LAND RANGES WORKING PARTY RANGE SAFETY NOTICE 03/10

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The revised detail will be incorporated in JSP 403 Volume 2 Change 5 Amendment 1.

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SAFETY OF L110A2 LMG PRACTICES ON GALLERY RANGES (GR).

References:

- A. RSN 06/09
- B. RSN 01/10
- C. RSN 02/10

BACKGROUND

1. RSN 06/09 highlighted the potential for backsplash into the gallery and to adjacent ranges when LMG practices from 400 m and recommended restrictions and control measures. On advice from the IPT RSN 01-10 restricted LMG practices beyond 300 m on all gallery type ranges. RSN 02-10 was issued to lift the restrictions advised in RSN 06/09 as practices beyond 300m were prohibited.

2. Unfortunately there is still no evidence there will not be backsplash from practices fired from 300m. Until such evidence is provided LMG practices on GR may only be conducted with the restrictions set out below.

RESTRICTIONS TO BE APPLIED

3. There are to be no personnel in the markers gallery when firing LMG on GR. In addition, where there is an adjacent gallery range within 150m, those galleries on adjacent ranges may only be manned if PPE including CBA helmet and eye protection is worn. This restriction applies at all firing distances.

4. These control measures are to be added to Range Orders to ensure units on adjacent ranges have the correct equipment on arrival at the range. Should units arrive on adjacent ranges without PPE they are not to man the butts.

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 5 Amendment 1.

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Chairman Land Range Working Party