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GENERAL (GEN) 1000 SERIES REGULATORY ARTICLES

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1000 Series Update Record

The information below details the last 5 updates of the RA 1000 Series.

29 May 2026 - NAA 26/32 and NAA 26/33

- RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (small Uncrewed Air Systems) - Issue 4
- RA 1430 - Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management - Issue 7

31 March 2026 - NAA 26/07, NAA 26/08, NAA 26/09 and NAA 26/10

- RA 1003 - Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility - Issue 7
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- RA 1410 - Occurrence Reporting and Management - Issue 13
- RA 1440 - Air Safety Training - Issue 13

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- RA 1016 - Military Continuing Airworthiness Management - Issue 7
- RA 1029 - Ship Air-Release - Roles and Responsibilities - Issue 8
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- RA 1604 - Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S1 sub-category - Issue 4
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- RA 1210 - Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life) - Issue 9

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- RA 1005 - Contracting with Competent Organizations - Issue 10
- RA 1395 - Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships - Issue 8

1000 SERIES (GEN) REGULATORY ARTICLES

1. The GEN series of RA support over-arching regulations. It is split into 8 sub-streams as outlined below:
 - a. The 1000 series covers Competence, Roles and Responsibilities for Regulated Entities.
 - b. The 1160 series covers the Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.
 - c. The 1200 series covers Air Safety Management.
 - d. The 1300 series covers the Release To Service process.
 - e. The 1400 series covers Flight Safety, Occurrence Reporting, Post Crash Management, etc.
 - f. The 1600 series covers Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS)
 - g. The 1700 series covers Airborne Equipment.
 - h. The 1800 series covers Environmental
 - i. The 1900 series covers Logistics.
2. The RAs above are supported by 6 reformatted manuals and one aide-memoire as outlined below:
 - a. Aviation Safe Operating Environment Manual (ASOEM)
 - b. Manual of Air Safety (MAS)
 - c. Manual of Air System Safety Cases (MASSC)
 - d. Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (MAPCIM)
 - e. Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (APCIM) Aide Memoire
 - f. Manual of Military Airworthiness Recognition (MMAR)
 - g. Remotely Piloted Air System Manual – Regulatory Process, Categorization, and Compliance (RPASM)
3. The 1000 Series (GEN) RA are jointly owned by D MAA and D (Tech). Table 1 below shows the current documents, along with the associated Regulation titles.
4. Table 2 below shows the withdrawn documents, along with the associated Regulation titles. The Rationale for withdrawal stated in these documents was correct at point of publish and it is incumbent on the user to check the references remain valid prior to use.

Table 1: 1000 Series (GEN) Regulatory Articles

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
RA 1002	Airworthiness Competent Persons	1002(1): Airworthiness Competent Persons
RA 1003	Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility	1003(1): Delegation of Airworthiness Authority within DE&S
		1003(2): Notification of Air Safety Responsibility within DE&S
		1003(3) Delegation of Airworthiness Authority within a Design Organization holding Type Airworthiness Management responsibilities
RA 1005	Contracting with Competent Organizations	1005(1): General Principles
		1005(2): Design Organizations
		1005(3): Maintenance Organizations

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		1005(4): Contractor Flying Organizations
		1005(5): Air Traffic Management Equipment Organizations
RA 1006	Delegation of Engineering Authorizations	1006(1): Delegation of Engineering Authorizations
RA 1010	Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities	1010(1): Classification Tier of Establishment
		1010(2): Head of Establishment - Aviation Responsibilities for All Tiers
		1010(3): Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where Recreational Flying is not the Primary Activity) Head of Establishment Responsibilities
		1010(4): Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishment Responsibilities
		1010(5): Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities
		1010(6): Tier 5 Head of Establishment Responsibilities
		1010(7): Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Safe Operating Environment Responsibilities
RA 1011	Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities	1011(1): Responsibilities of the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager
RA 1012	Director General (Air) – Air Safety Responsibilities	1012(1): Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance
RA 1013	Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems	1013(1): Provision of Airworthy and Safe Air Systems
RA 1014	Design Organizations and Co-ordinating Design Organizations – Airworthiness Responsibilities	1014(1): Design Organization and Co-ordinating Design Organization
		1014(2): Air System Co-ordinating Design Organization
RA 1015	Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities	RA 1015(1): Type Airworthiness Management
RA 1016	Military Continuing Airworthiness Management	1016(1): Withdrawn – Not deemed a regulatory requirement.
		1016(2): Establishment of a Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization
		1016(3): Requirement for a valid Military Airworthiness Review Certificate
RA 1019	Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian	1019(1): Nomination of the Sponsor

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
	Operated Air Systems – Air Safety Responsibilities	1019(2): Civilian-Owned Military Operated Air Systems
		1019(3): Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems
		1019(4): Special Case Flying Air Systems
RA 1020	Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities	1020(1): Role and Responsibilities of the Aviation Duty Holder
		1020(2): Aviation Duty Holder Nomination
		1020(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1032
RA 1021	Release to Service Authorities Roles and Responsibilities	1021(1): Roles and Responsibilities
RA 1022	Senior Operator - Air Safety Responsibilities	1022(1): Senior Operators
RA 1023	Chief Air Engineer – Air Safety Responsibilities	1023(1): Chief Air Engineers
RA 1026	Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities	1026(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(3)
		1026(2): Aerodrome Operator Responsibilities
		1026(3): Aerodrome Operator Qualifications and Experience
		1026(4): Management of a Defence Aerodrome Manual and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework
		1026(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(6)
		1026(6): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(5)
		1026(7): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(4)
		1026(8): Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Responsibilities
		1026(9): Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Qualifications and Experience
		1026(10): Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual
RA 1027	Air Traffic Management Equipment Organizations – Responsibilities of Contracted Organizations	1027(1): Responsibilities
RA 1028	Contractor Flying Approved	1028(1): Organization

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
	Organization Scheme	1028(2): Accountable Manager (Military Flying)
		1028(3): Application and Approval
		1028(4): Contractor Flying Organization Exposition
RA 1029	Ship-Air Release - Roles and Responsibilities	1029(1): Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) and Ship Duty Holder / Accountable Person
		1029(2): Ship Platform Authority
		1029(3): Air System Type Airworthiness
		1029(4): Foreign Air System Sponsor
		1029(5): Royal Navy Release to Service Authority
		1029(6): Ship-Air Release - Stakeholder Engagement
		1029(7): Uncrewed Air System Trial Sponsor
RA 1030	Defence Aeronautical Information Management	1030(1): Defence Aeronautical Information Authority
		1030(2): Aeronautical Information Service Provider
		1030(3): Authorized Sources of Defence Aeronautical Data and Aeronautical Information
RA 1031	Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (►small◀ Uncrewed Air Systems)	1031(1): Organization
		1031(2): Uncrewed Air Systems Accountable Manager
		1031(3): Approval
		1031(4): Sponsor
RA 1032	Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities	1032(1): Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations (Internal)
		1032(2): Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations (External)
RA 1033	Air Traffic Services Senior Officer – Air Safety Responsibilities	1033(1): Air Traffic Services Senior Officer Nomination
		1033(2): Role and Responsibilities of the Air Traffic Services Senior Officer
RA 1160	The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework	1160(1): Defence Air Environment Operating Categories
		1160(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1019, RA 1162 and RA 1163

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		1160(3): Certificate of Usage
RA 1161	Military Registration of Aircraft Operating within the Defence Air Environment	1161(1): Military Aircraft Registration
		1161(2): Application for Approval in Principle
		1161(3): Request for Activation on the UK Military Aircraft Register
		1161(4): Withdrawn – Not deemed Regulatory material
		1161(5): Military Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Aircraft Registration
RA 1162	Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems	1162(1): Air Safety Governance Arrangements
		1162(2): Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements
RA 1163	Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems	1163(1): Air Safety Governance Arrangements
		1163(2): Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements
RA 1164	Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems	1164(1): Permanent Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems
		1164(2): Temporary Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems
		1164(3): Allocation of UK Military Registered Air Systems within an Aircraft Operating Authority
RA 1165	UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered Aircraft	1165(1): UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered Aircraft
RA 1166	UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized and Piloted by the Ministry of Defence	1166(1): UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized and Piloted by the Ministry of Defence
RA 1167	Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes	1167(1): Person Responsible for the Contracting Activity
		1167(2): Approving Officer
RA 1200	Air Safety Management	1200(1): Air Safety Management
RA 1202	Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety	1202(1): Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety
RA 1205	Air System Safety Cases	1205(1): The Air System Safety Case and Air System Safety Case Report(s)
		1205(2): Ownership of the Air System Safety Case
		1205(3): The Safety Statement

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		1205(4): Responsibilities of Organizations supporting an Air System Safety Case
		1205(5): Assurance, Endorsement and Scrutiny of the Air System Safety Case
RA 1207	Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation	1207(1): Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategy
		1207(2): Air Safety Data Exploitation Procedures
RA 1208	Flight Data Monitoring	1208(1): The Flight Data Monitoring Programme
		1208(2): Flight Data Monitoring Effectiveness
RA 1210	Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life)	1210(1): Risk Ownership
		1210(2): Risk Management
		1210(3): Standardized Approach to Risk
		1210(4): Emerging Hazards and Risks
RA 1223	Airworthiness Information Management	1223(1): Establishment of Airworthiness Information Management
		1223(2): Airworthiness Information Management
RA 1225	Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail	1225(1): Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail
RA 1230	Design Safety Targets	1230(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into sub-Regulations 1230(2) and 1230(3) or no longer considered Regulatory material
		1230(2): Establishing Design Safety Targets during Acquisition
		1230(3): Design Safety Baseline
RA 1300	Release To Service	1300(1): Requirement
		1300(2): Release To Service Recommendation
		1300(3): Limitations
		1300(4): Operational Emergency Clearance
		1300(5): Clearance with Limited Evidence
		1300(6): Authorization
		1300(7): Configuration Control and Audit Trail
RA 1305	Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single	1305(1): Military Permit to Fly (In-Service)

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	Task)	1305(2): Military Permit to Fly (In-Service) Recommendation
		1305(3): Military Permit to Fly (In-Service) Preparation and Authorization
		1305(4): Military Permit to Fly (Single Task)
		1305(5): Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying) Recommendations
		1305(6): Military Permit to Fly (Special Case Flying)
RA 1310	Air System Document Set	1310(1): The Air System Document Set
		1310(2): Validation of the Air System Document Set
		1310(3): Verification of the Air System Document Set
RA 1340	Equipment Not Basic to the Air System	1340(1): Equipment Not Basic to the Air System
RA 1350	Air Launched Weapon Release	1350(1): Air Launched Weapon Release
		1350(2): Withdrawn Content Incorporated into RA 1350(1)
RA 1380	Performance Based Navigation	1380(1): Performance Based Navigation
RA 1390	Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum	1390(1): Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum
RA 1395	Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships	1395(1): Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships
		1395(2): Ship-Air Release
		1395(3): Ship-Air Release Recommendation
		1395(4): Ship-Air Special Releases
		1395(5): Ship-Air Release – Uncrewed Air Systems
RA 1400	Flight Safety	1400(1): Flight Safety
		1400(2): Withdrawn – Content incorporated in RA 1400(1)
RA 1410	Occurrence Reporting and Management	1410(1): Occurrence Reporting and Management
RA 1420	Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries	1420(1): Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries
RA 1430	Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management	1430(1): Aviation Duty Holders and Heads of Establishment
		1430(2): Accountable Managers (Military Flying)

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RA 1440	Air Safety Training	1440(1): Air Safety Training
RA 1600	Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization	1600(1): Uncrewed Air System Categorization
		1600(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1600(1)
RA 1601	Uncrewed Air Systems Open A1 sub-category (Fly 'Over' People)	1601(1): Responsibilities
		1601(2): Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities
		1601(3): Remote Pilot Responsibilities
		1601(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1601(1), (2) and (3)
RA 1602	Uncrewed Air Systems Open A2 sub-category (Fly 'Close To' People)	1602(1): Responsibilities
		1602(2): Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities
		1602(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1602(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1602(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1602(6): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1602(7): Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities
		1602(8): Remote Pilot Responsibilities
		1602(9): Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities
RA 1603	Uncrewed Air Systems Open A3 sub-category (Fly 'Far From' People)	1603(1): Responsibilities
		1603(2): Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities
		1603(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1603(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1603(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1603(6): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
		1603(7): Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities
		1603(8): Remote Pilot Responsibilities
		1603(9): Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities
RA 1604	Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S1 sub-category	1604(1): Responsibilities
		1604(2): Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities
		1604(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1604(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1604(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1604(6): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)
		1604(7): Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities
		1604(8): Remote Pilot Responsibilities
		1604(9): Remote Pilot Instructors Responsibilities
RA 1605	Remotely Piloted Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category	1605(1): Regulatory Requirements
		1605(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the Remotely Piloted Air Systems Manual
		1605(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the Remotely Piloted Air Systems Manual
RA 1606	Remotely Piloted Air Systems – Certified Category	1606(1): Regulatory Requirements
RA 1700	Airborne Equipment	1700(1): Airborne Equipment Regulatory Requirements
RA 1701	MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment	1701(1): Governance Responsibilities
		1701(2): Regulatory Requirements
		1701(3): Approval for Static Line and Freefall Parachuting
		1701(4): Operating MOD-approved Airborne Forces Equipment
		1701(5): Parachutist and Parachute Jumping Instructor Requirements

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
		1701(6): Qualification, Approval and Use of Parachute Training Devices
RA 1702	MOD-Approved Aerial Delivery Equipment	1702(1): Governance Responsibilities
		1702(2): Regulatory Requirements
		1702(3): Operating MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment
		1702(4): Air Despatcher Requirements
RA 1703	Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment	1703(1): Governance of Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment
RA 1704	Non-Combat Parachuting	1704(1): Governance of Non-Combat Parachuting
		1704(2): Assurance of Non-Combat Parachuting
		1704(3): Operating Non-Combat Parachuting
RA 1800	Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks	1800(1): Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks
RA 1801	Air System Environmental Cases	1801(1): The Air System Environmental Case and Air System Environmental Case Report
		1801(2): Ownership of the Air System Environmental Case
RA 1802	Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions	1802(1): Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions
RA 1910	Quality Assurance of Aviation Fuel from non-UK MOD Sources	1910(1): Quality Assurance of Aviation Fuel from non-UK MOD Sources

Table 2: Withdrawn 1000 Series (GEN) Regulatory Articles (not included in the 1000 Series combined document)

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
RA 1017	Maintenance Organizations – Airworthiness Responsibilities	1017(1): Withdrawn – See Rationale.
RA 1018	Production Organization - Airworthiness Responsibilities	1018(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5835
RA 1024	Accountable Manager (Military Flying)	1024(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1028
		1024(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1028
		1024(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1028
RA 1120	Military Air System Registration	1120(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1161
RA 1121	Air Safety Arrangements for Military Registration of Civil-Owned Air Systems not Operated in the Service Environment	1121(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1161
		1121(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1019 and RA 1163
		1121(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1163
		1121(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1161
		1121(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1163 and RA 1305
		1121(6) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1161
RA 1122	Air Safety Arrangements for Military Registered Civil-Owned Development Air Systems	1122(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1162 and RA 1163
RA 1123	Certificate of Usage for Military Registered Civil-Owned Aircraft	1123(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1160 and RA 1305
RA 1124	Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of Military Registered Air Systems	1124(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1165
RA 1125	Military Registered Air Systems Transferred to Contractors	1125(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1164
RA 1127	UK Civil Registered Air Systems Operated by the MOD	1127(1): Withdrawn - Content incorporated into RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized by the Ministry of Defence
RA 1130	Corporate Memory and Standards	1130(1): Withdrawn – Not deemed regulatory material
		1130(2): Withdrawn – Not deemed regulatory material
RA 1140	Air System Technical Data Exploitation	1140(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1207
RA 1150	Airborne Equipment and Airborne Forces	1150(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into the RA 1700 Series
RA 1220	Delivery Team Airworthiness and Safety	1220(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5010
		1220(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5011 and RA 5013
		1220(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5012 and RA 5013

RA NUMBER	RA DESCRIPTION	SUB RA
		1220(4) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5011, RA 5012 and RA 5013
		1220(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5407
RA 1240	Chartering of Civilian Air Systems for Military Purposes	1240(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1167
RA 1320	Project Team Leader-Stakeholder Interfaces	1320(1): Withdrawn – Not deemed regulatory material
RA 1325	Release To Service Limitations	1325(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
RA 1330	Release To Service Special Clearances	1330(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
		1330(2) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
RA 1335	The RTS Audit Trail	1335(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1225
RA 1345	The Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates	1345(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into the RA 1700 Series
RA 1360	Release To Service Recommendations Preparation and Authorization	1360(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
		1360(2): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
		1360(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
		1360(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
RA 1370	Release To Service Configuration Control and Audit Trail	1370(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1300
RA 1500	Certification of UK Military Registered Air Systems	1500(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 5810 and RA 5820
RA 1920	Aviation Arrangements in His Majesty's / MOD Ships – Equipment Standards	1920(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1029 and RA 1395

RA 1002 - Airworthiness Competent Persons

Rationale

A successful Airworthiness Strategy requires personnel who are assessed as Competent and are Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP). The lack of such personnel may result in inappropriate advice or decisions and a potentially compromised level of Airworthiness. Whilst Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Accountable Managers (AM)¹, Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations² ► and Heads of AM(MF)-Facing Organizations (AA-Facing Organizations³) ◀ are personally, or contractually, Accountable for their Responsibilities, it is important that they are supported by expert advisers. This RA details the requirement to demonstrate that personnel are Competent, ► SQEP ◀ and suitable to provide Airworthiness advice.

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1002(1): Airworthiness Competent Persons

Regulation 1002(1)

Airworthiness Competent Persons

1002(1) ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and Heads of ► AA ◀-Facing Organizations **shall** ensure that all persons involved in Airworthiness activities are Competent and SQEP.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1002(1)

Airworthiness Competent Persons

1. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and Heads of ► AA ◀-Facing Organizations **should** assure themselves that representatives at meetings, working Groups, panels etc where Airworthiness matters are discussed or an agenda item, are Competent and SQEP.

2. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and Heads of ► AA ◀-Facing Organizations **should** ensure that the training, experience and qualifications of personnel involved in Airworthiness activity are assessed and documented.

3. Individuals **should** only exercise Airworthiness authority in areas where they have been assessed and measured as being Competent ► and SQEP. ◀

Professional Registration

4. The following posts **should** be filled by Engineering Council CEng registered Crown Servants:

- a. Chief Air Engineers (CAE) in support of ADHs at each level.
- b. Mil CAMs ►⁴ ◀ who are employed within a construct supporting ADHs in accordance with (iaw) RA 4945⁵.
- c. All engineers holding appointed Level J and Level K Authorizations⁶ at OF4 (or equivalent) and above, or OF3 (or equivalent) where they are the senior engineering specialists.
- d. Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) engineers holding formal Letters of Airworthiness Authority⁷ at OF4 (or equivalent) and above, or OF3 (or equivalent) where they are the senior engineering specialists.

5. The following posts, where they do not meet the criteria at paragraph 4 above, **should** be filled by Engineering Council IEng registered Crown Servants (as a minimum):

¹ Those AMs within: ► AA ◀-Facing Organizations; Maintenance Approved Organizations; Air Traffic Equipment Approved Organizations; or Design Approved Organizations.

² 'Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations' includes but is not limited to: Aviation Delivery Team Leaders, Commodity Chief Engineers, Heads of Establishment (HoE), Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs).

³ ► Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁴ Any nominated Deputy Mil CAM (DCAM) who is expected to personally exercise delegated Mil CAM Authorizations **should** also meet the SQEP criteria detailed in RA 4945. ◀

⁵ Refer to RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

⁶ Refer to RA 1006 – Delegation of Engineering Authorizations; and RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineers – Air Safety Responsibilities.

