

RA 3278 – Snow and Ice Operations

Rationale *Contaminated Runway operations remain the exception rather than the norm in the UK; therefore, additional guidance is required in order to establish an equivalent level of safety even in adverse conditions.*

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Regulation 3278(1)
Contaminant Clearance
 3278(1) When the Aerodrome is available for use, the Aerodrome Operator (AO) **shall** ensure that the Movement Area remains safe for the operation of Air Systems at all times.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 3278(1)
Contaminant Clearance
 1. AOs **should** ensure the clearance of winter contaminants from the Movement Area and the measurement and reporting of surface conditions in line with Front Line Command requirements.

Guidance Material 3278(1)
Contaminant Clearance
 2. Nil.

Regulation 3278(2)
Aerodrome Snow and Ice Plan
 3278(2) Duty Holder-Facing Organizations **shall** prepare an Aerodrome Snow and Ice Plan.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 3278(2)
Aerodrome Snow and Ice Plan
 3. Prior to the onset of winter conditions, the AO **should** prepare and/or review a plan to effect efficient measurement and clearance procedures intended to ensure maximum availability of the Movement Area.
 4. The Snow and Ice Plan **should** be developed in accordance with AP119J-0100-1, Snow Clearance and Ice Control of Airfields.

Guidance Material 3278(2)
Aerodrome Snow and Ice Plan
 5. The Snow and Ice Season is normally 1 Nov to 30 Apr; however, this may vary each year depending on the weather forecast. The AO is responsible for deciding if Op BLACKTOP should start early or finish later than these dates.

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