

## RA 1012 - ► Director General (Air) ◀ - Air Safety Responsibilities

### Rationale

Within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) ► Director General (Air) (DG(Air)) ◀ has been delegated an Airworthiness role, via the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), from the Secretary of State for Defence. To ensure continuity in the responsibility for the provision of safe products and Air Systems, ► DG(Air) ◀ is responsible for the Airworthiness delegation chain supporting the CEO.

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### Regulation 1012(1)

#### Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

1012(1) ► DG(Air) ◀ shall provide assurance to CEO that DE&S is delivering and supporting safe and airworthy Air Systems.

### Acceptable Means of Compliance 1012(1)

#### Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

1. ► DG(Air) ◀ should provide Subject Matter Expert (SME) advice and assurance to CEO on Airworthiness matters and the DE&S Air Safety Management System.
2. ► DG(Air) ◀ should ensure that all delegations of Airworthiness Authority within DE&S are cascaded to competent crown servants through a system of personal Letters of Airworthiness Authority (LoAAs)<sup>1</sup>.
3. ► DG(Air) ◀ should issue LoAAs to the 2\* Operating Centre Directors (OCD) containing, as a minimum, their Airworthiness responsibilities as detailed in RA 1003<sup>1</sup> and RA 1013<sup>2</sup>.

### Guidance Material 1012(1)

#### Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

4. In providing Airworthiness and safety assurance to CEO, ► DG(Air) ◀:
  - a. Sets the Airworthiness framework and governance structure within DE&S.
  - b. Oversees and audits the Airworthiness delegation process within DE&S.
  - c. Assures the Airworthiness competence of personnel employed within DE&S.
  - d. Ensures that cross cutting Airworthiness issues are highlighted and addressed.
  - e. Develops Airworthiness metrics and measures Airworthiness performance to provide an effective assessment of DE&S responsiveness.
  - f. Chairs the DE&S Air Safety Committee (DASC).
  - g. Is a member of the MAA Operators' Council (MOC).

<sup>1</sup> Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

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