



DOSR/RN/2026-06 – DSA DOSR Ranges Safety Assurance Team – Risk Based Assurance

Date: 15 Apr 26

References:

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

Purpose

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

Issue

2. During the reporting year 26/27, DOSR have implemented a risk-based assurance programme for independent range assurance comprising audit, oversight and surveillance. Consequently, the Range Safety Assurance Team (RSAT) will no longer conduct 100% triennial inspections of MOD ranges as previously described in Reference A. Assurance activity will be prioritised according to risk, meaning some ranges may not receive targeted RSAT assurance within the triennial cycle. All 2nd Line of Defence Assurance (2 LODA) and Range Administering Units (RAUs) will be notified of the ranges included in the RSAT assurance programme. It is expected that 2 LODA and RAUs will implement appropriate alternative measures to maintain assurance of the Safe Place status and fully document their decision-making processes.

Aim

3. This notice serves to inform the Regulated Community of the shift to a risk-based assurance approach. DOSR is adopting this permanent risk-based model for independent range assurance, with a focus on delivering 3rd Line of Defence Assurance (3 LODA) in accordance with the DSA Charter. This change may lead to amendments in the procedures outlined in DSA 03.OME and Defence Organisation Safety and Environmental Management Systems. Continued engagement with the range community will be vital to ensure a robust and integrated 1 LODA, 2 LODA, and 3 LODA assurance framework is maintained.

Implementation

4. Effective 15 Apr 26.

Queries

5. 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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