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MAA/RN/2026/03 - The Military Aviation Authority's Programme of Work for Regulations – Financial Year 2026 / 27

Issue

1. To ensure that the Regulated Community (RC) and Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Staff are informed of the planned Regulatory activity for Financial Year (FY) 2026 / 27.

Scope

2. This Regulatory Notice (RN) informs the RC of the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) that will be subject to **routine** review in FY 2026 / 27. It also provides detail on key aviation related topics that will be the subject of MAA Regulation Division investigation throughout the year. These investigations **may** result in new or amended Regulations. This RN is provided to facilitate early engagement and elicit support from key stakeholders. It is not an exhaustive list and can be subject to change during the year.

3. The content of this RN does not in any way change the RC's ability to request a change to the MRP at any time through the formal Request for Change process, or to initiate discussion on regulatory change through any of the engagement sessions hosted by the MAA (eg MAA Operator's Council (MOC), Industry Engagement Council (IEC), Contractor Flying Advisory Group (CFAG) etc).

Strategic Context to Programme of Work

4. **MAA Strategy.** The MAA's Strategy has been reviewed to consider the implications of both the Strategic Defence Review (SDR) and Defence Industrial Strategy (DIS). As a result, MRP review activity in Programme of Work (PoW) 2026 / 27 must be considered in relation to the desired outcomes of these. For example, enhancing interoperability with key Partners and Allies (NATO First - SDR) and also embracing developing and emerging technologies in military and civil aviation environments (Defence becoming an engine for growth - DIS) will be key focus topics.

5. **MAA Purpose.** The enduring Purpose of the MAA within its Strategy is to safeguard people, operational capability and the environment, by preventing avoidable harm whilst enabling agile, integrated operations. This Purpose is supported by several key Missions. One of these Missions is ensuring that Regulation is agile enough to be applied **proportionately**, depending on the operating context and use case of individual Air Systems. This Mission must however be balanced against the Secretary of State's policy statement on health and safety in Defence. This requires that where specific military activity is subject to Parliamentary approved Derogation, Exemption or Disapplication from civil legislation, that the activity is regulated by Defence to produce Safety outcomes that are, so far as is reasonably practicable, at least as good as those required by UK legislation.



Tactical Implementation of Review

6. The entire suite of MRP documents to be reviewed during PoW 2026 / 27 is detailed at Annexes A through E. Each document reviewed, will be considered against the strategic context detailed above to ensure the content positively supports desired higher-level Defence outcomes, whilst continuing to align with extant Safety policy. The reason for review of each document within PoW 2026 / 27 is varied. Request for Change from the RC, obsolescence of references, changes to Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) (or other international Regulation), outstanding actions from PoW 2025 / 26, or simply a Regulation requiring quinquennial / routine review, are all reasons for a document to be included in this PoW. Regardless of reason for that specific document to be reviewed, the following changes **may** be made:

- a. **Corrections.** Changes that are minor, editorial or reflect incorrect / obsolete references.
- b. **Corrective action.** Changes required to provide clarity or cover identified gaps.
- c. **Innovation.** Changes required to reflect new technology, capability, policy or intent. For example, the MAA intends to develop guidance on the integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Autonomy across regulated activities. Aligned with the broader approaches taken by the CAA and European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), this work is expected to take the form of advisory guidance, rather than specific Regulation, articulating what the RC need to demonstrate when incorporating AI-enabled autonomous capabilities into activities associated with regulatory compliance.
- d. **Re-organization.** Changes to organizational structures and / or responsibilities. For example, several 1000 Series documents are being considered post formation of the National Armaments Director (NAD) Group.

Overarching Documents and Generic Change

7. **Overarching Documents.** In addition to the detail at Annexes A through E, the Overarching Documents (MAA01 – MAA Regulatory Principles, MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary, and MAA03 – MAA Regulatory Processes) are planned to be reviewed, and if required amended.
8. **Generic Change.** A recent study by the MAA has highlighted confusion amongst the RC with respect to the terms Defence Air Environment and Defence Aviation. As a result, any reference to Defence Aviation will be replaced with Defence Air Environment throughout the entirety of the MRP during PoW 2026 / 27.