⁷ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1002(1)

- a. All engineers holding appointed Level J and Level K Authorizations⁶.
 - b. DE&S engineers holding formal Letters of Airworthiness Authority⁷.
6. The appropriate Operating Duty Holder (ODH) CAE and DE&S Operating Centre Director **should** personally authorize any non-compliance for Crown Servant posts on a case-by-case basis, inform the MAA⁸, and maintain a record for Audit by the MAA. Details of all non-compliances **should** be provided to the ODH / AM(MF) for inclusion in the Air System Safety Case, managed via the Air Safety Management System.
7. The following posts **should** be filled by Engineering Council CEng registered industry personnel:
- a. Type Airworthiness Managers (TAM) ▶⁷, ◀⁹.
 - b. Mil CAMs ▶⁴, ◀ who are employed within a construct supporting a Defence Contractor Flying Organization. In derogation, personnel who hold a European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Form 4 / UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Form SRG 1769 as a CAM, are not required to be Engineering Council registered.
8. Non-compliance for industry posts **should** be ▶ endorsed by the AM(MF) and submitted to the MAA for Authorization via the Waiver process iaw MAA03. ◀

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Development and Assessment of Competence

9. When assessing the Competence of personnel to carry out their duties the following factors will be considered:
- a. Engineering knowledge appropriate to the application area.
 - b. Engineering, including Airworthiness engineering, knowledge appropriate to the technology.
 - c. Knowledge of the legal and Safety regulatory framework.
 - d. The consequences of failure of Systems that affect Airworthiness. The greater the consequences, the more rigorous the specification and assessment of Competence need to be.
 - e. The Safety categorization (eg Risk Class) of the Systems or component. The higher the category the more rigorous the specification and assessment of Competence need to be.
 - f. The novelty of the design, design procedures or application. The newer or more untried the designs, design procedures or application, the more rigorous the specification and assessment of Competence need to be.
 - g. Personal characteristics such as leadership, strength of character, ability to communicate, give presentations, and literacy.
 - h. Previous experience and its relevance to the specific duties to be performed and the technology employed. The greater the required Competence levels, the closer the fit between the competencies developed from previous experience, and those required for the specific duties to be undertaken needs to be.
 - i. The relevance of qualifications to specific duties.

Note:

Detailed guidance on the assessment of Airworthiness Competence is available within the Knowledge in Defence portal¹⁰.

10. When assessing the Competence requirements of a particular task, the following aspects need to also be addressed:
- a. How effectively the task is communicated.

⁸ Contact via DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.

⁹ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹⁰ ▶ ◀ <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-in-defence-kid>.

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- b. Workload.
 - c. Support and communication available within a peer group.
 - d. Support for feedback and learning mechanisms within the organization.
 - e. Review and verification processes within the organization.
11. Competence requirements will need to be assessed at all levels; individual, team, organization, or Service.
12. The need to develop and maintain Competence will be read across to:
- a. Recruitment and placement procedures.
 - b. The identification of training needs particularly in the presence of organizational change, staff turnover, and technological developments.
 - c. The delivery of training.
 - d. The need for general health promotion and surveillance schemes¹¹.

Personnel Changes

13. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMS, and Heads of ►AA◄-Facing Organizations need to recognize the significance of changes of personnel and:
- a. Ensure that appointments are made only to personnel who will be able to acquire the necessary level of Competence within a reasonable period of time.
 - b. Ensure that new personnel acquire necessary Airworthiness knowledge to carry out their tasks.
 - c. Allow new staff time to assimilate the Safety culture and sources of Corporate Memory on Airworthiness matters before delegating authority to them.
 - d. Ensure that where an MAA Approval is required there is sufficient time to enable assessment and Approval to be completed prior to the nominee assuming authority.

¹¹ ► Refer to – JSP 375, Chap 14, Health Surveillance and Health Monitoring. ◄

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RA 1003 - Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility

Rationale

The Responsibility for the Air Safety and, consequently, the Airworthiness of Air Systems is vested in the Secretary of State (SoS) for Defence, who delegates authority in this matter to each Service Chief of Staff and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for onward delegation to Competent individuals. ► Without clear delegation and Notification, there is a Risk that individuals within Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S), or an MAA approved Design Organization (DO), may undertake Airworthiness-related activities without appropriate authority or awareness of their Safety responsibilities. This could lead to unauthorized changes to the Air System Document Set (ADS), mismanagement of Safety-critical information, and ultimately compromise Airworthiness. By providing formal mechanisms for delegating Airworthiness authority and mandating the Notification of Air Safety responsibilities, this RA ensures only Competent and Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) in nominated posts, are empowered to make Airworthiness decisions and that all individuals are clearly informed of their responsibilities. This provides an auditable, unbroken chain of delegation, ensuring Accountability and Competence in Airworthiness management. ◀

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Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1. ► **Letter of Airworthiness Authority (LoAA)**. A non-transferable, unambiguous personal letter, issued to a named Competent individual meeting established criteria, setting down the individual's Airworthiness authority. ◀

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- 1003(1) Delegation of the ►◀ authority to ► **conduct specified Airworthiness activities** ◀ **shall** be by SQEP Crown Servants, in nominated posts, in the form of a LoAA.

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Airworthiness authority

2. The authority to ► **conduct specified Airworthiness activities**, ◀ granted to individuals through the issue of LoAAs, **should** be delegated to Type Airworthiness Authorities (TAA) ►¹◀.

3. ► **The TAA should be at least OF5² (or equivalent)**. ◀

Delegation principles

4. A clear, unbroken chain of delegation from CEO to the respective TAA **should** exist, through 2* Operating Centre Directors (OCD) and including intermediate line managers as necessary, with each receiving the appropriate level of delegation:

¹ ► Where a Commodity Chief Engineer (CE) is issued with an LoAA to conduct specific Airworthiness activity, this **should** be recorded in a formal agreement with the Air System TAA. Dependent on the agreed delegation Commodity CE may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

² This grade can be reduced to OF4 (or equivalent) for certain categories of Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) (refer to RA 1605 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category). ◀

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- a. CEO **should** issue a LoAA to Director General (Air) (DG(Air)) containing, as a minimum, the Air Safety responsibilities and Airworthiness authorities detailed in RA 1012³.
 - b. DG(Air) **should** issue LoAAs to those OCDs with responsibilities for Air Systems and equipment, containing as a minimum, the relevant Air Safety responsibilities and Airworthiness authorities detailed in RA 1013⁴.
 - c. OCDs **should** issue LoAAs to subordinate TAAs, via intermediate line managers where necessary. These LoAAs **should** contain, as a minimum, the Airworthiness authorities detailed in RA 1015⁵. ▶⁶◀.
 - d. Subordinate Delivery Team (DT) staff requiring LoAAs **should** receive such delegation directly from the respective TAA.
5. LoAAs **should**:
- a. Only be issued to those individuals in the delegation chain from DG(Air) to TAAs, and sub-delegated from the TAA where required.
 - b. Only be granted to Competent individuals meeting established criteria to be SQEP, as detailed below.
 - c. Be in the form of a letter personal to the individual receiving it; they **should not** be transferred between individuals.
 - d. Be of an unambiguous scope and be consistent with other delegations to prevent omissions or duplication.
 - e. Be accepted formally in writing by the recipient; LoAAs **should** only be accepted when the recipient has made an assessment that the responsibilities and authorities delegated can be discharged within the resource that has been allocated.
6. Copies of all LoAAs, received and issued, **should** be retained for no less than 5 years beyond the active life of the Air System type or equipment. Scanned copies held electronically are permitted.

Delegations

7. OCDs, TAAs and any intermediate line managers requiring delegation of Airworthiness authority **should** apply to the MAA for endorsement⁷ of their suitability to hold a LoAA, using the process detailed in MAA03⁸. The applicant **should not** be awarded a LoAA before their LoE is received.
8. LoAAs delegating the authority to approve amendments or re-issues of a Release To Service Recommendation (RTSR) **should** only be issued to individuals holding at least the rank / grade of OF5 (or equivalent) ▶²◀.
9. The TAA **should** identify those posts within their Area of Responsibility (AoR) that require LoAAs. These posts **should** be limited to those that require authority to ▶conduct specified Airworthiness activities◀ without reference to higher authority.
10. When sub-delegating LoAAs, the TAA has discretion over the nature and extent of delegation, under the following constraints:
 - a. LoAAs delegating the authority to ▶conduct specified Airworthiness activities,◀ **should** only be issued to individuals who have successfully completed the Airworthiness for Military Aircraft Course (AMAC) – either at Practitioner (AMAC-P) level or Fundamentals (AMAC-F) level, including passing the course assessment. See RA 1440⁹ Annex A for further details.
 - b. The TAA **should** assess the Competency and knowledge of all staff requiring delegation using an auditable, evidence-based process and determine

³ Refer to RA 1012 – Director General (Air) - Air Safety Responsibilities.

⁴ Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director - Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

⁵ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness ▶Management◀ – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁶ ▶Where a Commodity CE is issued with an LoAA, the Airworthiness responsibilities in RA 1015 will be tailored to the role.◀

⁷ Once satisfied, the MAA ▶will◀ issue a personal Letter of Endorsement (LoE) recognizing the suitability of the applicant.

⁸ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

⁹ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

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which the more appropriate course is for the individual, considering the scope of their delegation. The AMAC-P is considered to be the preferred course for LoAA holders at OF3 level (or equivalent) and above. The AMAC-F is considered a suitable course for LoAA holders below OF3 (or equivalent). See RA 1440⁹ Annex A for further details.

c. When issuing the LoAA, the TAA **should** specify any limitations applicable to the delegation and the LoAA holder **should** be made aware of the boundaries within which they are permitted to operate.

d. ► Except for those 'non-delegable' responsibilities detailed in Annex A, all other MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) requirements for a TAA, **should** be considered delegable. ◀

11. All LoAA holders **should** meet the relevant minimum SQEP criteria, as contained in Table 1 below, with the following notes:

a. Any intermediate line manager (as described in paragraph ►4c◀) between the OCD and a TAA requiring a LoAA **should** meet the minimum SQEP criteria established for OCDs.

b. Where Air System Type Specific Managers' Courses are not available, an appropriate level of technical familiarization **should** be achieved for each Air System type. This **should** be recorded in the relevant LoAA and LoE.

Table 1. LoAA Holder Minimum SQEP Criteria.

Minimum SQEP Criteria	DT staff ¹⁰ , ►11◀	TAA	OCD
Crown Servant	X	X	X
Engineering Council Professionally Registered, as detailed in RA 1002 ¹²	X	X	X
Has previous DT delegated Responsibility to ►conduct specified Airworthiness activities◀		X	X
►Has◀ successfully completed ►the◀ AMAC-P (5 day)►9◀	X	X	
►Has◀ successfully completed ►the◀ AMAC-F (3 day)►9◀	X		
Successfully completed the relevant Air System Type Specific Managers' Course	X	X	

12. TAAs **should** be assessed as at least "Practitioner" level across ►ACS1, ACS2, ACS3, ACS5, and ACS6◀ in the Airworthiness Competence Set►13◀ (available on the MAA's websites¹⁴) before receiving their LoAA.

Review of delegations

13. All LoAAs **should** be reviewed by the issuer at least annually, ►and record of the reviews maintained.

Note:

If an LoAA is not reviewed within one year of previous issue / renewal, the LoAA immediately expires and becomes invalid until further review has been conducted. ◀

14. When the issuer of a LoAA departs their post, all LoAAs issued by that individual **should** remain valid for a maximum period of ►6◀ months. ►Before the

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1440 Annex A: ►Air Safety training courses◀ for further details.

¹¹ ►Dependant on role or position held within the organization as described in paragraph 10b above. ◀

¹² Refer to RA 1002 – Airworthiness Competent Persons.

¹³ ►Where a Commodity CE is applying for an LoE, the applicable content of the ACS will be agreed with the MAA.

¹⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/letter-of-endorsement-loe-airworthiness-competence>. ◀

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end of this period all delegations, issued by the departed LoAA issuer, ◀ **should** be reviewed and renewed as appropriate by the ▶ **delegation chain**. ◀

15. Reviews **should** ensure that:

- a. The functional Responsibility and, where appropriate, authority being delegated remains appropriate.
- b. The content and references in the LoAA remain up to date.

Training

16. OCDs, TAAs, and 1* LoAA holders **should** comply with the Air Safety Training requirements detailed in RA 1440⁹.

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17. ▶ **Amending** ◀ the content of the ADS is ▶ **an example of a Specified Airworthiness Activity** as ◀ detailed in RA 1310(1)¹⁵. For clarification, Special Instructions (Technical) (SI(T)s), regulated by RA 5405¹⁶, are considered to be part of the ADS when they direct on-Aircraft work. The issue of such SI(T)s can therefore only be authorized by a LoAA holder.

18. The simplicity of a single TAA within a Platform DT is highly preferable but, where multiple Air System types are supported by a single DT, additional TAAs may be appointed for each Air System type.

19. Although not contained in the currently mandated SQEP criteria, relevant Air System Maintenance experience ▶ ◀ can be extremely valuable to an individual in exercising Airworthiness authority. When sub-delegating LoAAs to DT staff who do not have such experience, the TAA may wish to take measures to ensure that such staff have access to suitable advice. Appropriate measures may include (but are not limited to) ensuring suitably experienced individuals are employed in support of the LoAA holder.

Applicability to non-DE&S organizations

20. Individuals inside non-DE&S organizations will not be allowed to hold LoAAs, as these are DE&S specific Authorization Approvals, and the DG(Air) only provides LoAAs to individuals within their AoR and governance chain.

21. Organizations that transfer out of DE&S will:

- a. For organizations remaining in MOD: Ensure that the SoS for Defence delegates their Airworthiness authority through the appropriate management chain (through the appropriate Service Chief of Staff or CEO for onward delegation) to Competent individuals.
- b. For organizations leaving MOD: Ensure that the MOD contracting organization, who has been appropriately delegated through their management chain from the SoS for Defence provides the appropriate Airworthiness delegation to the Head of the transferred organization (eg CEO). Ensure that the Head of the transferred organization (eg CEO) delegates the Airworthiness responsibilities through the appropriate management chain (through the appropriate Accountable Manager (AM) for onward delegation) to Competent individuals.
- c. Create Letters of Authority / Delegation covering as a minimum the LoAA / Letter of Air Safety Notification (LoAN) requirements (that were held whilst the organization was in DE&S) for their personnel.
- d. Ensure that responsibilities, that were covered by the LoAAs / LoANs of their personnel, are detailed within the formal agreements (eg Internal Business Agreements, Joint Business Agreements, Service Level Agreements, etc) they have with the aviation organizations they support (eg Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Front Line Commands, DE&S aviation Delivery Teams, etc).

¹⁵ Refer to ▶ **RA 1310(1): The** ◀ Air System Document Set.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical).

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Training course validities

22. Training course validities⁹ are prescribed to ensure that individuals are kept as up-to-date as possible with the latest legal, policy, regulatory and best practise direction available. It is the Responsibility of individuals and their chain of command to ensure the individuals remain in-date for all applicable training courses.

23. Once an individual goes beyond a course validity timeframe (ie AMAC-P validity is 5 years) the individual is no longer deemed to be SQEP and becomes ineligible to hold an LoAA. Training course validities are not related to individuals remaining in a specific [type of] post (ie an individual can successfully complete the AMAC-P, then change posts away from Airworthiness (eg into a Finance post), then return to an Airworthiness post, and (if still within the course validity of 5 years) still be deemed as SQEP for AMAC-P).

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Notification of Air Safety Responsibility within DE&S

1003(2) Individuals within DE&S responsible for providing equipment (excluding Air System platforms) and / or services in the Defence Air Environment **shall** receive formal Notification of their Air Safety responsibilities, promulgated through a system of formal letters.

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24. **Air Safety Responsibility.** The Notification of Air Safety Responsibility **should not** authorize the individual to approve **specified Airworthiness activities**. For the purpose of this Regulation, this form of notice is named a Letter of Air Safety Notification (LoAN)¹⁷.

Notification principles

25. A clear, unbroken chain of Notification from DG(Air) to the respective Ship Platform Authorities (PA) or Commodity Chief Engineer (CE) **should** exist, through 2* OCDs and including intermediate line managers as necessary, with each receiving a Notification appropriate to their level and project responsibilities:

- a. DG(Air) **should** issue LoANs to those OCDs who are not required to hold LoAAs but have responsibilities for providing services and / or equipment for use in, or in support of, the Air Domain.
- b. OCDs **should** identify those Ship PAs or Commodity CEs within their operating centres who have formal Responsibility for the Air Safety of the equipment and / or services they provide, but not Airworthiness authority to approve **specified Airworthiness activities**; such individuals **should** receive LoANs, issued through intermediate line managers if necessary.
- c. Appropriate subordinate staff with formal Responsibility for the Safety of goods and services delivered to Air System DTs **should** receive suitably tailored LoANs from their Ship PA or Commodity CE.

26. LoAA and LoAN holders **should** issue LoANs, but LoAN holders **should not** issue LoAAs.

27. In all instances LoANs **should**:

- a. Be in the form of a letter personal to the individual receiving it; they **should not** be transferred between individuals.
- b. Be of an unambiguous scope and be coherent with any other letters of Notification or delegation to prevent omissions or duplication.
- c. Contain specific reference to the Regulations and standards applicable to achieving the Air Safety requirements for the equipment and / or services that the recipient is responsible for.

¹⁷ ► Where a Commodity CE enters into a formal agreement with an Air System DT to amend the ADS, they will comply with RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility. ◄

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28. Copies of all LoANs, received and issued, **should** be retained for no less than 5 years beyond the active life of the related Air System type or equipment. Scanned copies held electronically are permitted.

Review of Notifications

29. All LoANs **should** be reviewed by the issuer or their replacement at least annually, **▶ and record of the review to be maintained.**

Note:

If a LoAN is not reviewed within one year of previous issue / renewal, the LoAN immediately expires and becomes invalid until further review has been conducted. ◀

30. When the issuer of a LoAN departs their post, all LoANs issued by that individual **should** remain valid for a maximum period of **▶6◀** months. **▶ Before the end of this period all delegations, issued by the departed LoAN issuer, ◀ should be reviewed and renewed as appropriate by the ▶delegation chain. ◀**

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31. **▶ LoANs formally notify individuals of their responsibilities to enable effective application of ◀** Air Safety Regulation and principles in the conduct of their duties.

32. While RA 1003(2) does not define specific SQEP criteria for LoAN holders, this does not remove the requirement to ensure that all individuals are Competent to hold the responsibilities associated with their respective appointment.

Applicability to non-DE&S organizations

33. Individuals inside non-DE&S organizations will not be allowed to hold LoANs, as these are DE&S specific Authorization Approvals, and the DG(Air) only provides LoANs to individuals within **▶their◀** AoR and governance chain.

34. Organizations that transfer out of DE&S will:

- Ensure that the MOD contracting organization, who has been appropriately delegated through their management chain from the SoS for Defence provides the appropriate Notification of Air Safety Responsibility to the Head of the transferred organization (eg CEO).
- Ensure that the Head of the transferred organization (eg CEO) delegates the Airworthiness responsibilities through the appropriate management chain (through the appropriate AM for onward delegation) to Competent individuals.
- Create Letters of Notification covering as a minimum the LoAA / LoAN requirements (that were held whilst the organization was in DE&S) for their personnel.
- Ensure that responsibilities, that were covered by the LoAAs / LoANs of their personnel, are detailed within the formal agreements (eg Internal Business Agreements, Joint Business Agreements, Service Level Agreements, Contracts, etc) they have with the aviation organizations they support (eg ADHs, Front Line Commands, DE&S aviation Delivery Teams, etc).

Regulation 1003(3)

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1003(3) Delegation of the Airworthiness authority to **▶conduct specified Airworthiness activities◀** within a DO **shall** be by SQEP in nominated posts, in the form of a Letter of Appointment (LoA)¹⁸.

