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# LAND RANGES SAFETY SUB COMMITTEE

## RANGE SAFETY NOTICE 4-11

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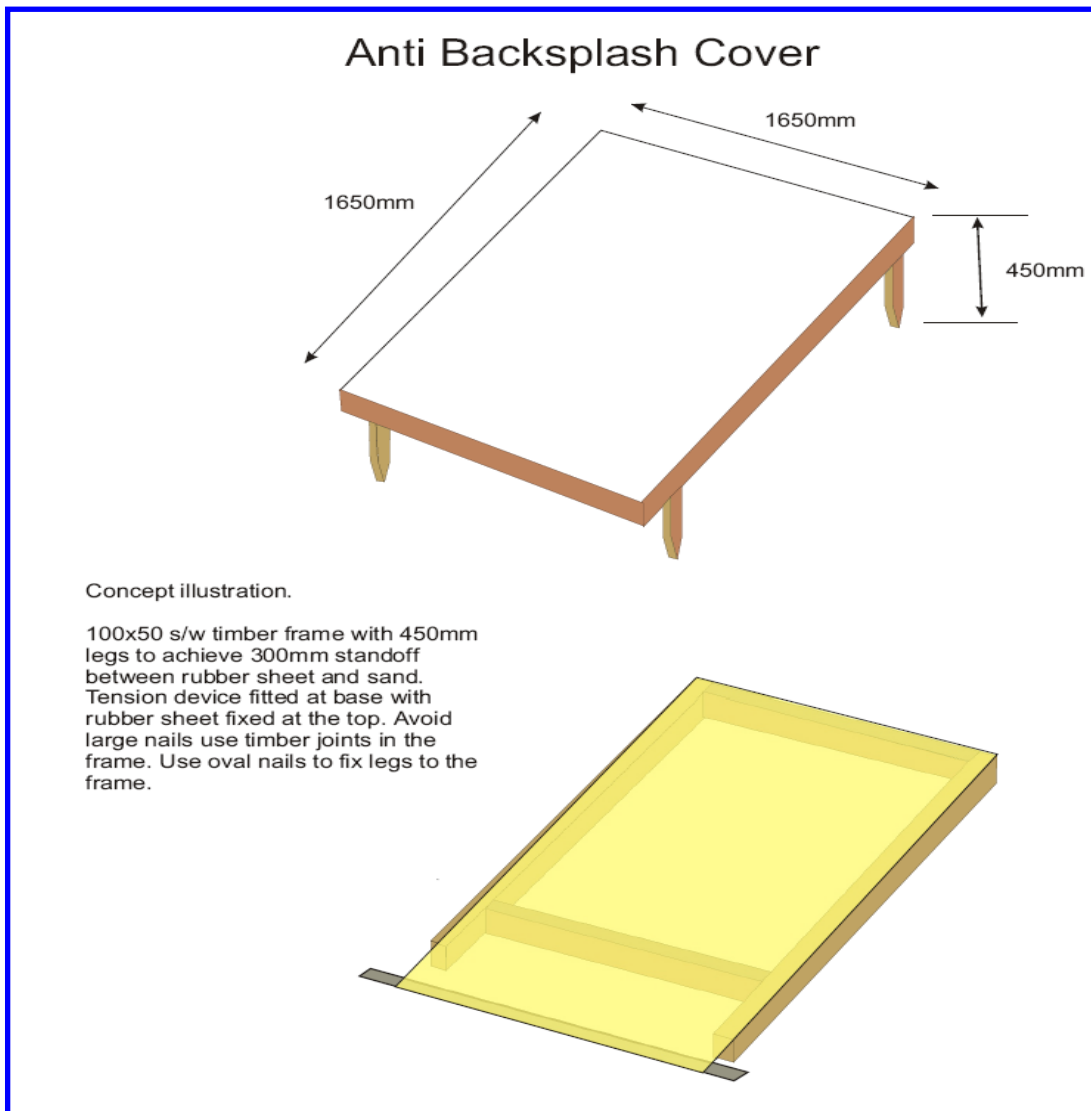
#### CLOSE ENGAGEMENT PRACTICES ON FIXED RANGES

References:

- A. JSP 403 Vol.2
- B. Inf Trg PAM 21
- C. TWG 4 Nov 11

#### Background

1. Established backslash distances are provided in Reference A Table 2 which currently allows for close engagement down to 10 m on NDA ranges where the bullet catcher is well maintained. There is now a general requirement to engage at distances down to 3 m from the targets on fixed ranges. Close engagement on LFTTA is not restricted in Reference B.
2. Trials at DTE SE demonstrated that even with significant bullet debris on the surface of the bullet catcher there was no backslash from close engagement practices at 3 m providing an anti backslash curtain is provided.
3. The TWG agreed that practices may be undertaken down to 3 m on fixed ranges providing an anti backslash curtain is provided for the duration of these practices.
4. The curtain may be fixed hanging behind the targets or laid on the bullet trap supported at least 300 mm off the surface of the bullet catcher. Anti backslash curtains or frames should be fixed in such a way to allow simple installation and removal by range staff. Typical detail for an anti backslash frame is provided below but actual dimensions will depend upon target spacing on each range. The anti backslash curtain or frame must extend behind and beyond each of the targets engaged to prevent backslash from the surface of the bullet trap reaching any of the firers on the range.



#### **Effective Date**

5. The required action is to be taken immediately on receipt of this notice

#### **Disposal**

6. This Range Safety Notice remains in force until the content has been incorporated in JSP 403 Volume 2 Change 6.

Date of Issue: 18 Nov 11 Chairman Land Ranges Safety Sub Committee