

OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Title	Door strap usage during security search (Swiss AOC only)		
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Reason for Issue

Effective 01 November 2024 a trial will commence on Swiss AOC only until 31 December 2024 to enhance access control of the aircraft. The purpose of this trial is to review the suitability of the procedure to support the crew with challenging persons wishing to board the aircraft whilst crew is conducting a security search.

Details

Please be advised that a door strap will now be in place on Swiss AOC (HB easyJet registered aircraft) during turnaround periods, but only while the crew conducts a security search.

Please observe the following protocols regarding the door strap:

- **Use of Door Strap:** The door strap will be used **only when a security search is required**, specifically:
 - For the first flight of the day
 - On turnarounds where a security search is mandated
- **Authorized Access During Security Search:** Individuals with legitimate access to the cabin during the security search (e.g., TCO personnel) are permitted onboard. However, they **must seek crew permission to enter** at the door.
- **Purpose of the Door Strap:** The door strap is intended solely to restrict access to unsupervised doors and **should not be interpreted as a signal for the removal of boarding steps**. Before moving the boarding device, Ground Crew members must receive a completed "Permit to Remove Steps" from the Cabin Crew at the door, as specified in GHM 4.4.2.1, "*Cabin Access Doors – General.*"
- **Passenger Boarding:** The removal of the door strap does **not** indicate the commencement of passenger boarding.