¹⁸ Where the Air System is **▶not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management◀** regulatory Responsibility by either the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model **▶◀**; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-

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Airworthiness authority

35. For Civilian-Owned or Civilian Operated Air Systems the Air System Sponsor¹⁹ can delegate TAW Responsibility between the TAA and a TAM, the TAA **should** provide advice to the Sponsor on the most appropriate delegation of responsibilities.

36. The authority to approve ► **specified Airworthiness activities** ◄ granted to individuals through the issue of LoAs, **should** be delegated to the TAM.

Delegation principles

37. A clear, unbroken chain of delegation from the Sponsor to the respective TAM **should** exist:

- a. LoAs **should** contain, as a minimum, the Airworthiness authorities detailed in RA 1015⁵.
- b. Subordinate DO staff requiring LoAs **should** receive such delegation directly from the respective TAM.

38. LoAs **should**:

- a. Only be issued by the Sponsor to the TAM, ► **copied to the MAA**²⁰, ◄ and sub-delegated from the TAM where required.
- b. Only be granted to Competent individuals meeting established criteria to be SQEP, as detailed below.
- c. Be in the form of a letter personal to the individual receiving it; they **should not** be transferred between individuals.
- d. Be of an unambiguous scope and be consistent with other delegations to prevent omissions or duplication.
- e. Be accepted formally in writing by the recipient; LoAs **should** only be accepted when the recipient has made an assessment that the responsibilities and authorities delegated can be discharged within the resource that has been allocated.

39. Copies of all LoAs, received and issued, **should** be retained for no less than 5 years beyond the active life of the Air System type or equipment. Scanned copies held electronically are permitted.

Delegations

40. TAMs requiring delegation of Airworthiness authority **should** apply to the Sponsor. If content the Sponsor **should** apply to the MAA for endorsement⁷ of the TAM's suitability to hold a LoA, using the process detailed in MAA03⁸. The applicant **should not** be awarded a LoA before their LoE is received.

41. The TAM **should** identify those posts within their AoR that require LoAs. These posts **should** be limited to those that require authority to ► **conduct specified Airworthiness activities** ◄ without reference to higher authority.

42. When sub-delegating LoAs, the TAM has discretion over the nature and extent of delegation, under the following constraints:

- a. LoAs delegating the authority to ► **conduct specified Airworthiness activities** ◄ **should** only be issued to individuals who have successfully completed the AMAC – either at Practitioner (AMAC-P) level or Fundamentals (AMAC-F) level, including passing the course assessment.

Service) Air Systems, refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

► **Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.** ◄

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

²⁰ ► **Email** DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk. ◄

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b. The TAM **should** assess the Competency and knowledge of all staff requiring delegation using an auditable, evidence-based process and determine which the more appropriate course is for the individual, considering the scope of their delegation. The AMAC-P is considered to be the preferred course for LoA holders at OF3 level (or equivalent) and above. The AMAC-F is considered a suitable course for LoA holders below OF3 (or equivalent).

c. When issuing the LoA, the TAM **should** specify any limitations applicable to the delegation and the LoA holder **should** be made aware of the boundaries within which they are permitted to operate.

d. **▶ Except for those 'non-delegable' responsibilities detailed in Annex A, all other MRP requirements for a TAM, **should** be considered delegable. ◀**

43. All LoA holders **should** meet the relevant minimum SQEP criteria, as contained in Table 2 below, with the following notes:

a. Where Air System Type Specific Managers' Courses are not available, an appropriate level of technical familiarization **should** be achieved for each Air System type. This **should** be recorded in the relevant LoA and LoE.

Table 2. **▶ LoA ◀ Holder Minimum SQEP Criteria.**

Minimum SQEP Criteria	DO staff ²¹ ◀	TAM
Engineering Council Professionally Registered, as detailed in RA 1002 ¹²	X	X
▶ Has ◀ successfully completed ▶ the ◀ AMAC-P (5 day) ▶⁹ ◀	X	X
▶ Has ◀ successfully completed ▶ the ◀ AMAC-F (3 day) ▶⁹ ◀	X	
Successfully completed the relevant Air System Type Specific Managers' Course	X	X

44. TAMs **should** be assessed as at least "Practitioner" level across **▶ ACS1, ACS2, ACS3 ACS5 and ACS6 ◀** in the Airworthiness Competence Set (available on the MAA's websites¹⁴) before receiving their **▶ LoA. ◀**

Review of delegations

45. All LoAs **should** be reviewed by the issuer at least annually, **▶ and record of the reviews maintained. ◀**

Note:

If an LoA is not reviewed within one year of previous issue / renewal, the LoA immediately expires and becomes invalid until further review has been conducted. ◀

46. When the issuer of a LoA departs their post, all LoAs issued by that individual **should** remain valid for a maximum period of **▶ 6 ◀** months. **▶ Before the end of this period all delegations, issued by the departed LoA issuer, ◀ **should** be reviewed and renewed as appropriate ▶ by the delegation chain. ◀**

47. Reviews **should** ensure that:

a. The functional Responsibility and, where appropriate, authority being delegated remains appropriate.

b. The content and references in the LoA remain up to date.

Training

48. Sponsors, TAMs, and LoA holders **should** comply with the Air Safety Training requirements detailed in RA 1440⁹.

²¹ **▶ Dependant on role or position held within the organization as described in paragraph 42b above. ◀**

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49. Non-compliance for industry posts **should** be ► endorsed by the Accountable Manager (Military Flying) and submitted to the MAA for Authorization via the Waiver process iaw MAA03⁸. ◀

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50. ► Amending ◀ the content of the ADS is ► an example of a Specified Airworthiness Activity as ◀ detailed in RA 1310(1) ►¹⁵ ◀. For clarification, SI(T)s, regulated by RA 5405¹⁶, are considered to be part of the ADS when they direct on-Aircraft work. The issue of such SI(T)s can therefore only be authorized by a LoAA or LoA holder. This is a delegable function in accordance with (iaw) RA 1163²² and a non-delegable function iaw RA 1162²³.

51. The simplicity of a single TAM within an MAA approved DO is highly preferable but, where multiple Air System types are supported by a single DO, additional TAMs may be appointed for each Air System type.

52. Although not contained in the currently mandated SQEP criteria, relevant Air System Maintenance experience ► ◀ can be extremely valuable to an individual in exercising Airworthiness authority. When sub-delegating LoAs to DO staff who do not have such experience, the TAM may wish to take measures to ensure that such staff have access to suitable advice. Appropriate measures may include (but are not limited to) ensuring suitably experienced individuals are employed in support of the LoA holder.

Training course validities

53. Training course validities ►⁹ ◀ are prescribed to ensure that individuals are kept as up-to-date as possible with ► the ◀ latest legal, policy, regulatory, ► and ◀ best practise direction available. It is the Responsibility of individuals and their chain of command to ensure the individuals remain in-date for all applicable training courses.

54. Once an individual goes beyond a course validity timeframe (ie AMAC-P validity is 5 years) the individual is no longer deemed to be SQEP and becomes ineligible to hold an LoA. Training course validities are not related to individuals remaining in a specific [type of] post (ie an individual can successfully complete the AMAC-P, then change posts away from Airworthiness (eg into a Finance post), then return to an Airworthiness post, and (if still within the course validity of 5 years) still be deemed as SQEP for AMAC-P).

²² Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

²³ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.

► Annex A

TAA-to-subordinates and TAM-to-subordinates non-delegable TAw Responsibilities

TAw Function	Non-Delegable Responsibilities	Applicable RAs
Delegation of LoAAs / LoAs	- Identify posts in AoR requiring LoAA / LoA - Ensure persons are Competent and SQEP - Authorize and review LoAA / LoAs	RA 1003
TAw Strategy	Authorize (prior to Approval by OCD or Sponsor)	RA 5010
Safety Management System	- Authorize Safety Management Plan - Chair TAw Safety Panel	RA 5011
TAw Safety Assessment Report	Authorize	RA 5012
Initial and Major Changes to Type Design	- Authorize Certification strategy prior to MAA review - Authorize Type Design Examination Part A and B prior to MAA review - Authorize application for, or update to, a Military Type Certificate (MTC) prior to MAA review - Authorize Type Certificate Basis prior to MAA review - Authorize Certification Program prior to MAA review - Authorize Type Certification Exposition prior to MAA review - MTC or Approved Design Changes Certificate Holder - Agreement of the following Military Certification Review Items outcomes: Equivalent Safety Finding, Deviation, Special Condition and MTC Restriction	RA 5810 RA 5820
Certificate of Design	Accept the DO recommendation at Air System level and for Major Type Design Change / Repairs	RA 5103
DO Privilege	Authorize DO Privilege Letter	RA 5850
Air System Integrity Strategy Document	Authorize	RA 5276
Configuration Management	- Authorize Configuration Management Plan - Chair Configuration Control Board	RA 5301
Air System Document Set (ADS)	- Authorize Initial Issue - Authorize ADS management plan	RA 1310
Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)	- Authorize MPTF (In-Service) recommendation prior to submission to OCD - Authorize and issue the MPTF (Single Task) - Authorize and issue the Initial MPTF (Development) - Authorize MPTF (Special Case Flying) recommendation - Authorize and Issue MPTF (Special Case Flying)	RA 1305 RA 5880 RA 1305
Military Air Systems subject to Civil Aviation Oversight	Authorize the Minimum Equipment List	RA 1165
UAS Categorization Submission	Authorize for Specific S2 and Certified	RA 1600
Ship Air Release Recommendation	Authorize	RA 1395 ◀

RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations

Rationale

Organizations within the Defence Air Environment (DAE) may be Contracted¹ to carry out specified Type and Continuing Airworthiness management, Contractor Flying, and Air Traffic Management Equipment activities. Not having Competent organizations Contracted to carry out these activities may result in a compromised level of Air Safety. To assure the Secretary of State for Defence that organizations Contracted to provide Air Safety related products and services to the UK MOD are Competent to do so, the MAA provides a number of Approval schemes. Moreover, correctly contracting to the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) is of vital importance to ensure the latest regulatory standards and practices are adhered to.

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Regulation 1005(1)

General Principles

- 1005(1) Organizations that let contracts in the DAE **shall** ensure that activities are carried out by Competent organizations.

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General Principles

1. Contracts **should** be let against the latest issue of each applicable Regulatory Article and / or other MRP. The contract **should** allow provision for:
 - a. The Contracted organization to support on-site access for the MAA or its appointed agents to undertake oversight and Assurance activities.
 - b. Changes in the MRP to be addressed through contract amendment.
2. Air Safety Risk Assessments **should** be conducted by the contracting organization to assess the effects of changes in the MRP when they occur, and an Auditable trail of Risk Management **should** be maintained.
3. Where ►proposed Contractor◀ activity falls within ►the scope of an MAA Approval scheme, the contract **should** be let against that scheme. ◀
4. Where the Contracted organization is required to hold but has yet to gain MAA Approval the contracting organization **should**:
 - a. Have a Contracted route to achieving Approval.
 - b. Ensure that an application has been submitted to the MAA for assessment against the relevant scheme.
5. Where no MAA Approval scheme exists, or activity is beyond the scope of the MAA Approval scheme, the contracting organization **should** assure themselves of the Competency of the Contracted organization and record their decision-making process and assumptions. Any associated Risk to Life **should** be communicated to and ►managed²◀ by the appropriate Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) or Accountable Manager.
6. The MOD may contract with intermediate organizations, which do not hold an MAA Approval, to manage or deliver products or services; in these cases the organization performing the activity that is covered by an MAA Approval scheme **should** hold the relevant MAA Approval, noting the requirements of paragraphs 4 and 5. The intermediate organization **should** flow down MRP Regulations that are relevant to the organization performing the activity.

¹ Contracting includes other arrangements such as: Internal Business Agreements, Joint Business Agreements, Service Level Agreements, Foreign Military Sales agreements, etc.

² ►Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).◀

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7. The Contracted organization **should** have a nationally accredited Quality Management System with an appropriate scope for the Contracted activity (eg ISO 9001 and AS 9100, accredited by the UK Accreditation Service).
8. If a Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)³ wishes to contract with an organization that does not hold an appropriate Airworthiness organizational Approval from the MAA but instead holds a relevant Airworthiness organizational Approval from a foreign Military Airworthiness Authority, they **should** check if that foreign Regulator is currently Recognized⁴ by the MAA⁵.
9. If this Recognition, the scope of which includes the type of organizational Approval required, does exist, the TAA **should** submit a request for Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance (AAMC) to utilize the organizational Approval from the foreign Military Airworthiness Authority. A contract **should** only be awarded if this AAMC has been approved by the MAA.
10. If a Recognition with the required scope does not exist, the TAA **should** approach the MAA⁶ to request the undertaking of Recognition activity with the foreign Military Airworthiness Authority. This request **should** include a clearly articulated Business Need that details the TAA's understanding of the applicability of the other Military Airworthiness Authority's organizational Approval. The Business Need **should** also contain details of the expected duration of use of that organizational Approval and the TAA's intended actions if that foreign Military Airworthiness Authority Approval be withdrawn or the MAA Recognition expires.
11. Contracting organizations **should** ensure that the responsibilities for the appropriate development, management, upkeep of, or contribution to, the Air System Safety Case⁷ are clearly articulated and Contracted for.

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General Principles

12. The MAA or its appointed agents will assess the suitability of a Contractor's personnel, processes and facilities to conduct their Contracted activities for inclusion in the relevant MAA Approval scheme. Approval will only be granted following a successful assessment by the MAA.
13. Contracting organizations are advised to engage with the MAA at the earliest opportunity because the time required to gain an MAA Approval can vary considerably. Contributing factors can include: the scope of the activity, the familiarity of the Contracted organization with the MRP, the Quality of the evidence submitted to the MAA and MAA workload and priorities.
14. Recognition is a process by which the MAA can make an informed and auditable judgement on the extent to which the Airworthiness outputs of a foreign Military Airworthiness Authority could be accepted for use within the MRP. Airworthiness outputs, including Airworthiness organizational Approvals, from a Recognized foreign Military Airworthiness Authority are not automatically accepted by the MAA. TAAs will need to assure themselves that they understand the source, scope and applicability of any such Airworthiness output before submitting the AAMC.
15. Costs of periodic MAA Assurance activities cannot be recovered from the MAA.

³ Where the Air System is ►not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management◄ regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or TAM (Type Airworthiness Manager) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model ►◄; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁴ ►Refer to the Manual of Military Airworthiness Recognition.◄

⁵ This information is available from the following MAA webpage (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/maa-recognition>) and additional guidance can be obtained from the Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Airworthiness Team.

⁶ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

Regulation 1005(2)

Design Organizations

1005(2) For the procurement of Air Systems (including their Products, Parts and Appliances), Airborne Equipment (AE)⁸, Air Launched Weapons (ALW)⁸, ► **Aircrew Equipment Assemblies (AEA)⁸ and Survival Equipment (SE)⁸**, ◀ TAw management and Post-Design Services (PDS), the contracting organization **shall** only contract with a Competent Design Organization (DO).

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Design Organizations

16. The DO **should** be approved under the Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS)⁹.

17. Any requirement for TAw management **should** be approved specifically under the TAw Management Supplement¹⁰ and only be undertaken within an Air System Co-ordinating DO.

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Design Organizations

18. Where a DO holds a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) / Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Part 21 Subpart J Approval, the EASA / CAA approved DO Handbook (DOH) may be submitted together with supporting evidence addressing the differences in Regulation. As these ► **may be significant**, ◀ DOs are advised to seek guidance from the MAA DAOS Branch as early as possible to assist with the regulatory differences and ► **to seek advice regarding** ◀ the documentary evidence needed to demonstrate compliance¹¹. The Approved DOH and agreed supporting evidence may be considered as acceptable to support the organization's application for inclusion in the DAOS.

19. There are cases where DAOS is not required, specifically:

- a. For PDS contracts, where the proposed design element of such contracts is limited to holding engineering drawings of equipment or where changes to legacy equipment Configuration are not anticipated. If design changes are subsequently required, DAOS Approval must be sought⁹.
- b. For equipment contracts involving manufacture and supply, where there is no change to the original design produced by a DAOS approved organization. If design changes are subsequently required these will ► **need to** ◀ be referred back to the original designer.

Regulation 1005(3)

Maintenance Organizations

1005(3) For the Maintenance of Air Systems (including their Products, Parts and Appliances), ► **AE⁸**, ◀ and ALW⁸, the contracting organization **shall** only contract with Competent Maintenance organizations.

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Maintenance Organizations

20. ► **Contracting organizations should only contract with Maintenance organizations approved under the Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) for the following Contractor-run activities:**

- a. **On-Air System Maintenance;**
- b. **Aircraft Engine Maintenance (B1, B2 and B3)¹²;**

⁸ As defined in MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

⁹ Refer to RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

¹⁰ The TAw Management Supplement is available on the MAA websites.

¹¹ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

¹² ► **Refer to RA 4804 – Terms of Approval (MRP 145.A.20) – Approved Maintenance Organizations only.** ◀

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- c. Helicopter Transmission Maintenance (C11)¹²;
- d. Air System component Maintenance on UK Government Property^{8, 13}.
- e. AE⁸. ◀

21. MAOS Approval **should** be achieved by demonstration of full compliance with MRP Part 145.

22. For Maintenance activities out of the scope of MAOS, the Contracting organization **should** refer to paragraph 5.

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Maintenance Organizations

23. Contractor-run off ▶ Air System ◀ Maintenance ▶ (with the exception of engine¹² or helicopter transmission¹² Maintenance) not ◀ carried out ▶ on ◀ UK Government Property is beyond the scope of MAOS.

24. The MAA recognizes that, where on-▶ Air System ◀ Maintenance activity is carried out by a civil organization accredited with the appropriate scope, approved under ▶ ◀ CAA Part 145, and where CAA oversight under CAA Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 562 Leaflet B-40 is invoked, then the ▶ ◀ CAA Part 145 Approval may meet the majority of MAOS requirements. In this case, all differences must be addressed and MAOS Approval obtained as detailed in RA 4800¹⁴.

Regulation 1005(4)

Contractor Flying Organizations

1005(4) For the delivery of UK military registered Air System flying operations, the contracting organization **shall** only contract with Competent flying organizations.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1005(4)

Contractor Flying Organizations

25. Contracting organizations **should** only contract with flying organizations that are ▶ ◀:

- a. Approved under the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS)▶¹⁵ (for the operation of crewed Aircraft, specific S2 sub-category Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) or certified category RPAS) ◀ or:
- b. ▶ Approved under the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic RPAS) (CFAOS(BR))¹⁶ (for the operation of RPAS in the Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category), or: ◀
- c. Operating under the governance of ▶ an ◀ ADH.

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Contractor Flying Organizations

26. Documented Systems and processes in support of other aviation operations regulatory Approvals may be used and credited towards CFAOS Approval, using the Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (CFOE)¹⁵ ▶ or for CFAOS(BR) Approval, using the CFOE(BR)¹⁶ ◀ to show cross-linkages.

27. CFAOS ▶ / CFAOS (BR) ◀ organizations contracting non-UK military registered Air System support (such as for trials support or chase Aircraft) in support of CFAOS ▶ / CFAOS (BR) ◀ activity are responsible for ensuring that correct regulatory Approvals are in place based on Air System registration. Appropriate due diligence would be expected to be enacted through the CFAOS organization's Air Safety Management System¹⁷ ▶ or an appropriate process for CFAOS(BR) organizations. ◀

¹³ ▶ For the purpose of this RA, UK Government Property relates to Land, His Majesty ships and Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships. ◀

¹⁴ Refer to RA 4800 – General Requirements (MRP Part 145).

