

REVISION PROGRAMME FOR THE UK MANUAL OF THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT (JSP 383)

Background

Publication of UK LOAC Manual The UK Manual of the Law of Armed Conflict ('the UK LOAC Manual') was published by Oxford University Press in 2004. In 2005 OUP brought out a paperback edition. In parallel the UK Armed Forces have the Manual in loose-leaf, ring binder form. This is known as Joint Service Publication 383 (JSP 383). The format of JSP 383 was designed to allow amendments to be made and incorporated on a rolling basis.

Amendment State As at July 2010 there have been two amendments. Amendment 1 was issued in 2004. Amendment 2 was issued in July 2007.

Revision Programme

Project to Revise UK LOAC Manual The Editorial Board of the UK LOAC Manual has endorsed a project plan to bring out a complete revision of the UK LOAC Manual around the 2014 time frame, ten years or so after first publication. The Board will now meet on a regular basis to see which parts of the text need updating.

Programme of Rolling Updates In the period 2010 to the submission of the revised text for publication there will be a rolling programme of updates that will generally be of a more straightforward nature. More complex updates will be reserved for the new revision.

Document Promulgation

Web Publication The DCDC website will have posted on it electronic copies of:

- a. The 2004 UK LOAC Manual;
- b. Amendments 1 & 2 of 2004 and 2007 respectively.
- c. All subsequent Amendments issued under the rolling update programme.

There is also an aspiration to promulgate:

- d. The UK LOAC Manual noted up with all current amendments.

JSP 383 Textual Amendment There is no intention to issue new or replacement pages of JSP 383 for insertion in ring binders. Holders of JSP 383 should print off the amendments and keep them with JSP 383 as a noter-up. Holders are advised to mark or otherwise annotate the relevant parts of the text covered by amendments to signpost readers to the noter-up.

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