Notification of Amendment

9. The MAA is aware that the volume of regulatory change, particularly rate of Notice of Proposed Amendments (NPAs), is causing concern in some areas of the RC. The MAA is also committed to DIS direction to reduce regulatory burden across UK Industry where appropriate. To that end, more robust internal processes for when an amendment goes out on NPA, or whether it proceeds directly to publication, or whether it even progresses beyond internal MAA review, will be trialed throughout PoW 2026 / 27. As ever, the MAA will be seeking feedback from the RC to assess whether these revised processes do indeed reduce regulatory burden in line with Government DIS direction.



10. Where an NPA is issued, the RC are requested to articulate as clearly as possible, any impact of a proposed change to their organization, including time and cost. The MAA will make every attempt to listen to the feedback received prior to proceeding (or not) with an amendment.

Further Information

11. Any observations, or requests for further guidance, on the content of this RN should be submitted by email to DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk, this will be forwarded to the relevant Head of Branch to staff accordingly.

MAA Head Regulation and Certification

Annex A. 1000 Series: General Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review.

Annex B. 2000 Series: Flying Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review.

Annex C. 3000 Series: Air Traffic Management (ATM) Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review.

Annex D. 4000 Series: Continuing Airworthiness FY 2026 / 27 Review and Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance – Documentation (MAM-D) Engineering Regulations.

Annex E. 5000 Series: Type Airworthiness Engineering Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review.

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Annex A

1000 Series: General Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review

1. **Items Outstanding from PoW 2025 / 26.** Incomplete planned and emergent activity during FY 2025 / 26 will be carried forward as follows:

- a. **RA 1032** - Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities.
- b. **RA 1310** - Air System Document Set.
- c. **RA 1430** - Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management.
- d. **RA 1600 Series:** Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) (RAs 1600, 1605, 1606, 2320, and UAS Manual).
- e. **RA 1607** - Change Management in small UAS.
- f. **Manual.** Manual of Aircraft Post-Crash and Incident Management and associated Aide Memoire.

2. **Routine Reviews for PoW 2026/27.** The following routine reviews will be conducted in FY 2026/27:

- a. **RA 1005** - Contracting with Competent Organizations.
- b. **RA 1019** - Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.
- c. **RA 1020** - Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.
- d. **RA 1028** - Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.
- e. **RA 1162** - Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.
- f. **RA 1165** - UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered Aircraft.
- g. **RA 1167** - Contracting of Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.
- h. **RA 1205** - Air System Safety Cases.
- i. **RA 1225** - Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.
- j. **RA 1300** - Release To Service.
- k. **RA 1305** - Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).



Annex B

2000 Series: Flying Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review

1. **Items Outstanding from PoW 2025 / 26.** Incomplete planned and emergent activity during FY 2025 / 26 will be carried forward as follows:
 - a. **RA 2330** - Low Flying.
 - b. **RA 2385** - Extended Diversion Time Operations.
2. **Routine Reviews for PoW 2026/27.** The following routine reviews will be conducted in FY 2026 / 27:
 - a. **RA 2101** - Aircrew Qualifications.
 - b. **RA 2102** - Aircrew Competence in Role.
 - c. **RA 2103** - Currency and Continuation Training.
 - d. **RA 2201** - Carriage of Maintenance Documents in UK Military Aircraft.
 - e. **RA 2211** - Authorization of Aircrew to Carry Out Maintenance Tasks.
 - f. **RA 2309** - Flight Procedures: General.
 - g. **RA 2335** - Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.
 - h. **RA 2345** - Aircrew Fatigue Management.
 - i. **RA 2375** - Qualification, Approval and Use of Aircrew Training Devices.
 - j. **RA 2401** - Documents and Records.