¹⁵ ▶ Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Remotely Piloted Air Systems). ◀

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

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1005(5)****Air Traffic Management Equipment Organizations**

1005(5) For the provision and / or installation of Air Traffic Management (ATM) Equipment, and / or the provision of technical services that support ATM Equipment, contracting organizations **shall** only contract with Competent ATM Equipment Organizations.

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28. Contracting organizations **should** only contract with ATM Equipment organizations approved under the ATM Equipment Approved Organization Scheme¹⁸ when contracting for the provision and / or installation of ATM Equipment, and / or the provision of technical services that support ATM Equipment.

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29. Nil.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1027 – Air Traffic Management Equipment Organizations - Responsibilities of Contracted Organizations.

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RA 1006 - Delegation of Engineering Authorizations

Rationale

Engineering authorizations are required to permit competent staff to manage, supervise and undertake a range of Air System and Air System component Maintenance ►and Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) management activities◄ within the Defence Air Environment. An Air System's Airworthiness could be compromised without the use of a robust, auditable system of cascaded engineering authorizations that formally prescribes the Maintenance ►and CAw management activities◄ an individual can undertake. ►This RA◄ requires that each engineering authorization is granted to competent Maintenance ►and Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO)◄ staff, which can be traced back to an individual holding executive responsibility for Airworthiness.

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Delegation of Engineering Authorizations

1006(1) Engineering authorizations **shall** be cascaded by competent and authorized individuals in an auditable manner, originating from individuals holding posts with executive responsibility for Airworthiness.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1006(1)

Delegation of Engineering Authorizations

1. Within Military Maintenance Organizations (MMOs)¹ ►and Military CAMOs◄ the Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance – Processes (MAM-P) authorization system **should** be used.
2. The identification of “appointed Level K” and “appointed Level J” posts **should** only be made by an individual with executive responsibility for Airworthiness, defined for the purpose of this Regulation as one of the following:
 - a. **For Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) and Command engineering posts:** The Chief Air Engineer (CAE) to the relevant-Operating Duty Holder (ODH), on behalf of the ODH².
 - b. **For Defence Accident Investigation Branch (DAIB) (Air) posts:** Director (Technical) MAA, limited to those personnel within the DAIB (Air) who require MAM-P authorizations in the course of their investigations.
3. Appointed Level K and appointed Level J posts **should** be identified in a manner that is auditable, for example, in mid-level orders. When publishing this information, any restrictions imposed on the scope of authorization associated with the post **should** be detailed.
4. The individual identifying appointed Level K and appointed Level J posts **should** ensure that personnel filling such positions are competent to do so and are therefore granted appropriate engineering authorizations on appointment.
5. In order to ensure that the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) is cognisant of the risk ►they◄ hold, engineering authorizations which enable the holder to defer Maintenance **should** only be granted by individuals within that ADH's Area of Responsibility unless agreement to do so has been received from the relevant ADH's ►Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM)◄. Where such authorizations are granted to individuals that operate across ADH boundaries, all affected ADHs, through their ►Mil CAM◄, **should** formally agree to the extent of authorization granted.
6. While contractors may hold Level K and Level J authorizations, the authorizations “appointed Level K” and “appointed Level J” **should** only be granted to Crown Servants.

¹ The term MMO is used to describe military-run organizations that conduct Maintenance on Air Systems, Air System equipment and / or Air System components. This term does not include those contractor-run organizations that require approval under MRP Part 145; such organizations are known as Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMOs).

² Refer to RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineer – Air Safety Responsibilities.

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7. Level K, Level J, Level H or Level G authorizations may be granted to contractors subject to the relevant requirements³, which includes the requirement for an individual's competency to be assessed prior to them receiving an authorization. In addition, the following criteria apply:

- a. The scope of authorizations granted **should** be restricted to permit only those activities that the respective ADH requires the contractor to undertake.
- b. A list of the names of those contractors holding authorizations allowing Maintenance and / or flight servicing activities to be waived or deferred **should** be maintained in an auditable manner.

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Delegation of Engineering Authorizations

8. This Regulation must be read in conjunction with other applicable MRP requirements⁴ concerning the assessment of competence and the recording and distribution of engineering authorizations. Although this Regulation includes content on the granting of authority to defer Maintenance, the granting of such authority through a Letter of Airworthiness Authority is outside the scope of this Regulation and exempt from its requirements.

9. The ►Maintenance and CAw management◄ engineering authorization systems break individual authorizations into Authority Levels with authorizations granted by holders of specific Level K or Level J authorizations. The appointed Level K and appointed Level J authorizations grant the holder the full range of authorizations within that respective Authority Level, except where specific restrictions have been imposed.

10. As detailed in this Regulation, engineering authorizations are normally cascaded from the appointed Level K or appointed Level J. However, by virtue of holding executive responsibility for Airworthiness, the individuals described in Paragraph 2 of this Regulation may also grant an individual any subordinate authorization³. This satisfies those occasions where there is no appointed Level K in the authorization chain.

11. In relation to Paragraph 5, the term 'authorizations which enable the holder to defer Maintenance' includes those that permit the holder to defer corrective Maintenance and extend scheduled Maintenance.

►Military CAMOs and Part M Authorizations

12. Military CAMOs are to use Part M authorizations in accordance with (iaw) RA 4945(3)⁵. ◄

Authority Level K and Level J on deployed and embarked operations

13. In order to provide adequate management of Maintenance activities, ADHs may wish to establish engineering posts that hold a range of Level K and / or Level J authorizations in a particular Operational Theatre or for embarked operations. This is permitted provided that the delegation principles detailed in this Regulation are met. Where such posts require authority over Air System types belonging to multiple ADHs, particular attention must be given to the requirements at Paragraph 5.

Use of MAM-P engineering authorizations by contractors

14. While the use of the MAM-P engineering authorization system is required for MMOs, AMOs ►and contracted CAMOs◄ may utilize an alternative system of granting engineering authorizations, subject to meeting the requirements of ►both◄ MRP Part 145 ►and Part M.◄

15. Where the MAM-P engineering authorization system is adopted by an AMO ►or contracted CAMO◄ as a framework for cascading engineering authorizations, the organization will be able to propose that a nominated individual (normally the

³ Refer to RA 4806(5): Personnel Competences and Authorization (MRP 145.A.30(e)).

⁴ Refer to RA 1002 – Airworthiness Competent Persons; RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30); and RA 4807 – Certifying Staff and Support Staff (MRP 145.A.35).

⁵ ►Refer to RA 4945(3): Personnel Competence and MRP Part M Authorization.◄

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Quality Manager⁶) holds a limited range of Authority Level K and / or Authority Level J authorizations using the MAA MAOS CAMO Form 4 process⁷. However, the scope of such authorization will be limited to the minimum MAM-P engineering authorizations necessary to enable the organization to undertake the scope of Maintenance for which it has been approved for, within the constraints of MRP Part 145 ►and Part M. ◀

16. Where an ADH CAE ►or Mil CAM◀ identifies the need for a contractor to hold authorizations in addition to those that have been allowed through MAA approval of a contractor-run Maintenance organization's authorization system, contractors may be granted such authorizations iaw this Regulation and RA 4806⁷.

17. When granting MAM-P engineering authorizations to contractors, it is important to understand that the full scope of privileges available in the authorization system may not be appropriate, in particular those authorizations providing engineering managers latitude to waive or defer Maintenance. Many of these activities are either unlikely to be necessary in an AMO, or it may be more suitable for them to be controlled by a Crown Servant.

⁶ Refer to RA 4807(9): Responsibility for Issuing Certification Authorization (MRP 145.A.35(i)).

⁷ Refer to RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30).

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RA 1010 - Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities

Rationale

The Head of Establishment (HoE¹) is responsible for providing a Safe Operating Environment (SOE) for Air Systems in order to meet their Aviation Duty Holder-Facing / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Facing (AA-Facing Organizations) Responsibilities². Failure to provide an SOE could present Hazards that introduce new or increased Risk to Life (RtL) into an Aviation Duty Holder's (ADH's) / Accountable Manager's (Military Flying) (AM(MF)'s) operation, which is likely to affect their Air System Safety Case (ASSC)³. This RA defines the classification tiers an HoE will comply with to ensure that the correct regulatory framework is applied and that they meet their legal duty of care Responsibilities in supporting aviation activities. This RA also ensures that ADHs / AM(MF)s assess the suitability of all MOD and non-MOD establishments used by Air Systems for which they have a Responsibility for RtL.

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Classification Tier of Establishment

- 1010(1) The HoE **shall** determine the classification tier of their establishment in accordance with (iaw) the aviation activity that is undertaken.

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Classification Tier of Establishment

Tier 1 establishment

2. Any MOD Aerodrome, or unlicensed non-MOD Aerodrome⁴ where permanently based ADH / AM(MF) aviation activity is undertaken, or HM Aircraft Carrier, **should** be classified as a Tier 1 establishment.

¹ Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary. Note that the MAA02 definition of HoE requires all MOD establishments to have an HoE and, for the context of this ► Regulatory Article (RA), ◀ where a Defence Contractor Flying Organization is also the operator of an unlicensed non-MOD Aerodrome then by definition an HoE will be in place. Additionally, the term HoE also includes Commanding Officers of aviation capable His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ships.

² Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

³ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁴ In the context of this RA, unlicensed non-MOD aerodromes includes Heliports and Helicopter Landing Sites (HLS) and in addition, refer to RA 1010(1) paragraph ► 10 ◀.

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Tier 2 establishment

3. Any MOD Aerodrome, except a Temporary Landing Zone (TLZ), used for casual ADH / AM(MF) Fixed-Wing (FW) aviation activity and / or where recreational flying⁵ is the primary activity **should** be classified as a Tier 2 establishment.

Note:

If also used for casual ADH / AM(MF) Rotary Wing (RW) aviation activity, Tier 3 requirements **should** also be complied with.

Tier 3 establishment

4. Any MOD Aerodrome (including ► a permanent ◀ HLS►⁶◀) or aviation capable⁷ HM / MOD Ship that is only used for casual ADH / AM(MF) RW aviation activity **should** be classified as a Tier 3 establishment.

Tier 4 establishment

5. Any MOD establishment at which aviation activity takes place, but where the purpose of the activity or receipt of aviation service is not directly related to landing or take-off⁸ **should** be classified as a Tier 4 establishment. If the establishment can facilitate the landing of FW or RW Aircraft then ► the corresponding Tier requirements ◀ **should** also be complied with.

► Tier 5 establishment

6. Any MOD Domestic HLS **should** be classified as a Tier 5 establishment⁹. ◀

General – All Tiers

7. When a TLZ is located at an establishment iaw RA 3550¹⁰, ► or the establishment is supporting tactical and / or non-permanent HLS operations that do not constitute the provision of a Permanent or Domestic HLS, ◀ the ADH / AM(MF) **should** co-ordinate the duty of care and SOE Responsibility in conjunction with the HoE¹¹ for the duration of the activity. The ADH / AM(MF) **should** also produce and record a formalized agreement for HoE approval.

8. Any MOD establishment or aviation capable HM / MOD Ship considering the use of a Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS) as the only activity, **should** consult the Military Aviation Authority (MAA)►◀ to discuss the regulatory requirements with regards to the provision of an SOE.

9. This Regulation also applies to any MOD ► establishment ◀ at which operations involve only civil registered Aircraft that are being used for MOD activity. Where this is applicable, the HoE **should** consult the MAA►◀ to confirm the appropriate classification tier.

10. For non-MOD ► establishments ◀, this RA **should** only apply to those that are operated by, or are the direct concern of a Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) organization (whether owned or otherwise), or where the AM(MF) has a direct / individual Responsibility (through contract or otherwise). ADH / AM(MF)s **should** contact the MAA for advice regarding the regulatory framework for any other unlicensed non-MOD ► establishments ◀ where permanently based ADH / AM(MF) activity is undertaken.

11. The HoE **should** ensure that the classification tier for their establishment is promulgated to the relevant ADHs and / or AM(MF)s, Front Line Commands (FLC) and / or ► AA-Facing organizations. ◀

⁵ In the context of this RA, recreational flying is considered to be flight in privately-owned civil registered Aircraft, such as at flying clubs, etc, operated by civilian personnel or MOD personnel outwith their MOD duties.

⁶ ► For HLS definitions, refer to RA 3530 – Helicopter Landing Site – Reference Information. ◀

⁷ Aviation capable Ships are defined as those which can be categorized as Applicability Level A, B or C in Defence Standard 00-133.

⁸ For example, Air / Sea / Land Weapon Ranges and Electronic Warfare Ranges.

⁹ ► Refer to RA 3530 – Permanent Helicopter Landing Sites – Reference Information and RA 3536 – Domestic Helicopter Landing Sites. ◀

¹⁰ Refer to RA 3550 – Temporary Landing Zone.

¹¹ The HoE **should** retain legal accountability of the establishment; however, the ADH / AM(MF) **should** provide an aviation Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) to support.

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Classification Tier of Establishment

12. If required, the HoE can refer to Annex A, Figure 1 to assist in determining the appropriate classification tier of their establishment.
13. RA 1010(1-▶6◀) does not apply to any ▶establishment◀ that is licensed or certified by another recognized body (such as the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) etc).
14. ▶Where an establishment is regularly used for tactical activity, as described in para 7, the requisite agreements between the HoE and ADH / AM(MF) can cover a specified period and do not have to be renewed every time activity takes place.◀

Regulation 1010(2)

Head of Establishment - Aviation Responsibilities for all Tiers

- 1010(2) The HoE **shall** provide an SOE to support aviation activity that is reliant on the aviation services provided by the establishment.

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Head of Establishment - Aviation Responsibilities for all Tiers

15. Prior to appointment, and iaw the classification tier of their establishment, the HoE **should** complete:
 - a. ▶Tiers 1-2:◀ The Duty Holders Air Safety Course¹², or the Contractor Flying Air Safety Course¹², whichever is applicable ▶◀.
 - b. ▶Tiers 3-4:◀ The Aerodrome Operators Study Period (AOSP) ▶◀.¹³▶◀.
16. The HoE **should** ensure:
 - a. They have an effective knowledge and understanding of the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) that prescribe relevant Safety standards, practices and the principles of Risk Management. In addition, the HoE **should** know how they are applied and understand the importance of maintaining effective relationships with all relevant stakeholders at their establishment.
 - b. An Air Safety Management System is established and maintained iaw RA 1200¹⁴ ▶(Tiers 1-4 only).◀
 - c. Assurance is conducted to provide evidence to the ADH / AM(MF) that an SOE is in place and being maintained, in support of the ADH / AM(MF) ASSCs³.
 - d. Alternate safe operating practices are in place when / where aviation activity occurs at establishments that do not require an Aerodrome Operator (AO) or Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) (AS(RF)).
17. Before approving civil RPAS activity at their establishment the HoE¹ **should** be content that the security and Safety Risks relating to the proposed activity have been assessed, that there are appropriate controls in place and that the RPAS operator has any necessary CAA Operational Authorization, Flyer Identification (ID) and Operator ID¹⁵.
18. Prior to granting permission for civil registered, non-military Aircraft¹⁶ to utilize their establishment, the HoE **should** assure themselves that the operators are compliant with the Air Navigation Order (ANO) or if operating overseas, the relevant national civil aviation Regulations.
19. The HoE **should** ensure any Modifications or work carried out within their establishment, that could affect the SOE, are conducted by an appropriate and

¹² Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

¹³ Applicable only if arrived in post after June 2022 when AOSP was implemented but, this does not preclude an HoE that falls outside this bracket from attending.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

¹⁵ Refer to 'The Drone and Model Aircraft Code' on the CAA website (<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>) for further details on Flier ID and Operator ID and CAP 722 – Unmanned Aircraft System Operations in UK Airspace – Policy and Guidance.

¹⁶ Excluding Operations under RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized ▶and Piloted◀ by the Ministry of Defence.

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Competent organization¹⁷ and are completed iaw the relevant regulatory and policy documents.

20. The HoE **should** inform the ADH, AM(MF) and / or other Aircraft operators when a new Hazard or change is identified that might affect the provision of an SOE and where applicable, the associated ASSC³.

Guidance Material 1010(2)

Head of Establishment - Aviation Responsibilities for all Tiers

21. The HoE may find useful information regarding civil flying through national governing bodies for light Aircraft, microlighting and gliding.

22. Detailed instructions for the use of military airfields, including any insurance requirements and charges to be raised against civil Aircraft operators, are contained in JSP 360¹⁸.

23. ► The Responsibilities detailed at para 20 will often be achieved through direct engagement with the supported ADH / AM(MF). However, where such mechanisms do not exist or cannot reasonably be applied, the HoE will achieve the aim through the timely publication of accurate information in the appropriate Flight Information Publications, or in the shorter term through the use of a Notices to Aviation (NOTAM), Prior Permission Required (PPR) briefings or other appropriate means to notify visiting Aircraft.

24. For Tier 5 Domestic HLS, the HoE is not mandated to attend the Duty Holders Air Safety Course or Aerodrome Operators Study Period but may apply for either course if, based on the volume and / or complexity of RW activity to be accommodated within their Area of Responsibility (AoR), they judge it would enhance their ability to oversee the SOE. If doubt exists, the incumbent is encouraged to contact the MAA to discuss their requirements. ◀

Regulation 1010(3)

Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where Recreational Flying is not the Primary Activity) Head of Establishment Responsibilities

1010(3) The HoE **shall** ensure an AO is appointed for all Aerodromes classified as Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where recreational flying⁵ is not the primary activity) establishments.

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Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where Recreational Flying is not the Primary Activity) Head of Establishment Responsibilities

25. To ensure an SOE is provided the HoE **should** comply with the Regulations in Annex B¹⁹ ► ◀.

26. The HoE **should**:

- a. Appoint an AO.
- b. Provide the nominated AO with a Letter of Authority (LoA).

27. At MOD Aerodromes the AO **should** be a Crown Servant.

28. At unlicensed non-MOD Aerodromes⁴ the AO **should** be an individual of appropriate status and standing, suitably empowered and competent to execute their AO Responsibilities²⁰.

29. The HoE **should** ensure that a Defence Aerodrome Manual (DAM) is developed and maintained by the AO²¹.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1005(1): General Principles.

¹⁸ JSP 360 – Use of Military Aerodromes by Civil Aircraft.

¹⁹ Commanding Officers of aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **should** comply with BRd 766 where the MRP (1000 or 3000 series Regulation) is not relevant.

²⁰ Refer to RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

²¹ Refer to RA 1026(2): Aerodrome Operator Responsibilities.

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Material
1010(3)**

Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where Recreational Flying is not the Primary Activity) Head of Establishment Responsibilities

30. The HoE may nominate an AO from outside their Chain of Command or Line Management, subject to the agreement of all parties concerned. In such circumstances, the HoE will ensure that the necessary authority and resources are made available to the AO.

31. The nomination of an AO at some Aerodromes will involve the overlap of HoE, ADH / AM(MF), ►AA-Facing organizations◄ and FLC AoR. In these circumstances the nomination and empowerment of the appropriate individual as AO will require co-ordination and agreement between some or all of these agents, as well as the individual's chain of command.

32. The list of AO Responsibilities²¹ does not preclude the HoE from assigning the AO additional Responsibility that supports the safe operation of Air Systems.

33. Where doubt exists regarding the compliance requirements of the Regulations in Annex B, HoEs may seek advice from the MAA►◄.

**Regulation
1010(4)**

Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishment Responsibilities

1010(4) The HoE **shall** ensure an AS(RF) is appointed at Tier 2 establishments where recreational flying⁵ is conducted as the primary activity.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1010(4)**

Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishment Responsibilities

34. To ensure an SOE is provided the HoE **should** comply with the Regulations in Annex B^{19, 22} ►◄.

35. The HoE **should**:

- a. Appoint an AS(RF).
- b. Provide the nominated AS(RF) with a LoA.

36. The AS(RF) **should** be a Crown Servant

37. The HoE **should** ensure that an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual (ASOEM) is developed and maintained by the AS(RF)²³.

