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Thank you for your e-mail dated 3 November 2017, requesting the following information:

*Thank you for the documents you sent regarding this enquiry. However that wasn't quite the information I was looking for. I was looking for safety notices, or other notices, that have been issued in regards to the use of vehicles which have had Mod 42 embodied and in particular where trailers are towed by such vehicles. I am aware that there is a safety related issue but I have been unable to ascertain what the issue or issues are.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you have requested can be found attached below, but some of the information falls entirely within the scope of the absolute exemption provided for at section 40 (Personal Data), of the FOIA and has been redacted and withheld.

Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 1998. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest in making a decision to withhold the information

Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance), you may find it helpful to note that whilst towing a trailer at speed this may result in the trailer bouncing significantly which in turn may cause the trailer to hit the lower rim of the spare tyre mounted on the rear of the vehicle.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours Sincerely

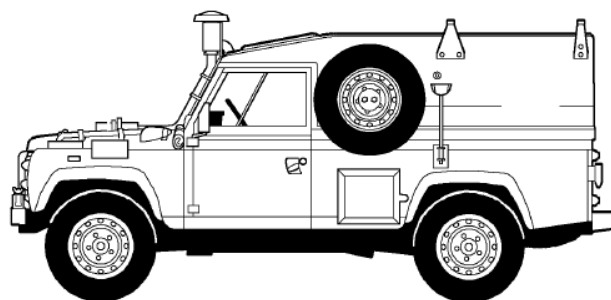
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**SNvE Template – Issuing**

PLEASE NOTE: First issue or Supercession of a SNvE is shown in **BLUE**. Rescinding of a SNvE is shown in **Red**.

<b>ID Number:</b>	LE SNvE 00036
<b>From:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>To:</b>	As per Annex B
<b>CC:</b>	TL, As per Annex B
<b>Subject:</b>	20170424 – UPDATED_SNVE_00036_MODIFICATION_42_LAND_ROVER-O 20151008 – ROUTINE_SAFETY_NOTICE_SNVE_MODIFICATION_42_Land_Rover-OS
<b>Author:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Timing:</b>	ROUTINE (NOT FOR OUT OF HOURS ACTION)
<b>FAO:</b>	All units holding any Land Rover platforms HS Truck Utility Medium TUM/ Truck Utility Light TUL (including Battle Field Ambulance)
<b>Subject:</b>	Safety Notice Updated – All Land Rover Platforms that are fitted with Mod 42 (2320-D-128-811).
<b>Affected Platform(s)</b>	All Land Rover platforms that have been embodied with Mod 42.
<b>Issue:</b>	<p><b><u>New Update 26/04/2017</u></b></p> <p>Modification 42 for all Land Rover platforms is not fit for purpose when towing a trailer and under no circumstances is to be used when a trailer and Land Rover combination is present.</p> <p>An issue has been identified with the Land Rover and trailer combination if modification 42 is used, this could result in a potential unsafe practice leading to a Road Traffic Incident (RTI).</p> <p><u>All vehicles embodied with Modification 42 must have the Spare Wheel removed from the Swing Away Spare Wheel Carrier when towing a trailer. The spare wheel must either be secured to another recognised spare wheel securing point on the outside of the Land Rover (i.e on the side) or secure in the trailer. Under no circumstances is the spare wheel to be carried in the rear of the vehicle if there is potential of carriage of passengers.</u></p>





<b>Expiry Date:</b>	<b>26/04/2018</b>
<b>Previous SNvE:</b>	LE SNvE 00036 issue on the 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2015.
<b>Immediate Action:</b>	All users of Land Rover platforms to be reminded of the restrictions of towing a trailer if modification 42 (Swing Away Spare Wheel Carrier) is fitted.
<b>Longer term actions:</b>	To embody SNVE 00036 as normal practice in the Land Rover AESPs.
<b>Reporting action:</b>	Front Line Commands are to cascade this notice to all users of the equipment.
<b>Additional Info:</b>	To relocate the spare wheel to the side of the platform, details of the spares required can be found within AESP 2320-D-128-711 chapter 2-12-41 spare wheel mountings.
<b>JAMES Eqpt:</b>	N/A
<b>DE&amp;S PoC:</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>ARMY HQ FOR ALL QUERIES</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>AUTHORISATION:</b>	[REDACTED]

