

SAFETY ALERT

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Subject: **Maintenance/Serviceability of Airside Vehicles/GSE**

Area of Concern: Airside Operations

"In the interests of airport safety, and in accordance with the requirements of the Airside Vehicle Control Handbook, all vehicles and equipment must always be maintained in a good state of repair by the Vehicle Operator in accordance with the vehicle mechanical and roadworthiness standards, as set out by the Northern Territory Department of Planning and Infrastructure (DPI) and under the laws of Northern Territory"

For safe operations, the onus is on the Vehicle Operator to ensure ongoing maintenance & serviceability checks are conducted on all vehicles, GSE and non self-propelled equipment to prevent fluid leaks (fuel & oil) and to ensure towing attachments, lights, horns, brakes, tyre conditions are all in good working condition.

All vehicles and GSE (tugs, scissor lift, TLD's, etc) need a valid permit to be used airside. 'Authority for Use Airside' labels are valid for a 2 year period. The vehicle/GSE are required to be sighted by DIA prior to a new or reissue permit being issued.

To confirm the ongoing serviceability of all vehicles and equipment, vehicle serviceability and compliance statements must be produced upon application. A Certificate from a Licensed Mechanic must accompany the AUA application for all 'Motorised' GSE and Vehicles. Other non self-propelled equipment being towed such as airstairs, barrows, towbars do not require an AUA, but need to be adequately and clearly marked displaying owner details, and items such as towing attachments must be checked regularly.



A Vehicle serviceability check may include:

- Fluid leaks - Fuel & Oil (Engine & Hydraulic)
- Towing attachments
- Tyre condition
- Body Condition
- Brake condition
- Excess emissions
- All vehicle lights – beacons included
- Horn
- General mechanical condition



- DIA can conduct spot checks of maintenance records
- All mechanical failures must be reported to DIA Operations especially if the vehicle/GSE has leaked fuel/oil or broken down and is unable to be moved from the apron

For further information contact DIA Operations on 0401 005 977 or 0402 088 145