

MAA Transition to DSA

Key Facts

FORMATION OF THE DEFENCE SAFETY AUTHORITY (DSA)

- A new organization, the Defence Safety Authority (DSA), will be launched on 1 Apr 2015. The DSA will bring together the Defence Safety and Environment Authority (DSEA), Military Aviation Authority (MAA) and Defence Fire Safety Regulator (DFSR) to form a single common managed organization under the leadership of a 3-star Director General (DG) - DG DSA.
- Air Marshal Richard Garwood has been appointed to be the first Director General of the Defence Safety Authority (DG DSA). He will assume his new role on 1 Apr 15.
- The Defence Authority roles will be undertaken by the DSA and will be empowered through a new Charter, and bespoke governance arrangements adopted, to preserve the independence of the DSA.
- Bringing together the regulators into a single organization realizes significant benefits for the delivery of safety regulation for the Ministry of Defence, including:
 - A single 3-star officer responsible for all Defence Safety regulation.
 - Enhanced operational capability through appropriate and proportionate regulation.
 - Provision of a single assessment of safety performance across all Defence TLBs and TEs.
 - A coherent regulatory response to new legislation, technical developments and other external changes.
 - Improved ability to share knowledge on accident/incident/near misses so that safety initiatives and regulatory activity can be more efficiently targeted.

TRANSITION OF THE MAA TO THE DSA

There will be some changes for the MAA at IOC but they will be limited.

- The MAA will be headed by the newly formed post of Director MAA (D MAA). Air Vice Marshal Paul Atherton will assume this new role on 1 Apr 15.
- The new DSA Charter encompassing all the regulators will replace the MAA Charter.



- DG DSA will be the Convening Authority for Aviation Service Inquiries (SIs) and, subject to formal agreement, will become the primary Convening Authority for all safety related accidents from 1 Apr 15
- MAA role and multiuser email addresses will change from 1 Apr 15. In most cases existing email addresses will be prefixed by DSA (i.e. MAA-XXXXX@mod.uk to become DSA-MAA-XXXXX@mod.uk).
- At DSA IOC the regulator outputs will remain unchanged.
- The MAA identity, brand and logo will remain the same.
- The Military Air Accident Investigation Branch (MiAAIB) and the Land Accident Investigation Team (LAIT) will come under the functional authority and line management of DG DSA.

DEFENCE SAFETY REGULATION REVIEW

A review of how Defence currently conducts safety regulation is being undertaken and the report will be presented to PUS and the Service Chiefs in Summer 2015.

The review aims to:

- **Understand** how and why Defence regulates itself today.
- **Define** the desired Defence regulatory outcomes.
- **Identify** de-regulation opportunities.
- **Recommend** appropriate and proportionate structures and process to deliver regulation.
- **Provide** a model of how Defence Safety arrangements should be regulated in the future.

Key Dates

1 April 2015 - Initial Operating Capability 31 May 2015 - Regulation Review report to PUS
1 April 2016 - Final Operating Capability