

OAN 39/2019 – ATC TOW PRIORITIES

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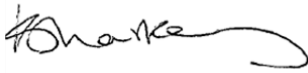
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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 There have been occasions where aircraft have departed late due to a delay in being able to tow the aircraft from a remote stand onto a contact stand.
- 1.2 Handling agents are able to prioritise tugs by using the suffix 'X' in the tug callsign but to avoid confusion it has been decided that Airfield Control will inform the ATC of a priority tug movement.
- 1.3 Airfield Control will only prioritise tug movements if they are within 'minimum towing time'. Minimum towing time is a timescale used by Airfield Control to allow an aircraft to be repositioned and made ready for flight before the aircraft's scheduled departure time.

2.0 PROCEDURE

- 2.1 When a tug movement is required and it is within the minimum towing time :-
 - STD- 75 minutes - Small Code C (E95 Size)
 - STD – 90 minutes - Code C (B739 Size)
 - STD -105 minutes - B757 and above
- 2.2 The handling agent can request that Airfield Control liaise with ATC to expedite the tow via Ext 2364.
- 2.3 Airfield Control will inform the ATC via the Tow Line of the higher priority for the particular movement by adding Alpha after the Tug Call Sign EG 'Tug 67A'.
- 2.4 When aware of a high priority tug movement, ATC are to afford the highest priority to the tug movement. This may involve delaying an outbound aircraft's push. Priority to these tow movements will only be given where workload, CTOTs and overall airfield congestion permits.

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