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Dear Paul,

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY – DEFENCE AVIATION REGULATOR

Reference:

A. DSA Charter dated 24 March 15.

1. As the Director General of the Defence Safety Authority (DSA) I have principal responsibility within Defence for the regulation¹ of Safety². Under the authority given to me by the DSA Charter, I define your authority and responsibilities as the Defence Aviation Regulator (DAR) in this Letter of Delegation.

2. You are to regulate aviation safety across Defence activities in accordance with the Secretary of State's policy statement and maintain an appropriate regulatory regime. Your specific regulatory responsibilities are set out at the Annex. Decisions within the aviation safety regulatory area are your responsibility.

3. As a constituent part of the DSA, in exercising your authority and discharging your responsibilities, you are to act in accordance with the direction and management objectives set by me as the Director General DSA. You are to ensure that the resources placed at your disposal are used to deliver optimal regulatory outcomes. You are to identify and bring to my attention any circumstances that prevent you from satisfactorily resolving any potential constraint on your ability to discharge regulatory duties under these delegations, or where safety - especially Risk to Life - or environmental protection is significantly threatened; this is to include your own ability to provide your staff with resources adequate for discharging their regulatory responsibilities. Furthermore,

¹ Regulation involves: governance; setting policy; principles; standards; guidance; audit; inspection; permissioning; occurrence investigation; and, where appropriate, sanctions/enforcement.

² Includes health and environmental protection.

you should highlight to me any areas where you are aware of other accountable persons³ who are unable to discharge their duties in respect of significant safety matters.

4. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, confirming that you understand and accept the extent and terms of your delegated authority.

R Garwood

R F Garwood
Air Marshal

Annex:

A. Responsibilities of the Defence Aviation Regulator.

³ For example: Authorisees; Accountable Managers; Duty Holders or persons in Duty Holder-facing organisations.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEFENCE AVIATION REGULATOR

You are delegated the following responsibilities to enable you to regulate Defence activities in the aviation safety domain:

- a. understand and, where appropriate, influence international conventions and UK HS&EP legislation relevant to your domain or functional area; examine emerging relevant legislative proposals, assess the impact of such proposals; consider the need for exemptions; and where necessary secure those exemptions;
- b. understand and, where appropriate, influence Departmental arrangements which may affect safety and environmental protection, including the Secretary of State's Policy Statement;
- c. optimise the coherence of regulatory regimes with statutory equivalents and with other Defence regulatory regimes;
- d. maintain and promulgate Defence Regulations for the regime;
- e. maintain and implement processes, consistent with the regulatory regime, to inspect and audit defence activities for compliance with Defence Regulations;
- f. maintain and implement processes, consistent with the regulatory regime, to certify, license, authorise, approve, agree and / or permission Defence activities, people, facilities and equipment as appropriate;
- g. maintain and implement processes, consistent with the regulatory regime, to enforce Defence Regulations through appropriate sanctions;
- h. maintain and implement processes, consistent with the regulatory regime, to conduct a regulatory investigation, or to co-operate with an independent investigation;
- i. maintain and promulgate guidance and provide advice to those conducting Defence activities to facilitate their compliance with Defence Regulations;
- j. promote and foster an engaged safety culture, competence and continuous improvement, by all who are involved in, or connected with, Defence activities;
- k. provide independent assurance of safety performance across your domain or functional area and contribute to DG DSA's annual report;
- l. promote and foster peer relationships with relevant statutory regulators and government departments; establish liaison arrangements; where appropriate, develop and maintain joint regulatory regimes;
- m. promote and foster peer relationships with relevant overseas HS&EP authorities or government agencies.