**Guidance
Material
1010(4)**

Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishment Responsibilities

38. The list of AS(RF) Responsibilities²³ does not preclude HoE from assigning the AS(RF) additional Responsibility that supports the safe operation of Aircraft.

39. Where doubt exists regarding the compliance requirements of the Regulations in Annex B, HoEs may seek advice from the MAA►◄.

40. In lieu of appointing an AS(RF) to develop and maintain an ASOEM, the HoE may elect to appoint an AO to develop and maintain either an ASOEM or a DAM. The HoE may consult the MAA►◄ as to which document would be the most appropriate.

**Regulation
1010(5)**

Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

1010(5) The HoE **shall** ensure that provisions are in place to actively manage the SOE at Tier 3 and Tier 4 establishments.

²² Where an Air Traffic Service (ATS) is provided, the ATS Regulations within Annex B ►◄ **should** also be complied with.

²³ Refer to RA 1026(8): Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Responsibilities.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1010(5)**

Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

41. To ensure an SOE is provided the HoE **should** comply with the Regulations in Annex B¹⁹ ▶◀.

**Guidance
Material
1010(5)**

Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

42. There is no requirement to establish an AO²¹ at a Tier 3 or Tier 4 establishment but the HoE is not prevented from doing so if it is considered appropriate.

43. To assist with managing the SOE at a Tier 3 or 4 establishment, the HoE may consider appointing a suitable individual to create and maintain an ASOEM²⁴.

44. Where doubt exists regarding the compliance requirements of the Regulations in Annex B, HoEs may seek advice from the MAA ▶◀.

**Regulation
1010(6)**

▶ Tier 5 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

1010(6) The HoE **shall** ensure that provisions are in place to actively manage the SOE at Tier 5 establishments.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1010(6)**

Tier 5 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

45. The HoE **should** appoint a SQEP as Domestic HLS Custodian, iaw RA 3536²⁵.

46. To ensure an SOE is provided the HoE **should** comply with the Regulations in Annex B.

**Guidance
Material
1010(6)**

Tier 5 Head of Establishment Responsibilities

47. The HoE may appoint themselves as the Domestic HLS custodian, provided they meet the SQEP criteria in RA 3536²⁵.

48. To assist with managing the SOE at a Tier 5 establishment, the HoE may consider appointing a suitable individual to create and maintain an ASOEM²⁴.

49. Where doubt exists regarding the compliance requirements of the Regulations in Annex B, HoEs may seek advice from the MAA. ▶◀

**Regulation
1010(7)**

Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Safe Operating Environment Responsibilities

1010(7) ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** assess the suitability of any establishment and Aerodrome from which UK Military Registered Air Systems will operate.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1010(7)**

Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Safe Operating Environment Responsibilities

50. At a tiered establishment ADHs and AM(MF)s²⁶ **should** ensure via the HoE, or other relevant personnel or agencies, that an SOE is being provided^{27, 28} and appropriate Assurance is taking place to support their ASSC³.

51. For all other establishments and Aerodromes, ADHs and AM(MF)s²⁶ **should** consider, via their respective ASSC(s), whether an SOE is being provided prior to commencing operations.

²⁴ Refer to RA 1026(10): Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual.

²⁵ ▶ Refer to RA 3536 – Domestic Helicopter Landing Sites. ▶◀

²⁶ Refer to RA 3049 – Defence Contractor Flying Organization Responsibilities for UK Military Air System Operating Locations.

²⁷ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.

²⁸ Refer to ▶ RA 1028(2): ▶ Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

**Guidance
Material
1010(7)****Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Safe
Operating Environment Responsibilities**

52. Where an establishment or Aerodrome is licenced / certified by another regulatory body (such as EASA), ADHs / AM(MF)s may consider such licencing / Certification as potential evidence towards their ASSC argument that an SOE is being provided.

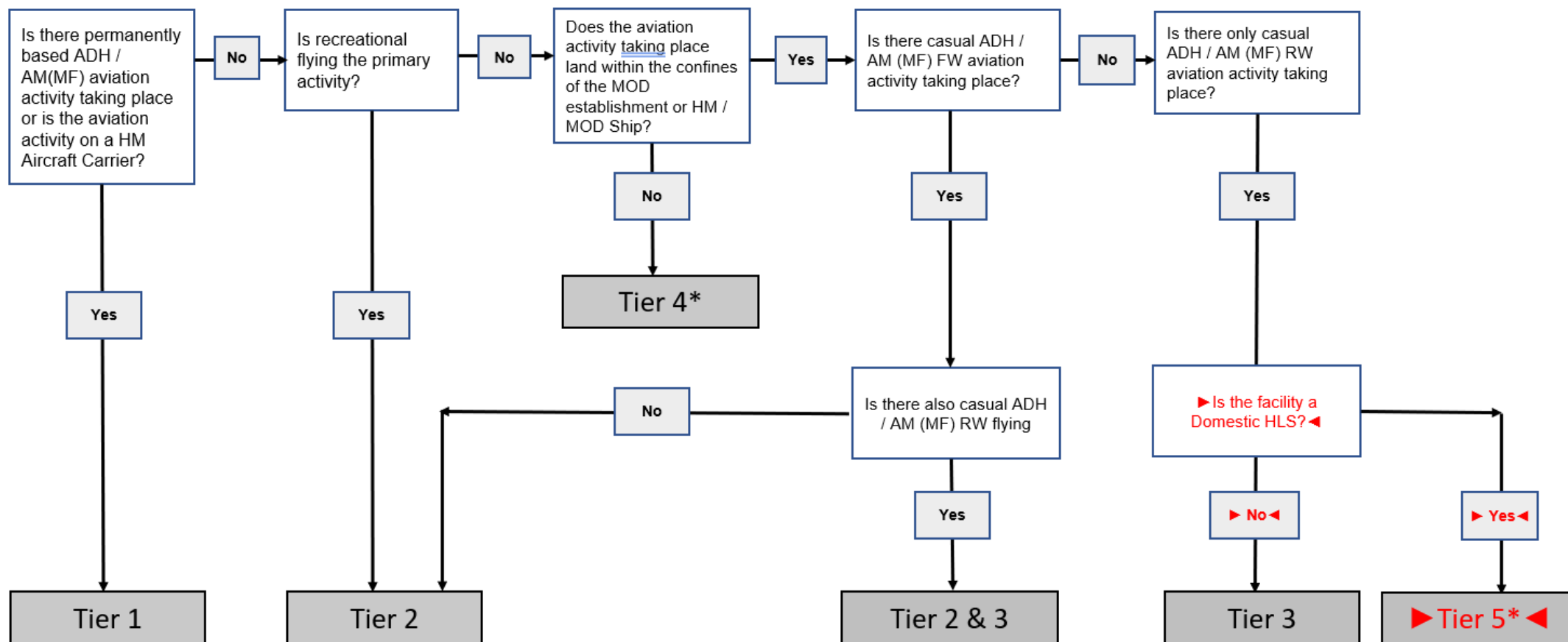
53. ADHs / AM(MF)s may consider the creation and maintenance of a DAM²⁹ or ASOEM²⁴ at establishments or Aerodromes where one does not otherwise exist (whichever is deemed most appropriate, in order to support the ASSC³).

²⁹ Refer to RA 1026(4): Management of a Defence Aerodrome Manual and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework.

Annex A

Classification Tier of Establishment

Figure 1 – Classification Tier of establishment Flow Chart (for illustrative purposes only – refer to RA 1010(1) for definitive applicability)



*Refer to RA 1010(1) Para 5 to confirm if other classification tiers are also applicable ► (for example, where a Domestic HLS is provided within a permanent Aerodrome or an Air Weapons Range). ◀

► Annex B has been re-formatted for clarity. Change marks are presented for amendments that have been made. ◄

Annex B

Head of Establishment Regulatory Article References

Regulation Article (RA)	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	► Tier 5 ◄
RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities	X	X	X	X	
RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management	X	X	X	X	► X ◄
RA 1200 – Air Safety Management	X	X	X	X	
RA 1205(4): Responsibilities of Organizations supporting an Air System Safety Case	X	X	X	X	
RA 1240 – Chartering of Civilian Air Systems for Military Purposes	X	X	X	X	
RA 1400 – Flight Safety	X	X	X	X	
RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management	X	X	X	X	► X ◄
RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash ► and Incident ◄ Management and Significant Occurrence Management	X	X	X	X	
RA 1440 – Air Safety Training	X	X	X	X	
RA 1600 Series – Remotely Piloted Air Systems	X	X	X	X	
► RA 1800 – Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity – Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	
RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts	X	X	X	X	
RA 3136 – Air Traffic Management Equipment Technical Safeguarding	X			X	
RA 3201 – Military Air Traffic Management	X			X	
RA 3203 – Military and MOD Contracted Civilian Controller Medical Requirements	X			X	
RA 3204 – Air Traffic Management Records	X			X	
RA 3207 – Controller Fatigue Management	X			X	
► RA 3208 – Use of Unassured Aircraft Surveillance Data by Controllers ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄		► X ◄	
RA 3221 – Enhanced Air Traffic Services Units	X				
RA 3222 – Autonomous Radar Units	X				
► RA 3228 – Separation Standards ◄	► X ◄			► X ◄	
RA 3237 – Royal Low Level Corridors	X			X	
RA 3240 – Contingency Operations for Simultaneous Failure of Surveillance Radars and / or Air Traffic Management Communication Systems	X			X	
RA 3241 – Secondary Surveillance Radar Alone Operations	X			X	

Regulation Article (RA)	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	► Tier 5 ◄
RA 3261 – Aerodrome Service	X	X			
RA 3262 – Aerodrome Access	X	X			
RA 3263 – Aerodrome Classification	X	X	X	X	
RA 3264 – Aerodrome Inspections	X	X			
RA 3268 – Aircraft Arresting Systems	X	X			
RA 3270 – Aerodrome Wildlife Control	X	X			
RA 3274 – Low Visibility Procedures	X	X			
► RA 3277 – Wake Turbulence ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄			
► RA 3278 – Snow and Ice Operations ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄			
► RA 3279 – Aircraft Last Look Checks ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄			
RA 3293 – Surveillance Radar Approach	X				
► RA 3302 – Altimeter Settings ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄			
► RA 3311 – Aircraft Emergency and Crash Procedures ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	► X ◄	
RA 3500 – Aerodrome Design and Safeguarding	X	X	X		► X ◄
RA 3510 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Reference Information	X	X			
RA 3511 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Physical Characteristics	X	X			
RA 3512 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Obstacle Environment	X	X			
RA 3513 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Indicators and Signalling Devices	X	X			
RA 3514 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Markings	X	X			
RA 3515 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Lighting	X	X			
RA 3516 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Signs	X	X	X		
RA 3517 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Markers	X	X			
RA 3518 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Visual Aids for Denoting Obstacles	X	X			
RA 3519 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Visual Aids for Denoting Restricted Use Areas	X	X			
RA 3520 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Aerodrome Electrical Systems	X	X			
RA 3521 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Facilities	X	X			
► RA 3522 – Permanent Fixed Wing Aerodrome - Vertical Landing Pads ◄	► X ◄				
RA 3530 – Helicopter Landing Sites - Reference Information	X		X		► X ◄
RA 3531 – Helicopter Landing Sites - Physical Characteristics	X		X		
RA 3532 – Helicopter Landing Sites - Obstacle Environment	X		X		
RA 3533 – Helicopter Landing Sites - Indicators and Signalling Devices	X		X		

Regulation Article (RA)	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4	► Tier 5 ◀
RA 3534 – Helicopter Landing Sites – Markings	X		X		
RA 3535 – Helicopter Landing Sites – Lighting	X		X		
RA 3536 – Domestic Helicopter Landing Sites ► ◀	X		X		► X ◀
RA 3590 – Maintenance and Safeguarding	X	X	X	X	

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RA 1011 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities

Rationale

To maintain their Airworthiness, military registered Air Systems are required to be managed by an MAA approved Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO) ¹. Failure to lead and manage the Mil CAMO, including any delegated responsibilities, may compromise the Airworthiness of an Air System and undermine Air Safety. ► **This RA** ◄ requires a Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager² (Mil CAM) to be the head of the Mil CAMO and details the Mil CAM's responsibilities for managing all Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) activity for the military registered Air System(s) operated within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).

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Regulation 1011(1)

Responsibilities of the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager

- 1011(1) The Mil CAM **shall** lead the Mil CAMO and **shall** retain Responsibility for:
- All MRP Part M Sub Part C - CAw requirements.
 - All MRP Part M Sub Part G - Mil CAMO requirements.
 - All MRP Part M Sub Part I - Military Airworthiness Review Certificate (MARC) requirements.
 - CAw Assurance activity as detailed elsewhere in the MRP.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1011(1)

Responsibilities of the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager

1011(1)a - MRP Part M Sub Part C - CAw requirements

- For all Air Systems identified in the Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition (CAME)³ the Mil CAM **should**:
 - Establish and sustain an Aircraft Maintenance Programme⁴ to ensure all corrective and Preventive Maintenance is carried out before flight.
 - Utilize the data produced by a Reliability Programme⁴ to maintain or improve Safety and operational performance.
 - Ensure ► **the requirements of** ◄ all Special Instructions (Technical)⁵ (SI(T)) are ► **fulfilled** ◄ as required by the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) or Commodity Delivery Team (DT).
 - Ensure all Modifications and Repairs⁶ are correctly embodied in accordance with their Technical Instructions.
 - Manage CAw records⁷ in order to enable the completion and Assurance of Mil CAMO responsibilities⁸.

1011(1)b - MRP Part M Sub Part G - Mil CAMO requirements

- The Mil CAM **should** manage and oversee all CAw activity conducted by the Mil CAMO including:

¹ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

² Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder ► ◄ - Roles and Responsibilities Para ► **1f.** ◄

³ Refer to RA 4943 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

⁴ Refer to RA 4961 – Aircraft Maintenance Programme and Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Responsibilities for Air System Release – MRP Part M Sub Part C.

⁵ Refer to RA 4962 – Special Instructions (Technical) – MRP Part M Sub Part C and RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical).

⁶ Refer to RA 4963 – Modifications and Repairs – MRP Part M Sub Part C.

⁷ Refer to RA 4964 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Records – MRP Part M Sub Part C.

⁸ Refer to RA 4947 – Continuing Airworthiness Management – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1011(1)

- a. The application for initial Mil CAMO approval, and thereafter monitoring its continual compliance with MRP Part M, Sub Parts C⁹ and G¹⁰.
 - b. Ensuring that the CAME³ contains: all relevant platform and organization information; CAW ►processes◄; a detailed description of its Quality ►Management◄ System (QMS); contracted Maintenance arrangements and a comprehensive understanding of its Military Airworthiness Review (Mil AR) process.
 - c. The analysis of Mil CAMO tasks, resources and training requirements¹¹.
 - d. The assignment of responsibilities to Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons whilst assuring their Competence¹¹.
 - e. Establishing an independent ►QMS◄ to verify the efficacy of the Mil CAMO's CAW processes¹². The ►QMS◄ **should** also assure the standards and practices of all Maintenance activity, including the output and satisfactory completion of work packages from Maintenance organization(s), within its AoR⁸.
 - f. Devising Corrective Action Plans following the notification of Level 1 or 2 findings by the MAA¹³.
 - g. Ensuring that Technical Information¹⁴, MAA requirements or standards, and any applicable data¹⁵ held by the Mil CAMO or Maintenance organization(s) is current, relevant, accessible and correctly maintained.
 - h. The planning and co-ordination of all Maintenance activity⁸, including ►fulfilling the requirements◄ of SI(T)s⁵, and that the Mil CAMO uses a Maintenance organization with appropriately authorized personnel for all work packages and Corrective Maintenance⁸.
 - i. Directing appropriate follow-up activity highlighted by Occurrence reports and keeping the Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) AM(MF) apprised of significant Airworthiness issues⁸, and exploiting technical data¹⁶ where appropriate.
 - j. Ensuring that the weight and moment statements of all Air Systems identified in the CAME reflect their current status⁸.
 - k. Taking Responsibility for all active Air Systems identified in their CAME, inclusive of those in storage. For the avoidance of doubt, Air Systems in storage **should** have a nominated Mil CAMO.
 - l. Any tasks carried out on behalf of the Mil CAMO by other parties¹⁷, including delegated responsibilities to a DT or commercially contracted organization.
3. Mil CAMs operating under the ►UK◄ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) oversight construct **should** adhere to the additional requirements:
- a. Ensuring that a Training Needs Analysis has been undertaken by the TAA in relation to the differences between a European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) ►/ UK CAA◄ Part 66 type rating and ►the need for additional training for the equipment fitted in order to undertake military operations.◄¹⁸ ►◄.
 - b. Ensuring that all MRP requirements are complied with, regarding CAW arrangements, despite the use of an approved EASA ►/ UK CAA◄ Part M Sub Part G CAMO^{17,18}.

⁹ Refer to RA 4941 – Application – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 4954 – Continued Validity of Approval – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹¹ Refer to RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹² Refer to RA 4951 – Quality System – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹³ Refer to RA 4955 – Findings – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 4948 – Documentation – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 4810 – Technical Information (MRP 145.A.45).

¹⁶ Refer to ►RA 1207 – Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation.◄

¹⁷ Refer to RA 4956 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks Performed by Other Organizations – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁸ Refer to ►RA 1165 – UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered Air Systems.◄

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c. The establishment of robust communications between the approved EASA ►/ UK CAA ◄ Part M Sub Part G CAMO and the approved Mil CAMO, including the exchange of CAMEs¹⁸.

d. Assuring the DDH / AM(MF) that supporting Maintenance organizations hold current and relevant EASA ►/ UK CAA ◄ Part 145 and MRP Part 145 approvals¹⁸, for the scope of work carried out.

e. Agreeing the application for a Rectification Interval Extension for items listed in the Minimum Equipment List¹⁸.

1011(1)c - MRP Part M Sub Part I - MARC

4. In order to initially establish and maintain the required level of platform Airworthiness and Configuration for all Air Systems identified in the CAME, the Mil CAM **should** oversee and manage the Mil CAMO by:

a. Ensuring all Air Systems have undergone a Baseline Military Airworthiness Review¹⁹ before any flight within the Defence Air Environment.

b. Issuing a MARC²⁰ following a satisfactory Mil AR with positive recommendations.

c. Revoking a MARC if the Air System is believed to be not airworthy²⁰, is no longer required or directed to by the MAA²¹.

d. Authorizing Mil AR Surveyors following an assessment of their Competence and ensuring that they are referenced in the CAME²².

e. Ensuring that the Mil AR process is documented in the CAME and contains a physical and Airworthiness records review²³.

5. Mil CAMs operating under the CAA oversight construct **should** adhere to the additional requirement:

a. Utilizing the civil Airworthiness Review as the basis for recommending a MARC¹⁸.

1011(1)d - Other CAw Assurance Activity

6. The Mil CAM **should** comply with all CAw Assurance activities detailed elsewhere in the MRP.

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Responsibilities of the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager

7. This RA is not the definitive list of a Mil CAM's responsibilities and must be read in conjunction with the MRP 1000, 4000, elements of the 5000 and the entirety of the 4900 series suite of RAs concerning CAw management.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 4970 – Baseline Military Airworthiness Review – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

²⁰ Refer to RA 4971 – Military Airworthiness Review and Certification – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

²¹ Refer to RA 4974 – Circumstances when Military Airworthiness Review Certificates become invalid – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

²² Refer to RA 4972 – Military Airworthiness Review Surveyors – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

²³ Refer to RA 4973 – Military Airworthiness Review Process – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

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RA 1012 - ► **Director General (Air)** ◄ - Air Safety Responsibilities

Rationale

Within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) ► **Director General (Air) (DG(Air))** ◄ has been delegated an Airworthiness role, via the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), from the Secretary of State for Defence. To ensure continuity in the responsibility for the provision of safe products and Air Systems, ► **DG(Air)** ◄ is responsible for the Airworthiness delegation chain supporting the CEO.