Annex C

3000 Series: Air Traffic Management (ATM) Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review

1. **Items Outstanding from PoW 2025 / 26.** Incomplete planned and emergent activity during FY 2025 / 26 will be carried forward as follows:
 - a. **RA 3550** - Temporary Landing Zones.
2. **Routine Reviews for PoW 2026 / 27.** The following routine reviews will be conducted in FY 2026 / 27:
 - a. **RA 3102** - Air Traffic Management Equipment Approved Organization Scheme Accountable Manager.
 - b. **RA 3205** - Radar Analysis Cell.
 - c. **RA 3206** - Air Traffic Management Equipment Checks.
 - d. **RA 3229** - Traffic Information between Air Traffic Service Providers.
 - e. **RA 3236** - Clutter on Situational Displays.
 - f. **RA 3240** - Contingency Operations for Simultaneous Failure of Surveillance Radars and / or Air Traffic Management Communication Systems.
 - g. **RA 3241** - Secondary Surveillance Radar Alone Operations.
 - h. **RA 3273** - Aerodrome Traffic Monitor.
 - i. **RA 3295** - Required Navigation Performance Approach - Controller Responsibilities.
 - j. **RA 3313** - Air System Diversions.
 - k. **RA 3510** - Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Reference Information.
 - l. **RA 3520** - Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome – Aerodrome Electrical Systems.
 - m. **RA 3530** - Helicopter Landing Site - Reference Information.
 - n. **RA 3533** - Helicopter Landing Site - Indicators and Signalling Devices.
 - o. **RA 3534** - Helicopter Landing Site - Markings.
3. **3000 Series Investigations.** The following investigation will be conducted with a view to 3000 Series RA or Manual applicability:
 - a. **ICAO Aircraft Classification Rating–Pavement Classification Rating system for pavement strength reporting.** This new standard replaces the Aircraft Classification



Number–Pavement Classification Number (ACNPCN) method and provides a more accurate, Risk-based assessment by evaluating pavements against the actual wheel loads and offsets of all Aircraft, rather than a single critical Aircraft type. To remain aligned with this international approach, and the CAA’s intent to implement the revised criteria from November 2026, RA 3511 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome: Physical Characteristics, will need to be amended, and, in due course, Aerodromes will be required to publish updated ACRPCR values in the UK Military Aeronautical Information Publication - PCN) method and provides a more accurate, Risk-based assessment by evaluating pavements against the actual wheel loads and offsets of all -PCR values in the UK Mil.



Annex D

4000 Series: Continuing Airworthiness FY 2026 / 27 Review and Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance – Documentation (MAM-D) Engineering Regulations

1. **Items Outstanding from PoW 2025 / 26.** Incomplete planned and emergent activity during FY 2025 / 26 will be carried forward as follows:
 - a. **RA 4800** - General Requirements (MRP Part 145).
 - b. **RA 4806** - Personnel Requirements, including MAA Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) Form 4 – Details of Nominated Personnel.
 - c. **RA 4821** - Findings, Approved Maintenance Organizations Only.
 - d. **RA 4947** - Continuing Airworthiness Management - MRP Part M Subpart G.
 - e. **RA 4951** - Quality System - MRP Part M Subpart G.
 - f. **RA 4955** - Findings - MRP Part M Subpart G.
 - g. **RA 4966** - Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Instructions – MRP Part M Subpart C.
2. **Routine Reviews for PoW 2026 / 27.** The following routine reviews will be conducted in FY 2026 / 27:
 - a. **RA 4800 Series:** All RA 4800 will be reviewed and up issued to remove terminology referring to MRP 145.A.xxx from RA titles and references, and to ensure alignment where appropriate.
 - b. **RA 4809** - Acceptance of Components.
 - c. **RA 4815** - Maintenance Procedures and Safety and Quality Policy.
 - d. **RA 4009** - Aviation Engineering Orders and Local Procedures.
 - e. **RA 4814** - Occurrence Reporting.
 - f. **RA 4818** - Limitations On the Organization, Approved Maintenance Organizations Only.
 - g. **RA 4819** - Changes to the Organization, Approved Maintenance Organizations Only.
 - h. **RA 4820** - Continued Validity of Approval, Approved Maintenance Organizations Only.
 - i. **RA 4809 Forms.** UK MAA Form 1 – Authorized Release Certificate.
3. **4000 Series Investigations.** The following investigations will be conducted with a view to 4000 Series RA or Manual applicability:



