be avoided.



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- Particularly prior to pushback operations; pins and locking mechanisms shall be checked for icing, free movement of hydraulic arms shall be verified, equipment shall be completely cleared of snow and ice.

### Around the Aircraft:

- Approaches to and removed from the aircraft shall be carried out at minimum speed.
- Due possible accumulation on the apron surface at the parking stand, marshaller signals shall be used at all times.
- Equipment shall not be left unattended without applying parking brakes.
- Loading/unloading operations shall not be performed unless platforms are properly stabilized.
- During loading/unloading, compartment doors shall not be kept open longer than necessary.
- As the risk of equipment slippage increases, the use of wheel chocks shall be increased.
- During pushback operations, the apron surface along the pushback route shall be continuously monitored.
- Headset and radio communications shall be tested to ensure uninterrupted communication.
- Especially at towbar/towbarless connection points, any snow or ice accumulation shall be removed.