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1012(1): Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

Regulation 1012(1)

Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

1012(1) ► **DG(Air)** ◄ **shall** provide assurance to CEO that DE&S is delivering and supporting safe and airworthy Air Systems.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1012(1)

Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

1. ► **DG(Air)** ◄ **should** provide Subject Matter Expert (SME) advice and assurance to CEO on Airworthiness matters and the DE&S Air Safety Management System.
2. ► **DG(Air)** ◄ **should** ensure that all delegations of Airworthiness Authority within DE&S are cascaded to competent crown servants through a system of personal Letters of Airworthiness Authority (LoAAs)¹.
3. ► **DG(Air)** ◄ **should** issue LoAAs to the 2* Operating Centre Directors (OCD) containing, as a minimum, their Airworthiness responsibilities as detailed in RA 1003¹ and RA 1013².

Guidance Material 1012(1)

Provision of Airworthiness and Safety Assurance

4. In providing Airworthiness and safety assurance to CEO, ► **DG(Air)** ◄:
 - a. Sets the Airworthiness framework and governance structure within DE&S.
 - b. Oversees and audits the Airworthiness delegation process within DE&S.
 - c. Assures the Airworthiness competence of personnel employed within DE&S.
 - d. Ensures that cross cutting Airworthiness issues are highlighted and addressed.
 - e. Develops Airworthiness metrics and measures Airworthiness performance to provide an effective assessment of DE&S responsiveness.
 - f. Chairs the DE&S Air Safety Committee (DASC).
 - g. Is a member of the MAA Operators' Council (MOC).

¹ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

² Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

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RA 1013 - Air Systems Operating Centre Director - Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems

Rationale

Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Air Systems Operating Centre Directors (OCD) are the pivotal senior Airworthiness managers who approve a project's Airworthiness strategy for achieving Military Type Certification and Release To Service (RTS) or Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)(Development)¹ and also for subsequent Type Airworthiness (TAW) arrangements. For Civilian Operated Air Systems, the OCD also has a key role in supporting the Sponsor² for TAW management³. Not having competent and Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP)⁴ in the OCD roles may result in a compromised level of Airworthiness oversight and Airworthiness Strategy approval. ►◄

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Provision of Airworthy and Safe Air Systems

1013(1) OCDs **shall** ensure that the Air Systems provided are airworthy and safe to operate through-life.

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Provision of Airworthy and Safe Air Systems

1. In ensuring the provision of safe and airworthy Air Systems the OCD **should**:
 - a. ►Be fully aware of their specific Responsibilities detailed in their Letter of Airworthiness Authority (LoAA)⁴ issued from Director General (Air) (DG(Air)). ◄
 - b. Assess and, if content, approve each project's strategy for achieving and maintaining Airworthiness. ►◄
 - c. ►Ensure that plans are in place to monitor progress against the approved strategy and that all Air System TAW Risks are reduced to a level acceptable to the Operating Duty Holder (ODH) or, where appropriate, the Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)). ◄
 - d. Assess and, if content, approve the submission to the Release To Service Authority (RTSA), via the MAA, of the initial Release To Service Recommendations (RTSR) for a new Air System or the RTSR for Major Changes⁵, that result in a new Mark Number, to existing Air Systems.
 - e. Propose to the MAA the requirements for organizational Approvals, and the Type Certification Basis for new Air Systems and capabilities.
 - f. Assess and, if content, approve any decision to reject significant Airworthiness related advice from an appointed Competent design or Maintenance organization, or an appointed independent advisor.
 - g. Assess and, if content, approve any recommendation to a RTSA, the ODH or AM(MF) for a stoppage of, or major restriction to, flying.
2. OCDs **should** issue the nominated TAA with appropriate LoAA⁴ for each Air System type within their Areas of Responsibility containing, as a minimum, the Airworthiness roles and responsibilities detailed in the MAA Regulatory Publications.

¹ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

² Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems – Air Safety Responsibilities.

³ Where the Air System is ►not UK MOD-owned, TAW management◄ regulatory responsibility by either the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model ►◄; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, ►or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA. ◄

⁴ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

⁵ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D).

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3. The OCD **should** assure that appropriate Airworthiness arrangements are in place, (ie appropriate organization Approvals, valid MPTF (Development) etc), while the Air Systems are undergoing Flight Test and / or Test and Evaluation⁶ by Industry.
4. For the elements of TAw management for which the TAA is Accountable, the OCD **should** conduct appropriate Assurance of the TAA.
5. For Civilian Operated Air Systems; the OCD **should** assess and, if content, approve the submission to the Sponsor, via the MAA, of the initial MPTF (In-Service)⁷ Recommendation or Major Change evidence.

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Provision of Airworthy and Safe Air Systems

6. For Civilian Operated Air Systems, it is recommended the OCD 2* provides advice to the Sponsor prior to developing the TAw management model for delegation of Responsibility between the TAA and the TAM.

⁶ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

⁷ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

RA 1014 - Design Organizations and Co-ordinating Design Organizations - Airworthiness Responsibilities

Rationale

Airworthiness responsibilities may be held by Design Organizations (DO), Co-ordinating Design Organizations (CDO), or Air System CDO involved in the design of Products, Parts, Appliances, ►Airborne Equipment¹ (AE), Air Launched Weapons¹ (ALW), Aircrew Equipment Assemblies¹ (AEA) and Survival Equipment¹ (SE) ◀ installed in, ►or on◀ Air Systems. A lack of ►clearly defined Responsibilities◀ could lead to a gap in the work to sustain an airworthy and safe Air System occurring between the DOs and the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)² or Commodity Chief Engineer (CE). To mitigate this, the Responsibilities of DO, CDO, or Air System CDO need to be clearly defined to ensure they have auditable processes and Competent people to enact the Airworthiness duties required by the TAA or Commodity CE.

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Design ►Organizations and◀ Co-ordinating Design Organizations

1014(1) The relevant DO or CDO **shall** be responsible for the through-life Configuration Management³ of the design of each Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA and SE◀ installed in, ►or on◀ an Air System.

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Design ►Organizations and◀ Co-ordinating Design Organizations

1. A DO or CDO **should** be approved through the Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS), as detailed in RA 5850⁴, by the MAA.
2. The approved DO or CDO responsibilities **should** include, as appropriate:
 - a. Demonstrating to the TAA or Commodity CE that the initial design of a particular Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA or SE◀ is in compliance with the contract specification, ►◀ is airworthy and that independent Airworthiness scrutiny of the design has been undertaken.
 - b. The preparation and custody of specifications, drawings and instructions for maintaining the design of the Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA or SE,◀ and other supporting data associated with the design.
 - c. The preparation ►◀ and supply of information for the development and upkeep of the Air System Document Set, including Release To Service Recommendations⁵, Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (In-Service) Recommendation⁶, MPTF (Special Case Flying)⁷, and all Aircrew Publications and Technical Information.
 - d. ►Reporting◀ to the TAA or Commodity CE in a timely manner any failure, malfunction, defect or other Occurrence related to a Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA or SE◀ which has resulted in or may result in an unsafe condition.

¹ ►As defined in MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management ◀ regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model ►◀; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

³ ►Refer to RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management.◀

⁴ Refer to RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

⁵ Refer to RA 1300(2): Release To Service Recommendation.

⁶ Refer to RA 1305(2): Military Permit To Fly (In Service) Recommendation.

⁷ Refer to RA 1305(5): Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying).

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- e. Ensuring that any notified design-related Occurrence is investigated with provision of advice to the TAA or Commodity CE in a timely manner detailing appropriate recovery action (eg Modifications, Repair schemes, Technical Instructions) to restore TAw. Subsequent review and release of Special Instructions (Technical)⁸ applicable to an Air System **should** be by the TAA.
 - f. In agreement with the Air System TAA, the scheming, design, development and preparation of Modifications and Repairs to maintain TAw. Subsequent clearance and Approval **should** be by the TAA², Commodity CE, or ►◄ a privileged DO.
 - g. Contributing towards the equipment elements of the Air System Safety Case⁹ in support of the TAA or Commodity CE.
 - h. Ensuring that, where the organization's DAOS Approval scope does not adequately cover a sub-system, the relevant Competent sub-Contracted organization is consulted in respect of Airworthiness decisions regarding that sub-system.
 - i. Providing appropriate sub-system and interface data in the form of specifications and drawings for those aspects of the system or equipment that are designed by another DO.
 - j. Having arrangements in place with its sub-Contractors to support TAw activities.
3. ►◄ The DO or CDO **should** prepare a Certificate of Design¹⁰ for each Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA or SE, ◄ in accordance with the DAOS Approval, and submit it to the TAA or Commodity CE.
4. In the case when a CDO is dependent on design work by another DO, then either that DO **should** be approved under RA 5850⁴, or the work **should** be within the scope of the CDO's DAOS Approval.

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Design ► Organizations and ◄ Co-ordinating Design Organizations

5. A DO may be appointed the CDO for a Product, Part, Appliance, ►item of AE, ALW, AEA or SE; ◄ in this context 'co-ordinating' means that the organization is dependent on other DO(s) for some or all of the design work. When an organization is appointed as the CDO, it is noted that some or all of the responsibilities listed at Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) Para 2 may be discharged by other DOs or CDOs.
6. For Air Systems conducting Development activity, RA 5880¹¹ contains the DO and TAA MPTF (Development) requirements.

Regulation 1014(2)

Air System Co-ordinating Design Organizations

- 1014(2) There **shall** be one overall DO or CDO appointed by the TAA as the Air System CDO to manage the overall design or through-life Configuration of each Air System.

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Air System Co-ordinating Design Organizations

7. When an organization is appointed by the TAA as the Air System CDO, in addition to the responsibilities of a DO or CDO, it **should** also:
- a. Be responsible for the overall design or through-life Configuration Management of the design of the Air System, and for co-ordinating the design

⁸ Refer to RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical).

⁹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 5103 – Certificate of Design.

¹¹ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

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and integration of the Products, Parts, Appliances, ► items of AE, ALWs, AEA and SE ◀ designed by other DO(s) and CDO(s).

b. Provide support to the TAA in maintaining Structural, Propulsion and Systems Integrity of the Air System Type Design through-life, as detailed within RA 5726¹². These activities include, but are not limited to, attendance at Integrity Working Groups, review of life and usage data and the triennial review of the Statement of Operating Intent and Usage.

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Air System Co-ordinating Design Organizations

8. It is understood that there may exist different models which reflect the various arrangements between the Air System CDO and TAA. The diagram in Figure 1 is an illustration of the multiple relationships that could exist between the TAA and an Air System CDO, a CDO and respective DOs.

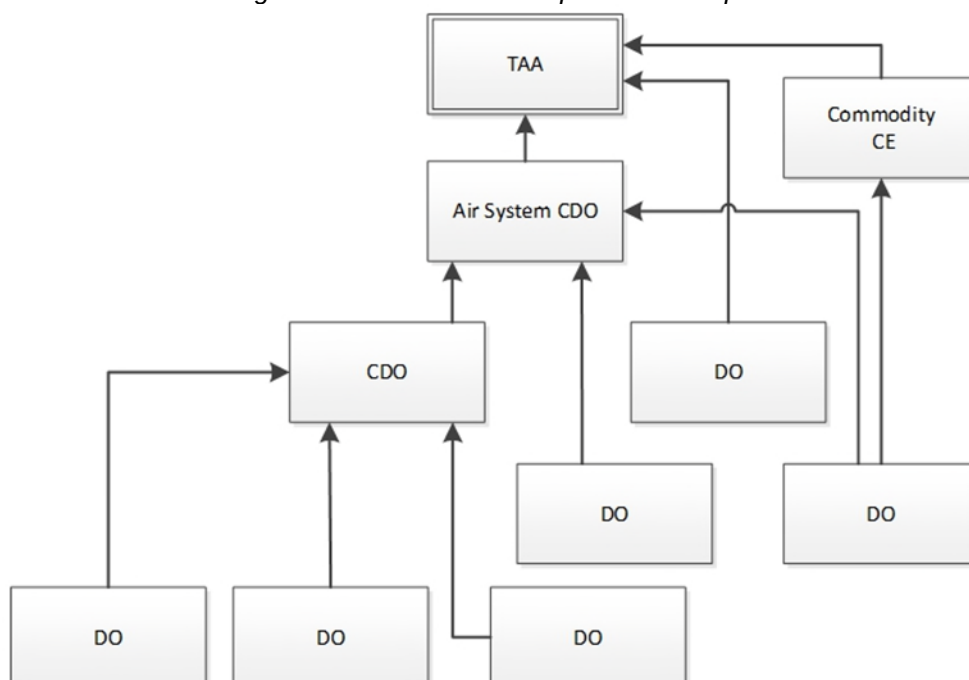
9. In particular, it is recognized that some Air System CDOs will have an emphasis on the overall design of the Air System, whereas some will have an emphasis on the through-life Configuration Management of the Air System.

10. When an organization is appointed as the Air System CDO, it is possible that some or all of the responsibilities listed in AMC Sub-para 7.b may be discharged by other DOs and CDOs. The responsibilities will be defined for each DO and CDO under the scope of their DAOS Approval and are accounted for in contractual terms under the direction of the TAA.

11. The Air System CDO is expected to have a direct contractual relationship established¹³ with the TAA with the provision for regular engagement, such that the TAA can discharge their responsibilities as laid down in RA 1015¹⁴.

12. It is noted that a Commodity CE may contract directly with a DO; some DOs (often the Propulsion System DO) are not Subcontracted by the CDO or Air System CDO, nonetheless they need to provide interface information to the relevant CDO or Air System CDO.

Figure 1. Illustration of multiple relationships.



¹² Refer to RA 5726 – Integrity Management.

¹³ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities.

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in entirety ◀

RA 1015 - Type Airworthiness Management - Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

The Type Design of an Air System will be managed through-life. Losing control of the Type Design may result in a compromised level of Airworthiness. In order to maintain Airworthiness, a responsible individual is to be appointed and held personally accountable for the Air System Type Design. This RA sets out the roles and responsibilities for personnel appointed to principal Type Airworthiness (TAW) management positions¹.

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1015(1): Type Airworthiness Management

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Type Airworthiness Management

1015(1) Personnel appointed to principal TAW management positions **shall** be responsible for the TAW of an Air System throughout its life from development to disposal.

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Type Airworthiness Management

General

1. Within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) each Air System Delivery Team (DT) **should** have a senior Project Engineer who is nominated as the TAA for each Air System type or group of Air System types. The TAA **should** be at least OF5 (or equivalent)². The TAA **should** hold an appropriate Letter of Airworthiness Authority (LoAA)³ from the Operating Centre Director (OCD)⁴.
2. For Civilian-Owned / Civilian Operated Air Systems, the Air System Sponsor can delegate⁵ TAW responsibility between a TAA and a TAM^{6, 7, 8}. The TAM **should** hold an appropriate Letter of Appointment (LoA)³ from the Sponsor.

Organizational

3. Personnel appointed to principal TAW management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:
 - a. Ensure that appropriate action is taken in response to Airworthiness issues including, but not limited to, informing the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH)⁹ / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF))¹⁰ when there has been a change in Airworthiness risk^{11, 12, 13}.
 - b. Actively support the ADH / AM(MF), who is responsible for Air Safety within their defined Area of Responsibility (AoR), by managing the TAW of the Air System.

¹ The term "personnel appointed to principal TAW management positions" refers to the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) and / or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM).

² This grade is to be reduced to OF4 (or equivalent) for certain categories of Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) (refer to RA 1605 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category).

³ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

⁴ Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

⁵ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁶ When deciding upon a model for TAW management, and the level to which responsibilities are shared between a TAA and a TAM, the Sponsor is recommended to seek advice and guidance from an appropriate OCD 2*.

⁷ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.

⁸ Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

⁹ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder and Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1024 – Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

¹¹ Refer to RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical).

¹² Refer to RA 5805 – Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins (MRP Part 21 Subpart A).

¹³ Refer to RA 1220 – Delivery Team Airworthiness and Safety.

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- c. Ensure that signed formal agreements¹⁴ are in place with all organizations supporting TAw activity¹³. Where the personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions have a contract in place with an MAA Approved Co-ordinating DO (CDO), then the personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions **should** assure themselves that the CDO has arrangements in place with its sub-contractors to support TAw activities¹⁵.

Safety / Strategy / Policy

4. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:
- a. Produce an Airworthiness Strategy for an Air System consistent with the project Through Life Management Plan¹³.
 - b. Be responsible for the Safety Management of the Project¹³.
 - c. Develop, maintain and enhance a Safety Management System (SMS)¹⁶, compliant with the OCD / Sponsor approved project Airworthiness Strategy¹³, which will contribute to the Operating Duty Holder's / AM(MF)'s Air System Safety Case¹⁷, for each Air System type.
 - d. Initiate and maintain an up-to-date Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA)¹³.
 - e. Ensure the TASA and Project SMS is subject to independent evaluation and audit¹³.
 - f. Conduct assurance of contracted organizations, including where appropriate Defence Contractor Flying, Design, Production, Maintenance, Continuing Airworthiness, and Continuing Airworthiness management; assurance of compliance to the contract.
 - g. Support the DT in promulgating and maintaining a Support Policy Statement for their Air Systems / equipment¹³.
 - h. Support the DT in promulgating a Topic 2(N/A/R), or equivalent, for their Air Systems¹⁸.
 - i. Conduct assurance of the DT and Commodity DT / support teams / organizations¹⁶.

Personnel

5. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:
- a. Identify those posts within their AoR that require LoAAs / LoA. These posts **should** be limited to those that require authority to alter the Air System Document Set (ADS) without reference to higher authority.
 - b. Ensure that all persons involved in TAw activities are competent and Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person.
 - c. Delegate LoAAs / LoAs to subordinate staff and ensure that all sub-delegations are reviewed at least annually.
 - d. Undertake a Training Needs Analysis in relation to the differences between the civil-type course requirements for the issue of a European Union Aviation Safety Agency Part 66 type rating and any government training for the equipment fitted to its Air Systems¹⁹.

¹⁴ Includes arrangements such as: Internal Business Agreements, Joint Business Agreements, Service Level Agreements, Foreign Military Sales agreements, contracts, etc.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1014 – Design Organizations and Co-ordinating Design Organizations – Airworthiness Responsibilities.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1165 – Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of Military Registered Air Systems.

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Type Design

6. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:
- a. Ensure that the Air System Type Design complies with all applicable Certification Airworthiness Regulatory requirements, through-life; this includes appropriate civil mandatory, advisory and deferred instructions (eg Airworthiness Directives (AD) and Service Bulletins (SB)).
 - b. Approve each change to the Air System Type Design; except where the privilege to approve Minor Changes²⁰ has been conferred upon the DO²¹.
 - c. Ensure that the Certificate of Design is signed in accordance with (iaw) RA 5103²².
 - d. Agree the need for installation of instrumentation and a crashworthy Flight Data Recorder for the purposes of the flight trial programme, in consultation with the Design Organizations (DOs) or selected Test and Evaluation Organization²³.
 - e. Be responsible for Integrity Management, for all Air System types within their AoR, to ensure an acceptable and demonstrable level of integrity²⁴.
 - f. Ensure that the Air System is designed to approved Certification Specifications for Airworthiness²⁵.
 - g. Endorse the Statement of Acceptance if requested by the ADH / AM(MF)²⁶.
 - h. Ensure that each part or appliance is permanently and legibly marked iaw the applicable design data²⁷.
 - i. Develop and implement a Life Extension Programme²⁸ when required to extend the certified life of a UK military registered Air System.
 - j. Develop and implement an Out of Service Date Extension Programme²⁹ when required to extend the operational life of a UK military registered Air System.
 - k. Ensure that technical data capture and analysis³⁰ validates design assumptions about usage rates, failure modes and failure rates.
 - l. Ensure the certification of new military Air Systems is iaw Military Air Systems Certification Process (MACP)²⁵.
 - m. For Air Systems that have been awarded a Military Type Certificate (MTC)²⁵ by the MAA, the TAA **should** be the MTC Holder¹². For those Air Systems undergoing a Major Change in Type Design, which have not previously been issued with a MTC, the TAA **should** be the holder of the Approved Design Change Certificate²⁰ when issued.

