



## DOSR/Regulatory Notice/2024-05 - Publication of DSA 02.OME Regulations Version 3.0

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### Issue

1. The Defence Safety Authority (DSA) and the Defence OME Safety Regulator (DOSR) uses a continuous review and up-issue process to ensure that DSA 02.OME regulations and DSA 03.OME Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) material remains current and fit for purpose.
2. Through this process, DSA 02.OME version 3.0 is now ready for release, and will supersede DSA 02.OME version 2.4.2 on 26 August 2024.
3. The review and rewrite of DSA 02.OME has focused on the separation of the “what” is required by the regulation, to be found in the Regulatory Text, from the “how” the goal could be achieved, now to be found within the Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) text and associated DCOP.
4. This work is in line with DSA Simplifying Safety ethos, the DSA aspiration to move towards Goal-based regulation where possible, and [the Regulators Code](#), and has resulted (in most cases) in simplification of the actual OME Regulation, whilst maintaining the required level of depth and guidance in the associated DCOP, as found in DSA 03.OME.
5. As part of the process of reviewing the Regulations, the DOSR have consulted widely across the full spectrum of the Regulated Community making note of all concerns and suggestions raised. Those points were assessed and prioritised for action. Not every single point raised has been actioned in this review of the Regulations, however DOSR will maintain a list of points raised and will use them in future revisions where appropriate.

### Scope

6. DSA 02.OME version 3.0 Regulations will replace the current set of Regulations (DSA 02.OME version 2.4.2) in their entirety when published. A copy of the revised Regulations is at Attachment 1 to this DOSR Notice to allow advanced understanding of the Regulations before they come into force.

### Action Required

7. All personnel involved in the provision, receipt, accounting, storage, maintenance, or issue of OME are required to be aware of DSA 02.OME Regulations. The Regulations are to be followed precisely unless an Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance (AAMC) has been requested and sanctioned by DOSR.

### Queries

8. Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this DRN should be submitted by email to [dsa-dosr-prg@mod.gov.uk](mailto:dsa-dosr-prg@mod.gov.uk).

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