- a. **MRP Quality Terminology and Content.** Following the introduction of an integrated Safety and Compliance Management System within Civil Aviation regulatory framework, a PoW was established to consider impact on Continuing Airworthiness MRP. It was concluded that it would be impractical to replicate the move to an integrated Management System in the MRP due to the structure of the established Safety Management System and Quality Management System within the Defence Air Environment and wider defence. However, it was recognized that Part 145 organizations would need increased scope and guidance to align with MRP Part 145 and Part M Regulation, so appropriate amendments have been made to relevant RAs for publication in May 2026. Further investigation into implications for Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance – Processes (MAM-P) Chapter 11.1 and Single Service Policy to be considered.
- b. **Review of CAA Regulation sets and applicability to MRP:**
- 1) Conduct review of revised CAAi Part 145 structure to identify changes that impact MRP Part 145 and ensure alignment where appropriate.
 - 2) Review continued validity of Sub-part C, G, and I terminology within MRP 4900 Series RAs.
 - 3) Standing review of pertinent changes to extant CAA CAW Regulation sets.
- c. **MRP Part 145.** Investigate the role and responsibilities of the Accountable Manager (Maintenance) (AM(M)) with the aim to ensure that the role and responsibilities are clear and appropriate. While content that roles and responsibilities are appropriately captured in Regulations, it was recognized that appropriate training for AM(M) would improve awareness. Liaison with Air Safety Training is ongoing to develop a training package.
- d. **MAM-D Part 1.** The MAM-D Part 1 will be amended to focus solely on the MOD Form 700 Series. Content with wider applicability will be moved to the MRP or MAM-P.
- j. **Fatigue Management for Engineering Personnel.** An investigation into the requirement for Regulation on proportionate fatigue management for Engineering personnel will be undertaken.



Annex E

5000 Series: Type Airworthiness Engineering Regulations FY 2026 / 27 Review

1. **Items Outstanding from PoW 2025 / 26.** Incomplete planned and emergent activity during FY 2025 / 26 will be carried forward as follows:

- a. **RA 5212** - Weight and Moment Determination.
- b. **RA 5320** - Air System Maintenance Schedule – Design and Validation.
- c. **RA 5800 Series.** Assessment of EMAR Part 21 (amendments 11-13) in relation to the RA 5800 Series, and incorporation where required.
- d. **RA 5810** - Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).
 - 1) **Form.** MAA Form 30 – Application for Military Air Systems Certification Process.
 - a) Release To Service Report (RTSR) Airworthiness Requirement (AR) Policy - review the purpose of the RTSR-AR, the definition and process ownership.
 - b) New definitions surrounding Armament and decision making for Major / Minor Type Design Changes.
 - c) Review of Air Engineers Toolkit to incorporate best practice.
- e. **RA 5855** - Parts and Appliances (MRP Part 21 Subpart K).
- f. **RA 5880** - Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).
- g. **JAP(D) 100C-20** – Preparation and amendment of maintenance schedules.
- h. **JAP(D) 100C-22** – Guide to developing and sustaining preventative maintenance programmes.
- i. **Manuals.** Manual of Military Air System Certification.
 - 1) Post RA 1230 – Design Safety Targets, Issue 7 update in November 2024, a new chapter is considered on System Safety, Design Safety Targets, and Safety Objectives.
 - 2) Update Additive Manufacture section to include Use Case Safety-Criticality guidance.
 - 3) Once understanding is sufficiently mature, add guidance on the use of modelling and simulation.
 - 4) Review of Type Design Examination with an aim to increase clarity.

2. **Routine Reviews for PoW 2026 / 27.** The following routine reviews will be conducted in FY



2026 / 27:

- a. **RA 5405** - Special Instructions (Technical).
 - b. **RA 5812** - Digital Models and Simulations Supporting Airworthiness Related Decision-Making.
 - c. **RA 5815** - Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness.
 - d. **RA 5825** - Fault Reporting and Investigation.
3. **5000 Series Investigations.** The following investigation will be conducted with a view to 5000 Series RA or Manual applicability:
- a. Certificate of Design.