Airworthiness Occurrences

7. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions **should** ensure that all applicable stakeholders (eg DO, other operators, MAA, etc) are included in the distribution of all Occurrence Reports³¹.

²⁰ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D)

²¹ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

²² Refer to RA 5103 – Certificate of Design.

²³ Refer to RA 5219 – Instrumentation and Flight Data Recorder Requirements for Flight Trials of Aircraft.

²⁴ Refer to RA 5726 – Integrity Management.

²⁵ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

²⁶ Refer to RA 4970 – Baseline Military Airworthiness Review – MRP Part M Sub Part I.

²⁷ Refer to RA 5885 – Identification of Products, Parts and Appliances (MRP Part 21 Subpart Q).

²⁸ Refer to RA 5724 – Life Extension Programme.

²⁹ Refer to RA 5725 – Out of Service Date Extension Programme.

³⁰ Refer to RA 1140 – Air System Technical Data Exploitation.

³¹ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

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8. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** ensure a system is in place for reporting and investigating occurrences that warrant specific attention due to their potential impact on Air Safety³².
9. Where appropriate, the data trends **should** be evaluated³⁰ to ensure the Airworthiness and integrity²⁴ of Air Systems are maintained.

Configuration Control

10. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, or Commodity Chief Engineer **should**:
- Develop and maintain a Configuration Management Plan to cover all items of materiel that may be subject to Modification³³.
 - Ensure a system is used to record and maintain the configuration management and technical history of an individual Air System and related Products, Parts and Appliances³⁴.
 - Authorize and manage procedures for Modifications³⁵.
 - Make an appropriate response following the issue of an AD or a SB for an unsafe condition on a civil derived Air System.
 - Manage, through Chairmanship of the Local Technical Committee (LTC)³³ and submission to the Configuration Control Board (CCB)³³, the configuration of the Air System Type Design including the provision of Modifications necessitated by In-Service experience or as requested by ADHs for safety, operational, or economic reasons.
 - Initiate an appropriate independent Ageing Air System Audit for each ageing Air System fleet under their control³⁶.
 - Ensure that on delivery or transfer of any new or industry modified Air System, original copies of all relevant Maintenance Records are despatched to the receiving unit.

Air Systems Flight Release and Limitations Documentation

11. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**: prepare, approve, and review the Air System's Flight Release and Limitations Documentation³⁷.

Design Organizations

12. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:
- Ensure that only competent DOs²¹ are contracted in support of their Air Systems, and that they have access to the Air System Type Design data in order to provide expert interpretation of this data.
 - Ensure that the DO holds an extant approval from the MAA under Design Approved Organization Scheme covering the relevant scope of activities, including modifications and repairs³⁸.
 - Ensure that they only invoke specific privileges, in writing, to a DO that has been assessed and accepted by the MAA to operate such privileges³⁹ and that are consequently identified in their Terms of Approval as a DO. The TAA / TAM **should** inform MAA-OpAssure-Eng-DepHd and the applicable Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organizations (Mil CAMO(s)) which

³² Refer to RA 5825 – Fault Reporting and Investigation.

³³ Refer to RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management.

³⁴ Refer to RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management.

³⁵ Refer to RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes.

³⁶ Refer to RA 5723 – Ageing Air System Audit.

³⁷ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service; RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task); and RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

³⁸ Refer to RA 5865 – Repairs (MRP Part 21 Subpart M).

³⁹ Refer to RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

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privileges have been invoked or revoked, for what Air Systems and to what organizations.

d. Ensure that the Production Organization's Quality Management System is 3rd party accredited to an acceptable standard⁴⁰.

e. Agree the list of all Parts, prepared for inclusion in the Design Records by the DO, and conduct regular reviews of it in the light of service experience and changes in design²⁷.

13. The TAA, in line with their delegation, **should** ensure that there is one overall DO or CDO appointed as the Air System CDO to manage the overall design or through-life configuration of each Air System. The TAA **should** establish and maintain a contractual relationship with the Air System CDO.

Privileging

14. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should**:

a. When invoking privileges, inform all key stakeholders (eg DO, Mil CAMO, the MAA, etc).

b. Assure any changes approved under the provision of any privilege that has been invoked are accurately classified.

c. Ensure that there is a robust mechanism for managing the configuration control of the Air System or equipment for any changes approved under the provisions of any privilege that has been invoked.

15. When personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions departs their post, all privileges issued by that individual remain valid for a maximum period of 3 months, during which time their successor **should** re-assess the award of privileges.

Air System Document Set

16. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** ensure:

a. The completeness and accuracy of the Approved Data, including all elements of the ADS, and the upkeep of the Air System Type Design; ensuring the provision of Approved Data to the Mil CAMO⁴¹.

b. That quality assured Technical Information is supplied⁴².

c. That they are provided with the complete set of Instructions for Sustaining TAw, comprising descriptive data and accomplishment instructions prepared, iaw the Type Certification Basis, by the DO³⁹.

d. Communication of changes to the ADS is carried out in a timely manner.

Support to Mil CAMO

17. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** ensure:

a. That, if applicable, a relevant Certificate of Airworthiness is made available to the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager.

b. The protocols of an Aircraft Maintenance Schedule are implemented throughout the life of the project⁴³.

c. They undertake the Mil CAMO tasks formally accepted by, and sub-contracted to, them.

⁴⁰ Refer to RA 5835 – Production Organizations (MRP Part 21 Subpart G).

⁴¹ Refer to RA 1310 – Air System Document Set.

⁴² Refer to RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness.

⁴³ Refer to RA 5320 – Air System Maintenance Schedule – Design and Validation.

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Civil Aviation Authority Oversight

18. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** be responsible for the TAw arrangements of military Air Systems subject to Civil Aviation Authority oversight, ensuring compliance with the MRP¹⁹.

RPAS

19. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** ensure that all RPAS intended to be operated in the Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category RPAS are categorized⁴⁴.

Note:

The TAA / TAM is not responsible for ensuring Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category RPAS are categorized iaw RA 1600.

Embarked Air Systems

20. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, **should** be responsible for providing equipment which is safe and suitable for Air Systems required to conduct embarked aviation activities in the maritime environment in Her Majesty's / MOD Ships⁴⁵.

21. Personnel appointed to principal TAw management positions, in line with their delegation, and Ship Platform Authority **should** jointly prepare the Ship-Air Release Recommendation for each Air System / Ship combination to the satisfaction of the Royal Navy Release To Service Authority / Sponsor⁴⁶.

Type Airworthiness Management Supplement

22. Where TAw management responsibilities are held by a TAM, the DO **should** furnish the MAA a TAw Management Supplement to the Design Organization Exposition describing, directly or by cross-reference, how the TAw requirements are to be managed.

23. To maintain TAM approval, the TAw Management Supplement **should** remain an accurate reflection of the organization with any amendment submitted to the MAA for approval. Amendment submission **should not** be interpreted as MAA approval being in place.

24. The TAw Management Supplement **should** be produced and include the content detailed in the template held on the MAA's websites⁴⁷.

25. The TAw Management Supplement **should** be reviewed by the Sponsor as part of the TAM delegation process.

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Type Airworthiness Management

26. Nil.

⁴⁴ Refer to RA 1600 Series – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

⁴⁵ Refer to RA 1029 – Ship-Air Release – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁴⁶ Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in Her Majesty's / MOD Ships.

⁴⁷ Refer to RA 5850(4): Design Organization Exposition.

RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management

Rationale

Maintaining the Airworthiness of an Air System is a complex undertaking that requires clear procedures and competent personnel to accomplish. Failures in the management of the Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) of an Air System could invalidate Risk to Life assessments conducted as part of the Air System Safety Case¹. This RA outlines the requirement for a MAA approved Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO) to manage all CAw tasks, ►◄ to ensure that military registered Air Systems within their Area of Responsibility (AoR)² are operated safely and with a valid Military Airworthiness Review Certificate (MARC).

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Accountable Manager (Continuing Airworthiness)

1016(1) Withdrawn – Not deemed a regulatory requirement.

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Accountable Manager (Continuing Airworthiness)

1. Withdrawn – Not deemed a regulatory requirement.

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Accountable Manager (Continuing Airworthiness)

2. Withdrawn – Not deemed a regulatory requirement.

Regulation 1016(2)

Establishment of a Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization

1016(2) Delivery Duty Holders (DDH) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) **shall** ensure that the tasks associated with CAw of the military registered Air Systems³ in their AoR² are managed by an approved⁴ Mil CAMO.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1016(2)

Establishment of a Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization

3. Each DDH / AM(MF) **should** appoint a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP)⁵ as the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM)⁶ to manage and control all CAw activity for the military registered Air System(s) for which they have CAw responsibility^{2, 7}.

4. The Mil CAM ►◄ **should** meet the SQEP criteria detailed in RA 4945⁵.

¹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

² AoR includes all active Air Systems on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) identified in their Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition (CAME), inclusive of Air Systems held in storage or within sustainment fleets. Where there is more than one Mil CAM, against a given Air System, they are to come to agreement as to who is responsible for each Air System.

³ For CAw requirements of ► **Uncrewed** ◄ Air System ► **(UAS)** ◄ platforms refer to RA 1600 – ► **Uncrewed** ◄ Air Systems ► **Categorization** ◄ and Remotely Piloted Air System Manual – Regulatory Process, Categorization, and Compliance.

⁴ Refer to RA 4941 – Application – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

⁵ Refer to RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

⁶ Refer to RA 1011 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities.

⁷ Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

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- a. For Persons supporting an Aviation Duty Holder, the relevant Operating Duty Holder's Chief Air Engineer (CAE) **should** authorize non-compliance on a case-by-case basis, informing the MAA⁸.
 - b. For Persons supporting an AM(MF), the applicable AM(MF) **should** endorse non-compliances, and submit them to the MAA for authorization via a waiver application.
5. The Mil CAM **should** ensure all staff, managing CAw tasks, are trained, assessed as Competent and authorized⁹.
 6. The Mil CAMO and Mil CAM **should** work in support of the DDH / AM(MF) and either:
 - a. Be co-located with the DDH / AM(MF) or;
 - b. If geographically separated from the DDH / AM(MF), employ rigorous and demonstrable standards of communication that are detailed in the CAME¹⁰.
 7. Where the Mil CAMO supports more than one DDH / AM(MF), then the DDH / AM(MF)s **should** establish a written agreement between them to manage and control all CAw activity for the military registered Air System(s) that the DDH / AM(MF)s operate.

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8. The terms Mil CAMO and Mil CAM are intended to provide clarity in differentiating between those organizations approved in accordance with (iaw) MRP Part M and those that are approved iaw European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) / UK Civil Aviation Authority Regulations (CAA). It applies equally to those organizations headed by a Crown Servant Mil CAM, and those organizations supporting an AM(MF) where the Mil CAM may not be a Crown Servant.
9. CAw Management Regulations are detailed in MRP Part M ►◄¹¹.
10. In respect of Mil CAMOs supporting DDHs, often the CAE¹² to that DDH will be the Mil CAM. If both roles are filled by the same person, the Mil CAM ►must◄ have a clear understanding of their CAw responsibilities⁶.
11. Where a particular support strategy includes a contracting arrangement with an EASA / UK CAA approved Part M Sub Part G organization with a civilian CAw Manager, this in no way obviates the requirement for a Mil CAM, who will retain overarching Responsibility for CAw. In such cases, the Mil CAM may utilize the contracted arrangements, but ►must◄ be able to demonstrate adequate control of the activity►¹³◄.
12. Where Mil CAMO activity is undertaken on the Mil CAMO's behalf by another MOD organization, eg a Delivery Team, and that organization carries out Assurance activities, then this may provide the Mil CAMO with the necessary Assurance without the need for duplication. This does not remove the requirement for the Mil CAM to be satisfied that the scope of the Assurance activity is adequate.
13. In pursuance of managing and controlling the CAw of Air Systems within their AoR², Mil CAMs, whether Crown Servants or not, do not need to be directly subordinate to the Air Systems' DDH / AM(MF). This is particularly relevant for those Mil CAMs who support Defence Contractor Flying Organizations; in such cases they may be part of a different organization working under a contract or bespoke agreement. It is also acceptable for the Mil CAM to have duties other than direct support to a specified DDH / AM(MF), if they have the capacity to do so. In all cases, the Accountability for compliance with this Regulation remains with the relevant DDH /

⁸ DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk

⁹ Refer to RA 4945(3): Personnel Competence and MRP Part M Auto

¹⁰ Refer to RA 4943 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition – MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹¹ Refer to the RA 4900 series: Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO) Regulation.

¹² Refer to RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineers – Air Safety Responsibilities.

¹³ ► Refer to RA 4956 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks Performed by Other Organizations - MRP Part M Subpart G. ◄

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AM(MF) directing the flying activity and if they are not satisfied with their Mil CAMO arrangement(s), then they ► **need to** ◄ consider an alternative solution to meet the Regulatory requirements.

14. ► ◄

15. The position of the Mil CAM, due to the nature of the role in CAw decisions (ie ensuring the Air System is compliant with the applicable Airworthiness requirements and is in a condition for safe operation), may ► ◄ hold additional ► **designated post holder** ◄ roles ► ◄ where clear independence, sufficient capacity and clear separation of the responsibilities can be demonstrated.

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Requirement for a valid Military Airworthiness Review Certificate

1016(3) For military registered Air Systems, the accountable DDH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure that the Air System is not flown without a valid MARC.

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Requirement for a valid Military Airworthiness Review Certificate

16. The DDH / AM(MF) **should** be able to adequately demonstrate how they control flying to ensure that the Air System has a valid MARC before the Air System is released for flight.

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Requirement for a valid Military Airworthiness Review Certificate

17. The Regulation, Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) and Guidance Material (GM) for MARCs is located in the MRP Part M Sub Part I¹⁴.

18. In derogation to the above Regulation, Air Systems flown under a Military Permit to Fly (MPTF) (Single Task) and (Development)¹⁵ may be flown without a valid MARC, if permitted by the Type Airworthiness Authority.

19. The Military Airworthiness Review (Mil AR)¹⁶ is deemed the best possible process for establishing an Air System's Airworthiness and current configuration, therefore, every effort ► **needs to** ◄ be made by Air System operators to utilize the Mil AR and the subsequent issuance of a MARC.

¹⁴ Refer to the RA 4970 series - Airworthiness Review.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task) and to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) - MRP Part 21 Subpart P.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 4971 – Military Airworthiness Review and Certification - MRP Part M Sub Part I.

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1019 - Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities

Rationale

For operational and technical reasons, organizations may need to utilize UK military registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems. Use of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems could result in confusion as to where Air Safety responsibilities lie between MOD and industry personnel, leading to an increased Risk to Life. The appointment of a Sponsor will ensure that appropriate Air Safety governance arrangements are in place, and maintained, for the operation of such Air Systems.

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Regulation 1019(1)

Nomination of the Sponsor

1019(1) All Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems intended for UK military registration **shall** have a Sponsor.

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Nomination of the Sponsor

1. The Sponsor **should** be:
 - a. For Open and S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS), 1* level or above; or
 - b. For all other Air Systems, 2* level or above.
2. The Sponsor **should** be a Crown Servant.
3. The Sponsor **should** have appropriate Competence, experience, and Letter of Delegation (detailing the Sponsor activities) from the relevant service Chief of Staff¹ or Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Chief Executive Officer.

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Nomination of the Sponsor

4. Nil.

Regulation 1019(2)

Civilian-Owned Military Operated Air Systems

1019(2) The Sponsor **shall** confirm that appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place for UK military registered Civilian-Owned Military Operated Air Systems.

¹ Chief of Air Staff, Chief of General Staff, and the First Sea Lord and Chief of the Naval Staff.

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Civilian-Owned Military Operated Air Systems

Registration

5. The Sponsor **should**:
 - a. Issue a Certificate of Usage (CofU)².
 - b. Apply for registration³, or confirm registration is already in place.

Flight Release and Limitations Document

6. The Sponsor **should** confirm the appropriate flight release and limitations document is approved^{4, 5} prior to flight.

Establishment of Air Safety Governance Arrangements

7. The Sponsor **should** confirm⁶ that:
 - a. An appropriate ODH⁷ is nominated to be responsible for actively managing Air Safety.
 - b. A TAA⁸ has been appointed to manage Type Airworthiness (TAW).
 - c. The Aviation Duty Holders are supported for the management of Continuing Airworthiness by an MAA approved CAMO⁹.
8. The Sponsor **should** ensure that an appropriate model for TAW management is in place, dependent on the Air System's Operating Category, and define the delegation of TAW responsibilities between the TAA and TAW Manager¹⁰.

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Civilian-Owned Military Operated Air Systems

9. If the Sponsor is not in DE&S, the agreement of a DE&S Operating Centre Director (OCD)¹¹ will be required to appoint an appropriate TAA.

Regulation 1019(3)

Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems

- 1019(3) The Sponsor **shall** confirm appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place and are maintained for UK military registered Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems.

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Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems

Registration

10. For Civilian-Owned Civilian Operated Air Systems, the Sponsor **should**:
 - a. Issue a CofU².
 - b. Apply for registration³, or confirm registration is already in place.

² Refer to RA 1160(3): Certificate of Usage.

³ Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

⁴ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

⁵ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

⁶ Open Category and S1 sub-category RPAS do not require a Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA), Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO), or Operating Duty Holder (ODH). Refer to RA 1601 – RA 1604.

⁷ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.

⁸ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management - Roles and Responsibilities.

⁹ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1162(1): Air Safety Governance Arrangements.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director - Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

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Flight Release and Limitations Document

11. The Sponsor **should**:
- a. Authorize and issue the Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (In-Service) / (Single Task)¹², or
 - b. Authorize the use of the Release To Service if on temporary Allotment¹³, or
 - c. Confirm the MPTF (Development)⁵ is approved.

Establishment and Maintenance of Air Safety Governance Arrangements

12. The Sponsor **should** comply with the requirements of RA 1162¹⁴.

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Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems

13. The Sponsor must ensure appropriate indemnity arrangements are in place¹⁵.

**Regulation
1019(4)**

Special Case Flying Air Systems

- 1019(4) The Sponsor **shall** confirm that appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place and are maintained for UK military registered Special Case Flying Air Systems.

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Special Case Flying Air Systems

Registration

14. The Sponsor **should**:
- a. Issue a CofU².
 - b. Apply for registration³, or confirm registration is already in place.

Flight Release and Limitations Document

15. The Sponsor **should**:
- a. Confirm the MPTF (Special Case Flying)¹² has been approved by issuing their Certificate for Commencement of Flight, or
 - b. Confirm the MPTF (Development)⁵ is approved.

Establishment and Maintenance of Air Safety Governance Arrangements

16. The Sponsor **should** comply with the requirements of RA 1163¹⁶.

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Special Case Flying Air Systems

17. The Sponsor will ensure appropriate indemnity arrangements are in place.

¹² Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹³ Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.

¹⁵ Refer to Defence Standard 05-100 - Ministry of Defence Requirements for Aircraft Flight and Ground Running, and Defence Condition 638 - Flights Liability and Indemnity, for further detail.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

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RA 1020 - Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs)¹ are responsible for Air Safety and ensuring that associated Risk to Life (RtL) is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable for the aviation activities within their Area of Responsibility (AoR). A compromised level of Accountability for operations may result from not having ADHs in place. Clearly defined roles and responsibilities are required so that legally accountable individuals can effectively carry out their duties in mitigating and making judgements on Air Safety Risk.

