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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Defence (MOD) of 7 June 2019, which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. You asked:

**Does the British Armed Forces still own and use L84A2 red phosphorus smoke grenades?
Are there any white phosphorus munitions in the British Armed Forces?**

A search of MOD records has been undertaken and I can confirm that stocks of L84A2 red phosphorous smoke grenades are held but they are no longer used and are in the process of being disposed of. They have been replaced by the L84A3 red phosphorous smoke grenade.

The MOD also holds a small number of 60mm and 81mm white phosphorous smoke grenades which are used for screening purposes and are not directed at personnel. In addition, some 120mm smoke rounds are held but these are no longer used and are being disposed of.

All in-service British Armed Forces smoke grenades and munitions comply with appropriate international agreements.

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Yours sincerely

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