

Topic: Change of Rotation Lights - Color of Airside Vehicles

Dear All,

Based on EASA-Regulation (EU) No 139/2014, ADR.OPS.B.080, the color of the rotation lights on the vehicles of the traffic control (APT) and MASU (Follow-Me) is currently being gradually changed from red to yellow. During the changeover period (until approximately March 2024), the aforementioned vehicles will be in service with yellow or red rotating lights.

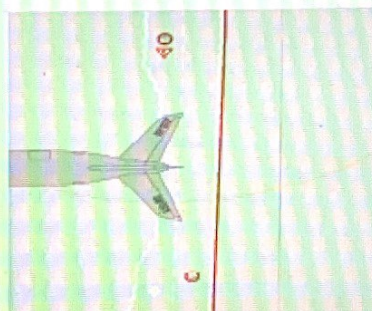
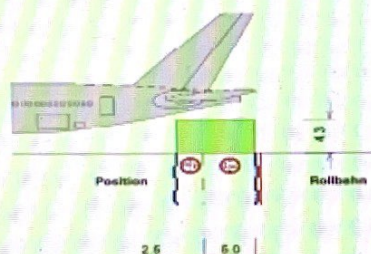
The content in the currently valid traffic regulations (VO) under traffic rule 5:

- 5.4 Right of way rules
 - 5.5 Special rights
- remains unaffected and is still valid.

5.3.4 Height-Restricted Taxi Area Roads

Height-restricted taxi area roads are taxi area roads that are restricted to a maximum transit height of 4.30 m. Vehicles with a height in excess of 4.30 m are not allowed to use these sections of road. The height restriction is indicated by a corresponding sign.

Vehicles with a height in excess of 4.30 m that need to enter or exit an apron area that can only be accessed via a height-restricted taxi area road must be escorted in this area by MASU / a follow-me vehicle. Escorting by a follow-me vehicle must be requested from MASU operations control by calling 70580, or +49 69 690/70580 from outside.



In the area around height-restricted taxi area roads, narrowing of the road must be expected on the side facing the aircraft parking area.

Around narrow points, drivers on the side where there is no narrowing of the road have priority (Section 6 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO)). Drivers on the side where the road narrows are only permitted to pass the narrow point if the vehicle can be moved on the remaining lane width or using the opposite lane in such a way that there is no possibility of driving in the aircraft parking area. Use of the opposite lane is not permitted if there are oncoming vehicles. Moving over to the taxiway is not permitted at any time.

5.4 Rights of Way

The following order of priority shall be observed for right of way on the airport grounds:

1. Emergency vehicles rushing to help an aircraft with a rotating light switched on and the siren sounding.
2. Taxiing aircraft.
3. Towed aircraft including tugs and follow-me vehicles.
4. Emergency vehicles proceeding with a rotating light switched on and the siren sounding.
5. Vehicles belonging to the highest aeronautical and aviation security authority (including the local air traffic control authority) of the state of Hesse with a rotating light switched on.
6. Vehicles of Airside Operations Management with a rotating light switched on, and follow-me vehicles with a rotating light switched on including the vehicles they are guiding. Breaking up vehicle convoys is prohibited.

7. Winter road clearance service vehicles with a rotating light switched on (winter road clearance convoys and deicing vehicles during aircraft deicing operations).
8. Vehicles operating on roads, height-restricted taxi area roads or taxi area roads - / - / - take precedence over all traffic in adjacent areas.
9. The principle of "right before left" shall apply at crossings and road intersections, insofar as the right of way is not designated otherwise by road signs.

5.5 Special Rights

The following drivers are entitled to move over to the taxiway and are exempt from the specified speed limits when conducting operational duties:

- The Airport Fire Brigade
- Airport Rescue Services
- Airside Operations Management
- ADM
- MASU and follow-me vehicles, including escorted vehicles or aircraft
- Airport Security
- Winter road clearance service
- The highest aeronautical and aviation security authority (including the local air traffic control authority) of the state of Hesse and government authorities and organizations specified in Section 35 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO)

Safety Management is authorized to move over to the taxiway when conducting operational duties.

Particular caution should be exercised in the vicinity of these vehicles. Access to taxiways, including those on the apron, is only granted to these vehicles with the prior approval of FRA Vorfeldkontrolle GmbH (apron control).

Examples:



5.6 Aircraft Parking Positions and Position Types

5.6.1 Regulations for Aircraft Parking Positions

Aircraft parking positions are designated for the parking or handling of aircraft, and may be used for service duties only. It is no longer permitted to access parking positions if an aircraft is taxiing into or out of position, during aircraft handling or if a parking position is occupied by an aircraft.