



ENVIRONMENT AND ENGINE IDLING POLICY

Statement of Purpose

This policy has been developed to meet Paramount Platforms Ltd obligations to protect air quality by reducing the environmental impact of our operations in relation to engine idling by our employees in company vehicles. This in turn will greatly improve the fuel efficiency of our operations, reduce fuel costs and ensure we avoid the increasing fines and penalties associated with engine idling.

Background

Air pollution such as diesel particulates, Carbon Monoxide, particularly ground level NOx, is an immediate and ongoing concern in the UK. The documented impacts on health, economic growth and quality of life are of great concern. Vehicle exhaust emissions from idling vehicles contributes significantly to air pollution.

Statement of Policy

It is the policy of Paramount Platforms Ltd, that the driver of any vehicle belonging to the business, employees and customers, turn the engine off when a vehicle is stationary for more than 30 seconds, except when in traffic.

Exemptions

The policy of turning vehicles off when stopped does not apply for the periods during which idling is necessary under the following circumstances:

- To provide for the safety of the vehicle occupants, such as extreme cold conditions (e.g. to run the air heaters).
- When a driver is conducting a daily driver walk-around check of a vehicle which requires the engine to be idling to check for excessive smoke, to build up air pressure and to check for air/liquid leaks and dash faults.
- To use lifting/auxiliary equipment powered by the engine for loading and unloading.
- When unforeseen traffic safety or emergency situations arise.

If in the above exemption cases equipment can be run from the battery alone, i.e. tail lifts, drivers must refrain from idling unless there is a significant concern of draining the battery.

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