Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd

**Wheel Security and Re-Torque Policy**

**Aim**

This Wheel Security and Re-Torque policy covers all vehicles and trailers within Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd.

Vehicle wheel studs and nuts are subjected to very high levels of stresses as axle loads and engine power outputs have increased in recent times. This makes it essential that wheel nuts are tightened and kept to the recommended torque settings, if the risk of loose nuts or at worst a wheel detachment is to be avoided.

This policy provides guidance to Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd drivers on the company’s Wheel Security and Re-Torque policy and how to achieve it. The safety of wheel fixings can only be ensured by carefully following recommended wheel fitting and wheel nut tightening procedures as covered within.

The Policy applies to all vehicles on the Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd Fleet. Irrespective of vehicle weight, the correct wheel nut torque will be applied to all wheels as part of every statutory inspection routine and following wheel changes.

**Careless Torque cost lives**

All drivers shall be provided with a copy of the DVSA – “**Careless Torque Costs Lives**” document, so that they may make wheel fixing maintenance an important part of their maintenance schedule.

**New Vehicles and Trailers**

New vehicles and trailers must have all wheel nuts checked to the correct torque setting prior to entering into service.

**Records**

Confirmation that wheel nut torque has been checked and reset will be recorded on individual vehicle inspection records, endorsed and signed accordingly by the company’s maintenance provider, indicating the relevant wheel position/s.

**All Vehicles**

Following all road wheel changes/fitments, wheel nuts must be properly torqued and then re-torqued; adhering to the process outlined below.

The company’s tyre agent must apply the following procedure:

* Torque wheel nuts to manufacturer’s recommended torque setting
* Allow the vehicle to stand for 30 minutes and re-torque to complete the process
* Provide the driver with a re-torque tag indicating the steps above have been adhered to

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I declare that I have read and understood the contents of this Wheel Security and Re-Torque Policy and agree to adhere to it at all times during my employment with Compass Group UK & Ireland Ltd.

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| Employee |  |  |  |
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