

## **BARRA AIRPORT**

### **ADVISORY SAFETY GUIDANCE TRAIGH MHOR BEACH**

#### **RUNWAY INCURSIONS**

One of the potential threats to an active airfield is the incursion onto a runway or manoeuvring area which causes conflict with moving, landing or departing aircraft. Such incursions can be generated by vehicles or people.

**Barra Airport's** airfield is unique, being situated in a beautiful island setting with its three runways being formed from the beach of Traigh Mhor. However, the rules governing the procedures and safety implications remain the same as any other licenced aerodrome. HIAL recognise the importance of the local cockle industry that takes place adjacent to the licensed airfield areas. We will continue to monitor this activity particularly when movements occur. We would however like to remind those involved with this process and visitors to the island of the following.

Special procedures are in force to protect aircraft movements:

- When the wind sock is flying the airfield is active and operated in accordance with its airfield licence as issued by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). Access to the beach area is not permitted.
- Restrictions to the airfield side of the terminal building apply. These are necessary to control access in accordance with Department for Transport security requirements and airside safety under HSE and CAA rules.
- The strobe light located on the top of the ATC tower indicates an aircraft arrival or departure is imminent.
- Special procedures are introduced for ambulance flights at short notice during periods when the airport is normally closed. This includes flight movements in the hours of darkness.

Your co-operation is needed to maintain a safe operation for aircraft, passengers, flight crews, staff, residents and visitors.

We recognise that the flights at Traigh Mhor are a visitor attraction. Flight operations can be safely viewed from the airport car park and visitors are asked to observe the procedures set out above.

We are committed to safety and hope that you will support us in continuing to achieve this.

**Barra Airport Management**

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