

Defence Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives (OME) Safety Regulator (DOSR)

Regulatory Notice

DOSR/RN/2025-04 - Independent Range Safety Inspection

Date: 3 March 2025

References

A. DSA 03.OME Part 3 Volume 1 Part 2 Paragraph 193 - Periodic MOD Independent Inspections.

Issue

1. Due to a reduction in Range Safety Inspectorate Team (RSIT) resource, DOSR are unable to conduct 100% triennial inspections of MOD Ranges as described in Reference A during reporting year 25 / 26. DOSR assurance activity will be prioritised by risk which will mean that some ranges will not be subjected to a triennial inspection. RSIT activity will be risk-based, and all 2 LOD assurance and Range Administering Units (RAUs) will be informed of the ranges which will not receive RSIT inspection. It is expected that 2 LOD assurance / RAUs will determine a suitable alternative to ensure the maintenance of the Safe Place and record its decision making.

Aim

2. The aim of the DRN is to inform the Regulated Community of the changes stated above. DOSR are exploring moving to a permanent risk-based approach for independent range assurance, focussing on the delivery of 3 LOD assurance in accordance with the DSA Charter. This may lead to a change in the process detailed in DSA 03.OME Part 3. Engagement with the range community will be key to ensuring an appropriate 1 LOD, 2 LOD and 3 LOD assurance framework remains.

Implementation

Effective 3 March 2025.

Queries

4. 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.

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