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## MAA/RN/2019/04 – Manual of Aerodrome Design and Safeguarding (MADS) Withdrawal

### Issue

1. The [MADS](#) has been withdrawn. Elements considered to be Regulatory material<sup>1</sup> are published as RA 3500-3599 with non-Regulatory material the responsibility of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO).

### Scope

2. This Regulatory Notice (RN) notifies the withdrawal of MADS and details the process for updating current Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance, Waivers or Exemptions.

### Aim

3. The aim of this RN is to ensure that no undue burden is placed upon the Regulated Community (RC) as Air Traffic Management Regulation transitions from the MADS to the RA 3500 series, by detailing how this process will be managed.

### Implementation

4. This RN is effective immediately.

### Background

5. The RA 3500 series was released under NAA on 21 Sep 18, supported by MAA/RN/2018/08. RA 3016 Military Aerodrome Design and Safeguarding Criteria was withdrawn on publication of the new regulations.

6. Specialist material from the MADS which is not deemed to be Regulatory material is now the responsibility of the DIO.

7. For all queries regarding Aerodrome Design and Safeguarding, the RC are to refer to the RA 3500 Series. Should there be further questions the MOD specialists contact list within RA 3500 is to be used.

### Regulatory Standards

8. RA 3500, as the capstone publication for the RA 3500 series, retains as Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) that the standards contained in the RA 3500 series '**should** be applied to the new construction, modification and restoration of facilities at MOD Aerodromes.'

9. Accordingly, there is therefore no requirement for facilities to be modified solely in order to meet new standards introduced within the RA 3500 series, as routine or exceptional construction, restoration or maintenance processes will enable these standards to be met in due course.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with MAA Regulatory Policy, see [MAA 01](#) Regulatory Policy.

## **Alternative AMC (AAMC), Waivers and Exemptions (AWE) relating to variations from RA 3016 or the MADS**

10. Organizations holding extant AWE relating to variations from RA 3016 or the MADS are required to review these documents with reference to the RA 3500 series.

- a. If the AWE is no longer required, the MAA must be notified, so that it can be expired<sup>2</sup>.
- b. If the AWE is still required:
  - (1) If the standard against which the AWE was issued is not altered within the RA 3500 series, and there are no changes to the conditions and requirements specified in the application (and the MAA's response), the MAA will issue an amended AWE on application.
  - (2) If the standard against which the AWE was issued is altered within the RA 3500 series<sup>3</sup>, processes specified in Annexes B and C to MAA 03 must be followed, and an application for a new AWE made.

### **Queries**

11. The RC are invited and encouraged to engage with the MAA on any issues related to the content of this RN. Any queries or requests for further guidance may be submitted by email to [DSA-MAA-Reg-ATM2-ADInfra@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DSA-MAA-Reg-ATM2-ADInfra@mod.gov.uk).

### **Operating Assurance Head**

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<sup>2</sup> Noting the AMC to RA 3500 referenced in paragraph 8 above referencing the new construction, modification or restoration of facilities.

<sup>3</sup> Having assessed the current AWE records, it is anticipated that this will be in rare cases only.