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MAA/RN/2018/06 – Regulatory Article (RA) 1000 Series Coherence and Consistency Review – Tranche 2

Issue

1. The MAA develops, promulgates and enforces a regulatory framework to promote an active safety culture and assure appropriate standards are being met in the delivery of Air Safety through an independent end-to-end assurance process. In order to ensure the ongoing effectiveness of the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) in meeting this intent, the MAA Regulations Division is required to review all documentation within the MRP in accordance with the appropriate internal review schedule. When carrying out a full review of a complete series of Regulations, the scope must be clearly defined to ensure the task remains manageable and that the Regulated Community (RC) fully understand the limitations and boundaries appropriate to a particular review.

Scope

2. In reviewing the RA 1000 Series Regulations, it was agreed to limit the scope of activity to that of Coherency and Consistency, specifically focusing on the requirement to ensure that the MAA addressed incoherence and attained standardization of the RA 1000 Series against the remainder of the MRP.

3. Additionally, the opportunity was taken to, where appropriate, conduct post-implementation reviews of all RA 1000 Series Regulations to ensure the previous publication/amendment had resulted in a positive outcome.

4. Where the requirement for a more fundamental review of specific RAs was identified, or where it was considered that new regulation was required, this work would be extracted for completion in parallel.

Coherence Review Detail

5. The outcome of the RA 1000 Series Coherency and Consistency review requires some RAs to be subject to RC Consultation through the Notice of Proposed Amendment (NPA) process, others to go straight to publication under Notice of Authorized Amendment (NAA), due to the limited nature of the changes, and a limited number to be extracted for a separate, more detailed review.

6. To ensure that the task remains manageable for both the MAA and the RC, the RA 1000 Series Coherency and Consistency review will be completed in two Tranches. This RN specifically relates to Tranche 2, covering RAs 1300 to 1920. Tranche 1 information has been released separately in early spring 2018 (MAA/RN/2018/01) and covers RAs 1000 to 1240.

7. Whilst the MAA are happy to consider all relevant comments on those RAs that have been subject to RC Consultation through NPA, reviewers should primarily focus on the proposed changes generated through RFC implementation, and the changes associated with this MAA review. Table 1 details examples of the criteria applied during this review.

8. Tranche 2 - 1000 Series RAs that are subject to NPA are detailed in Table 2 and, when finalised, will be published on the MAA Websites, on both the [GOV.UK Internet page](#) and the [Defence Intranet page](#).
9. Tranche 2 - 1000 Series RAs that are not subject to NPA are detailed in Table 3.
10. Tranche 2 - 1000 Series RAs that have been extracted for more detailed review are shown in Table 4.
11. Publication of updated 1000 Series RAs for both Tranches will occur upon completion of the review in accordance with the MAA Regulatory Publication Schedule (MAA/RN/2018/02). Those 1000 Series RAs extracted for more detailed review will be handled separately from the broader review and will be published upon completion of staffing.

Further information

12. Any queries or requests for further guidance may be submitted by email to: DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

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Table 1 – Review Criteria

Criteria
Rationale (<i>Meets the formatting requirements of Context, Hazard, Defence</i>)
Regulations (<i>Links to the Rationale</i>)
AMCs (<i>Links to the Regulations</i>)
GMs (<i>Links to the AMCs</i>)
RFCs (<i>Inclusion of any outstanding</i>)
AWEs (<i>Appropriate for RA amendment</i>)
Should/Shall/Must/Will/May/Can (<i>Correct section, and embolden correctly</i>)
References still exist and valid (<i>Posts, organizations, RAs, information sources/documents</i>)
Hyperlinks (<i>Still work, Not DII, Internet based, Correct protective marking</i>)
Terms (<i>Consistent use throughout the RA/Series/MRP</i>)
Abbreviations (<i>First usage in full, not used in RA/contents titles, consistent use throughout RA/Series/MRP</i>)
Grammar / Punctuation / Spelling
Duplication (<i>Remove text duplicated in an RA, or between multiple RAs</i>)
Abbreviation Punctuation (<i>Not used within/after abbreviations/dates iaw MAA03 [For example 'eg' not 'e.g.'])</i>)
Any identified issues
Replace "aircraft" with "Air Systems" (<i>where applicable</i>)
Replace "Project Team" / "PT" with "Delivery Team" / "DT" (<i>where applicable</i>)
Replace "Safety Management System" / "SMS" with "Air Safety Management System" / "ASMS" (<i>where applicable</i>)
Replace "Safety Management Plan" / "SMP" with "Air Safety Management Plan" / "ASMP" (<i>where applicable</i>)
Replace "Chief of Defence Materiel" with "Chief Executive Officer" (<i>where applicable</i>)
Replace all civil servant grades with "or equivalent" (<i>ie: "OF5/B2" becomes "OF5 (or equivalent)"</i>)
Correct and consistent use of Duty Holder abbreviations (<i>ADH, SDH, ODH, DDH</i>)
MODNET email addresses (<i>@mod.gov.uk</i>)

Table 2 – RAs 1300-1920 that require NPA

MRP	Title ¹
RA 1300	Release To Service
RA 1310	Air System Document Set
RA 1325	Drafting of Limitations in the Release To Service
RA 1330	Special Clearances
RA 1345	Airborne Equipment Release Certificate
RA 1350	Air Launched Weapon Release Certificate
RA 1360	Release To Service Recommendation Preparation and Authorization
RA 1370	Release To Service Configuration Control and Audit Trail
RA 1380	Performance Based Navigation
RA 1390	Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum
RA 1400	Flight Safety
RA 1410	Occurrence Reporting
RA 1440	Air Safety Training

Table 3 – RAs 1300-1920 that do not require NPA

MRP	Title ¹
RA 1340	Equipment Not Basic to the Air System
RA 1395	Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in Her Majesty's/MOD Ships
RA 1420	Service Inquiries; Air Accident and Significant Occurrence Investigation
RA 1910	Quality Assurance of Aviation Fuels from non-MOD Sources
RA 1920	Aviation Arrangements in Surface Ships - Equipment Standards

Table 4 – RAs 1300-1920 not included in the RA 1000 Series Coherence Review

MRP	Title	Reason
RA 1430	Aircraft Post Crash Management and Significance Occurrence Management	Separate review
RA 1600	Remotely Piloted Air Systems	Separate review

¹ Note: Some RA titles have been revised, and those new titles are shown in Tables 2 and 3.