

SI # 319

Title Aircraft returning to stand after pushback

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Reason for Issue

To define a process for the event of an aircraft after pushback is needing to return to stand.

GHM Amendments:

Section	Title	Details
4.6.11.2	Aircraft Returning to Stand After Pushback	Section added on aircraft returning to stand after pushback

When an aircraft is required to returned to stand the following precautions shall be applied;

- (a) The aircraft engines shall be powered off.

Note: There may be occasions were by the aircraft is unable to self-manoeuvrer on to stand and/or unable to shut down an engine due to aircraft defects. For example, if the APU is inoperative and the aircraft has lost nose wheel steering, a tow would therefore be required to stand with an engine running. In these circumstances a tow on to stand with an engine running is permitted. The aircraft engines shall be at idle thrust during the manoeuvre.

- (b) The manoeuvre shall be performed with the pushback vehicle in the lowest gear available.
- (c) Braking shall be performed smoothly and without jerks.
- (d) The flight crew shall be alerted via the headset operator immediately to stop the aircraft using gentle braking if aircraft control cannot be ensured/maintained from the pushback vehicle.

Note: There may be occasion where the aircraft can taxi back on to stand under it's own power. This should be completed under the standard Pushback Disconnection process in 4.6.9 and Actions During Aircraft Arrival process in 4.1.2.

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- specific training and assurance of content comprehension by Ground Crew
- review of local audit checklists & training material to include any changes