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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing about your email of 01 October 2023, requesting the following information:

*Please provide a copy of AESP 0100-P-011-013 which details how to comment on other AESP.*

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI Act). A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD), and I can confirm that information in scope of your request is held. The information identified relating to this vehicle is attached, as follows:

- Annex A – AESP 0100-P-011-013

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. Section 40(2) has been applied to some of the information in order to protect personal information as governed by the Data Protection Act 2018. 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.

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Under Section 16 (Advice and Assistance) of the FOI Act, I can advise you that the 0100 series of AESP publications is in the process of being withdrawn and the majority of the

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publications have been cancelled. The remaining AESP octads will only cover the management of AESPs and not technical authoring information.

You may find it helpful to note that the majority of the technical authoring information is now available in Defence Standard (DefStan) 00-601 – Part 4 Issue 1. Further information on DefStans can be found at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-defence-standardization>

It is possible to create an account and access DefStans at the following link:

<https://www.dstan.mod.uk/StanMIS/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fStanMIS%2f>

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. 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.gov.uk](mailto:CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.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,

DE&S Policy Secretariat