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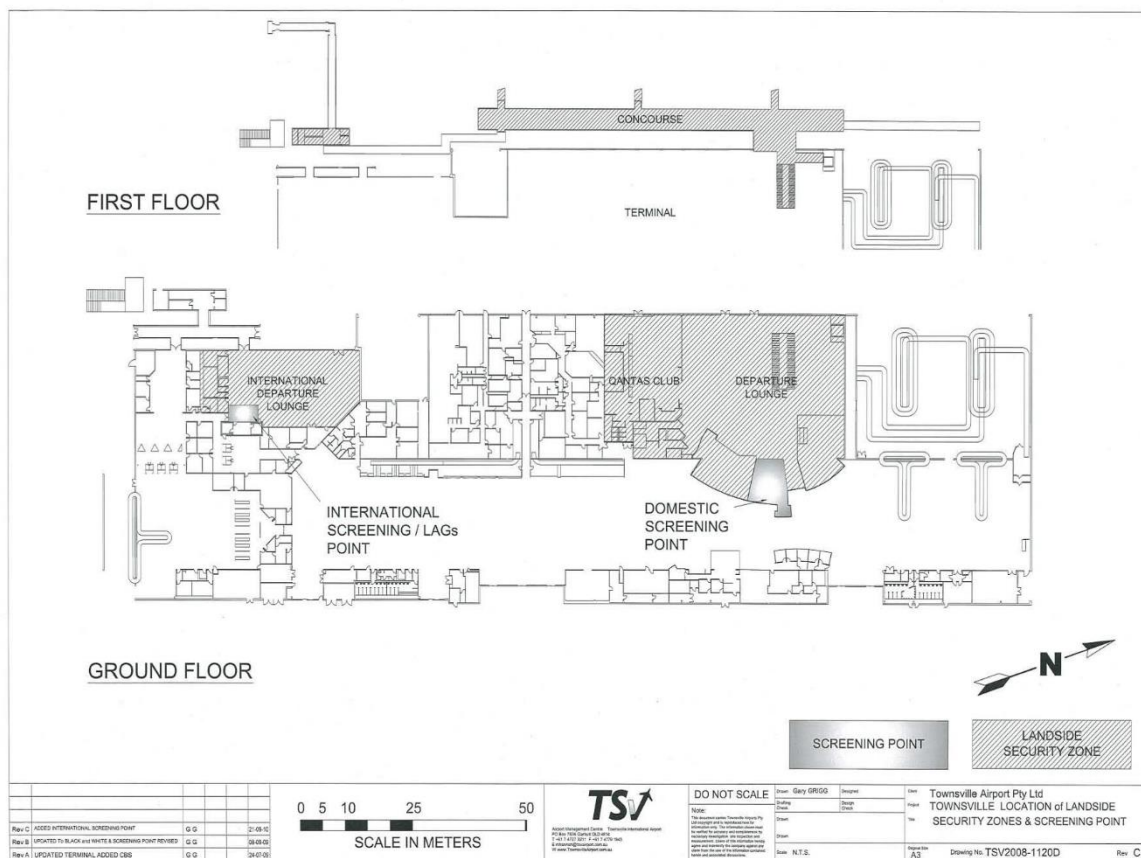
Date: 13 May 2014

Subject: **ENTERING THE STERILE AREA**

Area of Concern: **SCREENING POINT**

Sterile Area

The Sterile Area at Townsville Airport Pty Ltd is called a Landside Security Zone. Townsville Airport Pty Ltd has a responsibility under the Aviation Transport Security Regulations (2005) to ensure the Sterile Area zone is enclosed in a barrier sufficient to prevent cleared persons in the zone coming into contact with persons who have not been cleared, and to prevent cleared persons gaining access to anything from outside the zone that has not been cleared.



Above: Sterile Areas at Townsville Airport Pty Ltd

All persons and goods entering the Sterile Areas (not just passengers and their carry-on items) are required to be screened and kept segregated from non-screened persons and items. If you enter the Sterile Area via the screening point, you must be screened and cleared.

You can only enter the Sterile Areas unscreened if you have been specifically exempted to do so under legislation. The following persons may pass through a screening point without being screened:

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- a law enforcement officer who produces his or her identity card as a law enforcement officer;
- a screening officer who is engaged in the management of the screening point;
- an ambulance, rescue or fire service officer who is responding to an emergency on the landside of the airport;
- a member of the Defence Force who is responding to an event or threat of unlawful interference with aviation.

However, a person may enter a sterile area other than through a screening point, or by passing through a screening point without being screened, if the person is entering the area after disembarking from a screened air service and all persons on board the service received clearance to board at a category 1, 2, 3 or 4 security controlled airport (for example, air crew and passengers entering via aerobridges to embark on another aircraft).

To enter and remain you must

- Be screened and cleared (unless exempted);
- Have authorisation to enter the Sterile Area;
- Have duties to perform in the Sterile Area;
- Not carry any item that might be used as a weapon into a Sterile Area unless exempted to do so under the legislation.



Personnel undertaking maintenance in the Sterile Area must enter via the screening point and register their tools. Something is a ***tool of trade*** for a person if:

- (a) the person requires it for the purpose for which he or she is in the sterile area; and**
- (b) the purpose is lawful.**

Unauthorised entry into the Sterile Area can incur penalties. If you witness a breach of this matter occur, you should report it immediately to the ISS Security Services Manager on 0418 777 421 or the TAPL Security Contact Officer on 0417 723 692.