



DOSR/RN/2024-05 – UK Service Personnel Live Firing Overseas

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References:

- A. DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volume 1 Part 2 (Defence Code of Practice for Ranges).
- B. DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volume 2 (Defence Code of Practice for Ranges).

Purpose

1. The purpose of this DRN is to circulate an early update to the regulations, requirements, and guidance to Reference A.

International Shooting Competitions

2. Safe Persons, as competing teams will consist of military personnel / Cadet Forces shooting under competition rules and controlled by HN RCOs, the risks will require to be mitigated to be ALARP and tolerable, therefore not requiring full DOSR regulatory oversight. This waiver is only applicable to use of the HN range facilities for the duration of the competition.

3. Once an invitation for UK individuals or team to attend has been received, accepted, and endorsed by the relevant Activity Owner¹ (AO), nominated SQEP² individual, shall conduct a Risk Assessment³ (RA) and Annual Range Inspection using MOD Form 907A of those ranges to be used for the competitions. This is to ensure they conform, as a minimum to the standards laid down in Reference B. Once completed, the RA and MOD Form 907A shall be submitted to the AO for their endorsement, which is then submitted to DOSR.

International Courses incorporating Live Fire (LF) on Host Nation (HN) Ranges

4. The safe Persons, as UK representatives⁴ or range Safety Staff will be military personnel / Cadet Forces who are qualified, experienced, current, competent to participate as exercising troops on ranges controlled by HN RCOs and the risks are considered to be ALARP and tolerable shall be recorded in Technical Agreements, therefore not requiring full DOSR regulatory oversight. This does not apply for civilian ranges.

UK SP Utilising HN Civilian Training Providers

5. UK SP using a civilian operated training providers and training estate, the training provider will maintain safe place as per the HN regulations and the range shall as a minimum conform to the safety requirements laid down in Reference B. UK SP firing under instruction of training providers when the provider is the lead for the activity, the UK Lead (appropriately Qualified UK SP including) shall produce a RA and Annual Range Inspection using MOD Form 907A of the

¹ The person accountable for directing the activity takes place and who has the final decision on authorising the activity.

² Nominated SQEP individuals should seek advice from SMEs as appropriate (RITT, WESCoE, DOSR).

³ An individual who has completed the service recognised risk assessment training and awarded an in-date qualification.

⁴ Under HN / UK Technical Agreements (Outlines responsibilities of HN /UK etc).



range as per UK policy to be considered ALARP. This is to be endorsed by the AO and then sent to DOSR. The RA is to include factors that consider all elements of the SSW to ensure that the training risk is kept to ALARP and tolerable. Any factors outside of the SSW, will require an Acceptance of Risk (AOR) waiver as appropriate.

Host Nation conduct of Live Fire (LF) activity with UK SP utilising Host Nation / Partner Nation (PN) Ranges

6. Where UK SP are firing alongside HN / PN that are **comparable** to that of the UK SSW & are deemed ALARP and tolerable and the HN / PN are Planning & Conducting in accordance with HN / Service publications. The HN will continue to take sole responsibility for safe Place of the range facility and danger areas. Any such range shall as a minimum conform to the safety requirements laid down in Reference B. The UK Lead (appropriately qualified UK SP) shall produce a RA and Annual Range Inspection using MOD Form 907A of the range as per UK policy to be considered ALARP. This shall be endorsed by the AO and then sent to DOSR. Any factors outside of the SSW, will require an AOR waiver as appropriate.

Risk Assessment (RA)

7. A RA is only to be completed by those qualified⁵, and registered on the DOSR Authorisation of SQEP 2 LODA Assurance Register this is to ensure that they conform, as a minimum to the standards laid down in Reference A. Once completed, the RA shall be submitted to the AO for their endorsement, which is then sent to DOSR.

Aim

8. This DRN is aimed at all service and civilian personnel involved with the management and conduct of MOD ranges.

Implementation

9. 1 January 25.

Related Form

10. The following related form is available on the [DOSR Forms, Notices and Regulations](#) page:
a. MOD Form 907A – Annual Range Inspection Report

Queries

11. Any observations or requests for further guidance on the content of this DRN should be submitted by email to brendan.ocallaghan155@mod.gov.uk.

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⁵ law DOSR Ranges Competency Framework.