



DMR Regulatory Notice 05/2024: DSA02-DMR Defence Maritime Regulations for Health, Safety and Environmental Protection 2025 Edition

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Summary

The purpose of this DMR Notice is to provide the Defence Maritime Domain with notice of the issue of DSA02-DMR – Defence Maritime Regulations for HS&EP 2025 Edition. Through the DMR Regulations Review Council these regulations have been reviewed and changes agreed. The 2025 edition takes effect on 1st Jan 2025. Changes that have been made are captured below.

Introduction

1. To meet the requirements of the DSA Charter and the Secretary of State's (SofS) Policy Statement for Health, Safety and the Environment DMR provides regulation of MOD maritime activities. These regulations are reviewed annually.
2. The aim, through publishing the DSA02-Defence Maritime Regulations, is to aid the domain to meet the requirements of the SofS's direction in their Policy Statement.
3. A Regulations Review Council (RRC), made up of key representatives from across the Defence Maritime Domain, review the regulatory requirements and agree the regulation set. Non-regulatory changes listed at para 7 have been briefed to the RRC. Regulatory changes listed at para 7 have been endorsed by the RRC.

Changes

4. The entire document has been reformatted to bring it in line with DSA branding, and to improve accessibility. This has resulted in some changes to the Introduction and the visuals of the document, but no regulatory changes.
5. The entire document has been reviewed and amended to provide consistency in capitalisation and the use of acronyms. An acronyms list is now provided at the end of the document. References to other organisations have been updated, and minor grammatical and typographical errors corrected.
6. The Provenance has been reviewed to ensure up-to-date references are included.
7. Regulatory changes may be to the Regulation itself or to the Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC). Non-regulatory changes are made to the Introduction and to the introductions to individual regulation series. The changes come under the following headings:



- a. Accountability
 - i Rewrite and rename of Regs 203 and 204 (previously Senior Duty Holders and Operating Duty Holders); these have been reworked to refer to the Senior Accountable Person and the Accountable Person.
 - ii Withdrawal of Reg 205 (Delivery Duty Holders); the contents have been subsumed into Reg 204.
 - iii Removal of 'named' and 'nominated' when referring to Accountable Persons (Regs 101, 301, 305, 603, 620 and 703).
 - iv Amendments to terminology around accountability to be clearer (Regs 202, 207, 301, 307).
 - v Rewording of Reg 704 to clarify which AP is being referred to and to reorganise the AMC for simplicity.
- b. Environmental terminology. To provide consistency across environmental terminology the following changes have been made:
 - i Removal of the term Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO) in the Introduction (2024 edition: para 38; 2025 edition: para 42) and Reg 209.
 - ii Introduction of the term 'environmentally sound' in place of the terms 'environmentally compliant' and 'environmentally sustainable' (Introduction to 300 series regulations and Regs 301, 306, 307, 608, 701). See para 9 below for further information about this term.
- c. Lines of Defence. The move from the term Party Assurance across to Lines of Defence has resulted in:
 - i Changes in the Introduction (2024 edition paras 10 and 11; 2025 edition paras 15 and 16)
 - ii Changes throughout the regulations (Regs 206, 211, 301, 303, 802, 901, 902, 903).
- d. Applicability of the regulations to Defence maritime activities. This has seen a change in the introduction to the 100 series regulations and amendments to Reg 101.
- e. AtAMS/DOC. Changes to Regs 301 and 607 to remove reference to the DMR DOC.
- f. Assurance. Amendments to the AMC of Regs 901 and 902 to remove duplication and better align AMCs with the individual regs.



- g. Risk Control Systems. A change to the AMC of Reg 301 to allow APs the freedom to decide which RCS to implement.
- h. Exemptions. Changes to Reg 403 to reflect changes in Defence policy around legislative exemptions management.
- i. Energy Efficiency. A rewrite of Reg 613 to better capture the requirements of legislation and Gov/MOD policy.
- j. Ship Recycling. Amendments to the AMC of Reg 619 to reflect UK legislation rather than EU legislation.
- k. Defence Diving. Changes to Reg 801 to correct an error.
- l. SALMO as a Duly Authorised Organisation (DAO). Addition of SALMO as a DMR DAO to Reg 903.

8. The DSA02-DMR Regulations 2025 Edition can be found [Defence maritime regulations - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/defence-maritime-regulations-2025) alongside the still extant 2024 Edition. The effective date of each regulation is shown in the Regulation Index. The DSA02-DMR Compliance Matrix 2025 will be uploaded to the same website soon.

9. As mentioned above, the term 'environmentally sound' has replaced 'environmentally compliant' and 'environmentally sustainable' within DSA02-DMR Regulations. Until such time as the Directorate of Climate Change and Environment provide a definition for Defence, DMR provides the following definition which is expected to be included in the next edition of the DSA03-DMR Regulatory Terms and Definitions document:

"All environmental aspects are being demonstrably managed through an environmental management system that fulfils compliance obligations, mitigates unintended events and addresses risks and opportunities."

Queries

Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this Notice should be submitted by email to DSA-DMR-Group@mod.gov.uk.

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