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DSA DOSR RANGE ADVICE NOTICE 01-16

BIENNIAL WORKS INSPECTIONS OF MOD RANGE FACILITIES	
Who should read this:	All Service and civilian personnel involved with the management and conduct of MoD Ranges.
Category:	Regulation.
Cancellation date:	When rescinded, replaced, amended or incorporated into Reference A.
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References:

- A. JSP 403 Volume 2.
- B. DIO Hard FM Standards and Tasks Version 1 20120420.
- C. TAS RE Technical Data Sheet No. 29 dated 10 Apr 07 (attached), discussed and confirmed at meeting Inglis / Compton on 20 Oct 15.

Purpose

1. The purpose of the DSA DOSR Range Advice Notice is to provide a swift method of circulating an update to the Regulations, requirements and/ or guidance of Reference A, prior to the issue of a formal updates.

Issue

2. When DIO delivered the Next Generation Estates Contracts (NGEC) in parallel there was a change to the mandated inspections and maintenance regime for the MOD estate replacing DIO Specification 0005 with DIO Hard FM Standards and Tasks (Reference B). The change removed the requirement for biennial technical inspection of all buildings / facilities (level 2 assets) other than to those that explicitly need to be inspected in accordance with risk. As a result of this change it makes it more important to clearly understand the scope of range facility biennial technical inspections defined in Reference A.
3. For MOD range facilities the impact of the policy change is the asset and all sub assets which form a 'part of the range' will continue to be inspected iaw with JSP 403 as set out in Ser 263 of Reference B (these are better defined in Reference C). However any buildings / facilities that are captured as separate level 2 assets (captured as a stand alone building / facility) and are outside of the ballistic template shall not be subject to a biennial technical inspection. It should be noted that all buildings / facilities shall still be subjected to

other statutory and mandatory inspections as directed in Reference B e.g. electrical, legionella.

Required Action

4. Range Administering Units (RAUs) should review their range risk assessments to satisfy themselves that the reduction in the scope of the biennial works inspection is without detriment to the safety of their ranges. In so doing they should seek general infrastructure advice from their facility management team; MOD FM-lead (e.g. DIO Infrastructure Manager) and Industry Partner (IP) / delivery Team (e.g. NGEN IP). If they have concerns on safe ballistic infrastructure they should seek advice from DIO SD Trg TAS. If there is deemed to be detriment to the safety of the range it is recommended that they seek a contract change to re-introduce the required inspection regime.

5. In order to assist inspections RAUs shall have available a list of all buildings / assets that are subject to biennial technical inspections. The list will include that which is directed iaw Reference B and any additional buildings that have been added to (or are in the process of being added to) as a result of site specific risk assessment.

6. Those involved in the inspection of ranges need to note that RAUs and their supply chain are only directed to conduct biennial works inspections iaw Reference B. In conducting inspection of ranges they should expect to see the biennial works inspection for the range including any buildings within the ballistic template of the range. Access to statutory and mandatory inspection records for level 2 assets relating to the range that are outside of the ballistic template can be requested from the RAU.

Dissemination

7. The required action is to be taken effective from the date of issue of this letter. DRSC members as appropriate are requested to disseminate through their chains of command to all those involved in range inspections and RAUs. In due course, the contents of this RAN will be incorporated into Reference A.

8. This RAN will be placed on the Defence Intranet / Internet website for viewing alongside JSP 403.

Prepared: Technical Advisory Section

Date: 3 Nov 16

Authorised: Chairman DRSCWG

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