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Role and Responsibilities of the Aviation Duty Holder

1020(1) ADHs **shall** actively manage Air Safety for each Air System within their AoR via an Air System Safety Case (ASSC) which is managed by an Air Safety Management System (ASMS), to ensure that RtL is ALARP and Tolerable.

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Role and Responsibilities of the Aviation Duty Holder

1. ADHs are legally accountable for the safe operation, Continuing Airworthiness and Maintenance of Systems in their AoR and for ensuring that RtL is ALARP and Tolerable. They **should**:

- a. Cease routine aviation operations if RtL are identified that are not demonstrably ALARP and Tolerable.
- b. Establish and maintain an effective ASMS that, wherever possible, exploits the MOD's existing aviation regulatory structures, publications and management practices, to demonstrate an Acceptable Means of Compliance with the requirements in RA 1200².
- c. Own and manage a robust ASSC³ for each Air System which demonstrates the Air System is, or is capable of being, safe to operate and operated safely for a given application in a given operating environment.
- d. Promote and lead by example an engaged Air Safety culture.
- e. Identify ADH-Facing Organizations and inform them of their responsibilities detailed in RA 1032⁴. ► ◀
- f. ► **Challenge any option or action that is proposed or implemented by ADH-Facing Organizations that can undermine the ASSC and result in the activities for which they are responsible not being ALARP and Tolerable.** ◀
- g. Appoint a Senior Operator (SO)⁵, a Chief Air Engineer (CAE)⁶, ► ◀ a Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM)⁷ ► **and an Accountable Manager (Maintenance) (AM(M))⁸.** ◀

¹ The term ADH encompasses Senior Duty Holder (SDH), Operating Duty Holder (ODH) and Delivery Duty Holder (DDH); interpret accordingly; the different levels are referred to separately where specifically required. Defined in MAA02: MAA Master Glossary.

² Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

³ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases; the ODH owns the ASSC, but the SDH and DDH **should** own their contributions to the ASSC.

⁴ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities.

⁵ Refer to RA 1022 – Senior Operator – Air Safety Responsibilities.

⁶ Refer to RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineers – Air Safety Responsibilities.

⁷ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

⁸ ► **Refer to RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30).** ◀

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2. ODHs **should** have access to all the levers necessary to manage RtL effectively for all Air Systems in their AoR.
3. Where operational imperatives exist, excursions from the ADH defined capability envelope, declared to the Operational Commander, **should** endure for the shortest time possible⁹, before being resolved through expansion of the ADH defined capability envelope or cessation of the activity.
4. The Operational Commander **should** ensure that where operational imperatives preclude ADH Authorization, the Operational Commander authorizes the excursion from the ASSC defined operating envelope and provides retrospective justification to the ADH at the earliest opportunity.
5. **► Any substantive objections ADHs personally raise over a potential, or actual, course of action by the ADH-Facing Organization that they deem will undermine their ability to deliver safe air operations should be:**
 - a. Recorded formally by the ADH within the planning process of the Annual Budget Cycle and ASSC.
 - b. Elevated and explicitly highlighted within the planning process (including to the MAA¹⁰) thereafter, for as long as the objection is extant.
6. Where objections are overruled within the Annual Budget Cycle, the decision to do so **should** be owned by a named and authorized individual, at a minimum of OF7 or equivalent, and formally recorded as such. Notwithstanding, this cannot oblige an ADH to accept any associated RtL. ◀

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Role and Responsibilities of the Aviation Duty Holder

7. ADHs have a personal legal duty of care for:
 - a. Personnel under their command,
 - b. Those who, by virtue of their temporary involvement in aviation activities, come within an ADHs AoR,
 - c. The wider public who may be affected by their operations.
8. By design, the Air Safety Duty Holder (DH) chain sits in parallel with the full Command chain but does not mirror it. In doing so, it minimizes delegations and provides necessary separation, coupled with a degree of beneficial tension between Air Safety and delivery. Nonetheless, the Air Safety ADH governance model does not absolve commanders at any level of their broader, enduring duty of care responsibilities under Common Law and the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974).
9. In the execution of their specific ADH responsibilities, ADHs are accountable and answerable to the Secretary of State for Defence (SofS), via their superior DH chain. The conventional chain of command will continue to Command and Control the delivery of capability outputs, but will not direct, nor attempt to influence, nominated ADHs within that chain in the execution of their accountable Air Safety responsibilities.
10. **► An ADH is personally** ◀ accountable for RtL and will ultimately determine for themselves the level of Air Safety Risk they are willing to accept, they will be supported by expert advisers. By virtue of their qualifications, training and experience, ADHs will be conversant with managing operating Risk. **►** ◀ The ADH will appoint a Mil CAM responsible for the Continuing Airworthiness Management of an Air System. A CAE is also **► appointed** ◀ who is responsible for ensuring engineering standards and practices throughout their AoR **►** ◀⁶. The ADH will also be supported by a Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)¹¹, who is personally accountable for the Type Airworthiness of the Air System.
11. ADHs must also appoint a SO to support them and be responsible for self-regulation and providing internal Assurance of operating standards and procedures

⁹ 72 hours is considered the maximum reasonable period for the ADH defined envelope to be expanded, save in the most exceptional of circumstances.

¹⁰ **►** DSA-MAA-MRPEenquiries@mod.gov.uk ◀

¹¹ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management - Roles and Responsibilities.

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and Flight Safety. SDHs may or may not appoint an ODH as their SO, depending on circumstances and their preference⁵.

12. ADHs must ensure that a safe operating environment and appropriate Assurance is being provided at all tiered establishments and non-MOD Aerodromes¹².

13. The first line of defence in Air Safety is the establishment of an engaged Air Safety culture, underpinned by the application of common sense. The ADH has a key role to play in establishing and sustaining such a culture. An ADH's responsibilities apply when any person interacts with an Air System within their AoR. They also have a personal level of duty of care to all others, including the wider public, who may be affected by their operations. On any occasion when the Responsibility for an ASSC is handed over between individuals, a pan-Defence Lines of Development (DLoD) review of the ASSC must be completed³.

ADH Engagement

14. It is imperative that ADHs lead by example in nurturing and developing an engaged Air Safety culture. The detailed governance mechanisms employed by ADHs can be tailored to the scale and nature of the aviation activity being supervised, but the following elements will be considered as the minimum requirement:

- a. **Air Safety Steering Group (ASSG).** A not less than annual forum, chaired by the ODH, to evaluate Air Safety Risk across their AoR and to prioritize available resources and requirements. To be supported by a unified ODH Risk Register and Subject Matter Experts (SME) from ADH-Facing Organizations, when required.
- b. **Air System Safety Working Group (ASSWG).** A not less than annual forum, chaired by the ODH to scrutinize the validity of the live ASSC argument and supporting evidence across the DLoDs.
- c. **Programme Boards.** Ownership of the ASSC is with the SRO from Concept phase until transfer to the end-user ODH. As such, ODHs will be appropriately represented at Programme Boards by senior, informed and empowered representatives. Objections, on Air Safety grounds, to any actual or proposed course of action will be submitted formally by the ODH, in person or in writing, and the objection(s) minuted accordingly.
- d. **Budgetary Planning.** During routine budgetary planning, ADHs will be afforded the opportunity to seek additional resources to mitigate all RtL so that they are ALARP and Tolerable. They will be given full and timely visibility of any measures that potentially affect Air Safety adversely, to ensure authoritative and appropriate impact statements inform Auditable planning process decision making.

ADH Responsibilities in Operations

15. **Operating Envelope.** When appointed as an ADH, an air commander is personally and legally responsible for ensuring that RtL emanating from the activities associated with the generation and sustainment of Force Elements (FE)¹³ is ALARP and Tolerable. Such activities will occur within an 'envelope', which may be considered to be bounded by, among other things: declared role(s); Competency, currency and readiness of personnel; Release To Service (RTS); defined Tactics, Techniques and Procedures (TTP); and applicable Regulations. Activities include emerging cyber threats to Air Safety, which have the potential to impact RtL during operations; management of these threats can be found in the relevant RAs¹⁴. The boundaries of such envelopes will be defined as required by ADHs and are fixed, however the ADH may adjust and redefine the boundary as changes in capability occur. For example, an envelope may be expanded leading up to deployment, on or during, an operation to accommodate capability increments,

¹² Refer to RA 1010 – Head of Establishment - Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities.

¹³ Components of capability comprising, among other things; personnel, training, platforms, their serviceability and sustainment.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1202 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 5890 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air safety – Type Design and Changes / Repairs to Type Design.

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such as Urgent Capability Requirements (UCR), ►once the necessary DLoDs are all in place (eg training and supervision etc). ◀

16. ADH and Operational Commander Responsibilities with respect to Operational Employment. Aviation FEs are allocated to an Operational Commander when authorized under a Chief of Defence Staff's (CDS) directive to employ subordinate FEs in pursuit of operational objectives. The ADH is responsible to the Operational Commander for their operational readiness in their declared role(s), and for the continuing management of all operating RtL so that they remain ALARP and Tolerable within the operating envelope defined in the ASSC (ie for RtL other than that arising from Hostile Action¹⁶). An Operational Commander has the authority to employ allocated FEs in operational tasks at their discretion, bounded by the Laws of Armed Conflict, CDS's Directive, the accompanying Rules of Engagement, superior command direction, the FEs defined operating envelopes and due regard to RtL of the forces under their command.

17. Operational Imperative to exceed Operating Envelope. The limit of an ADHs Responsibility and Accountability for managing operating RtL in the operational domain is defined as the point at which an Operational Commander directs any relevant activity (operating and / or support) that transcends the operating boundary set by the ADH. In doing so, the Operational Commander will be prepared to justify their actions in retrospect, preferably via a context based auditable Risk analysis. It is acknowledged that the urgency of a particular situation may preclude such a process being carried out formally. Nevertheless, the principles of such a process will inform the Operational Commander's judgements and will be seen to have done so.

18. Premeditated Change to Operating Envelope¹⁷. Where employment of aviation FEs outside of the ASSC defined operating envelope is premeditated:

- a. The Operational Commander will make every effort to understand the residual Risk to properly assess tolerability. Therefore, they will seek advice of the relevant ADH (or their deployed senior representative¹⁸ in Theatre) on the level of Risk, potential mitigations and, if appropriate, alternative courses of action. If direct consultation with the ADH is not achieved, the Operational Commander will make the ADH aware at the earliest opportunity.
- b. RTS excursions will be kept to a minimum and are only to be undertaken when time has precluded the ADH requesting an amendment to the RTS. In any event, such excursions will be notified to the Release To Service Authority.
- c. When, following due consideration and the application of any caveats or controls, an ADH determines that the RtL is ALARP and Tolerable and endorses such an excursion, the operating envelope will be considered redefined and the ADH thereby accepts and owns the associated Risk.
- d. If it is not prudent or practical for the ADH chain to expand the ASSC defined operating envelope, the Operational Commander will accept the RtL, following full ADH consultation. In such cases, the Operational Commander will justify and record the decision to operate outside the envelope described by the ASSC.
- e. Where it is identified that the required operational effect cannot be achieved while maintaining compliance with the MAA Regulatory Publications, the Operational Commander will consult with the ADH chain as soon as possible. If no compliant solution can be identified, and the Operational Commander judges that the residual Risk is justified by the potential operational benefit, the Operational Commander will accept the RtL before operations

¹⁶ Survivability in a hostile environment and associated balance of Risk will be addressed by the operational command chain when considering the deployment of Air Systems on operations, in consultation with the ADH and ADH chain (as appropriate).

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

¹⁸ The nomination of a deployed senior representative is in the context of managing RtL and at the discretion of the ADH, and is not necessarily the same individual as the Deployed SO (see paragraph ►19◀), which is a different and specifically defined role. Though deployed senior representatives provide advice on behalf of the relevant ADH, this need not necessarily be exclusive to their assuming roles in the operational command chain.

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continue. Operational Commander and ADH will consult with the MAA in such cases as soon as practicable.

f. Where a substantive and significant difference of opinion between an ADH and an Operational Commander arises, the ADH has the option to elevate their concerns to the National Contingent Commander (NCC) or the Chief of Joint Operations (CJO). The ADH, NCC and CJO all have the option to refer the issue to CDS.

19. **Deployed SO and CAE.** ADHs may appoint deployed SO and CAE to assist in developing and implementing the associated processes. They are responsible to their parent ADHs for providing internal Assurance of deployed operating procedures, standards and Flight Safety, and Engineering standards and practices. Deployed SO or CAE are responsible directly to the relevant ADH, but need not necessarily be exclusive to them assuming roles in the operational command chain.

20. **Support Structures and Processes.** The implementation of the above principles will require exploitation of existing structures and processes, some of which may need to be adapted. Additional supporting mechanisms may need to be developed, that will need to integrate and be coherent with extant arrangements such as the ADHs ASSC, including Risk Register, ASSG and ASSWG processes. Establishment of working dialogues between operational command and ADH chains will ensure that respective responsibilities and constraints on the deployed Air Systems are thoroughly understood.

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1020(2) Each Service Chief **shall** be an SDH by virtue of position, and personally appoint by name ODHs and DDHs within their AoRs.

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21. SDHs **should** ensure that all Air Systems in their AoR are operated under the accountability of appropriate ADHs.

22. SDHs **should** ensure that the ODHs and DDHs that they appoint are operators that are Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) (see paragraph ►25◄ and ►28◄).

23. Names of ODH and DDH nominees **should** be submitted for endorsement by the MAA Director (Dir MAA) in accordance with MAA 03 Annex G¹⁹.

24. ODHs, DDHs, SOs²⁰, CAEs²⁰, and Mil CAMs **should** attend the Duty Holder Air Safety Course (DHASC)²¹. ODHs and DDHs **should** complete the DHASC prior to assuming their appointments. Bespoke training **should** be provided for SDHs on appointment.

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25. **ADH Levels.** The SDH appoints by name ODHs and DDHs who are SQEP and appointees are required to acknowledge and accept formally their ADH responsibilities. In the execution of their specific ADH responsibilities, ADHs are accountable and answerable to the SofS, via their superior ADH chain. ADHs are nominated at three levels in each Service:

a. **Senior.** SDHs are personally legally responsible and accountable for ensuring that: an effective, end-to-end ASMS is resourced, implemented and appropriately managed in their AoRs; and that those personnel under their command who are engaged directly in Defence Aviation are suitably qualified, trained, experienced and equipped.

¹⁹ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

²⁰ At all ADH levels.

²¹ For further training details see RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

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b. **Operating.** ODHs are 2* operators who are personally legally responsible and accountable for the safe operation, Continuing Airworthiness and Maintenance²² of the Air Systems in their defined AoR. An ODH owns and is responsible for the management and upkeep of the ASSC for each of their Air Systems. ODHs are accountable to their respective SDH for Air Safety, provide the SDH with relevant subject matter advice, and have right of direct access.

c. **Delivery**²³. DDHs are personally legally responsible and accountable for the safe operation, Continuing Airworthiness and Maintenance²³ of the Air Systems in their defined AoR. DDHs are accountable to their designated ODH for Air Safety, provide the ODH with relevant subject matter advice, and have right of direct access. Where units of one DDH operate from the estate, or are supported by the resources of another, suitable arrangements will be in place to delineate clearly Air Safety responsibilities – the ADH providing support is acting as an ADH-Facing Commanding Officer.

26. **Joint Organizations.** An ODH of a Joint organization may be accountable to multiple SDHs, ► **either due to the fact that their AoR encompasses multiple Air System types each with a single SDH, or that a particular Air System has multiple SDHs.** ◀

27. **Endorsement.** ODH and DDH appointments need to be endorsed by the MAA on the basis of evidence provided demonstrating that they are suitably qualified, experienced and trained for the role.

28. **SQEP.** Utilizing the ODH and DDH submission template contained within MAA 03 Annex G¹⁹, Service workforce agencies will provide detailed Terms of Reference for the nominated ADH and an evidence-based argument as to why the nominee is deemed SQEP. ► **This will include direct reference to the individual's aviation supervision experience²⁴. For ODH / DDH, appropriate experience as a flight supervisor at OF3 and / or OF4 is to be considered essential. Prior command of an aviation unit or command of air operations is to be considered highly desirable for both DDH and ODH.** ◀

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Responsibilities of Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations
1020(3) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1032.

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Responsibilities of Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations
29. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1032.

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Responsibilities of Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations
30. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1032.

²² Where the Maintenance of an Air System is in whole, or in part, conducted by a Mil Part 145 accredited organization, ADH responsibilities in this regard will be limited to oversight activities via their CAE and TAA, including Validation of output standards, and the meeting of any contractual obligations.

²³ DDHs will routinely be appointed at OF5 / Air Station Command level, but their responsibilities may extend over several sites / sub-units. ► **Subject to MAA agreement,** ◀ lower levels of appointment may be appropriate in certain specialist areas, such as Test & Evaluation and certain categories of Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

²⁴ ► **The provenance for this is drawn directly from Justice Haddon-Cave's Nimrod Review.** [The Nimrod Review - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/614441/nimrod-review-2017-09-14.pdf). ◀

RA 1021 - Release To Service Authorities - Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

On behalf of the Senior Duty Holder (SDH), the Release To Service Authority (RTSA) assures an Air System's Release To Service Recommendations (RTSR)¹ and ensures that identified Risks to Life (RtL) have been brought to the attention of the Operating Duty Holder (ODH), before issuing the Release To Service (RTS)¹. When an Air System enters service or is subject to a Design Change or change in limitation, it is important that the ODH understands the Risks associated with operating the Air System within the defined envelope and puts in place appropriate mitigation to manage RtL to an As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable level before acceptance of said Risks. This Regulation details the roles and responsibilities of the RTSA to ensure that this communication and acceptance of Risk is rigorously undertaken and that the integrity of the RTS is maintained.

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1021(1) The RTSA shall authorize, issue, and maintain the integrity of the RTS through-life to provide the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) chain with independent Air Safety Assurance of the Air Systems for which the SDH is responsible.

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Roles and Responsibilities

1. The RTSA should:
 - a. Authorize and issue an initial RTS and subsequent RTS amendments.
 - b. Provide Assurance of the RTSR including that all RtL apparent at the point of RTS issue and subsequent amendments, have been identified and brought to the attention of the ODH.
 - c. Provide independent Assurance to the SDH that Defence Lines of Development (DLoD) and the Air System Safety Case (ASSC) are sufficiently mature for the RTS to be issued.
 - d. Have an Air Safety Management System (ASMS) that describes how the RTSA assesses changes to an Air System, and any associated limitations and procedures. The RTSA ASMS interfaces with those of the Type Airworthiness Authority and the ODH.
 - e. Be engaged with an ODH's ASSC governance structure (including the Air System Safety Working Group (ASSWG) process) and provide Assurance to the SDH that the integrity of the RTS is maintained.

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2. The RTSA for each Service's Air Systems will receive appropriate letters from their Service SDH delegating the authority to issue and amend the Air System RTS documents for their Service.
3. Delegation of any aspect of responsibility to Delegated RTSA (DRTSA) will be via a Letter of Delegation (LoD) specifying clearly the limits of authority. The LoD from RTSA to DRTSA will include the terms of the delegation by which the DRTSA is empowered to authorize Operational Emergency Clearances and Clearances with Limited Evidence.
4. The RTSA has a responsibility to maintain the integrity of the Air System RTS.

¹ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

² Ensure correctness, completeness and consistency.

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5. Where a platform is operated by more than one Service a single RTSA may be identified to issue and amend the Air System's RTS on behalf of the other Service(s). This will be agreed by the relevant SDHs and underpinned by a Service Level Agreement (SLA) which will include the periodicity of review of the SLA. For Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) requiring an RTS³, the single RTSA to issue and amend the Air System's RTS will be agreed by the relevant DRTSAs and underpinned by a DRTSA letter, which will specify the limits of authority and the review timings.

6. Any amendments to the RTS will require active and close consultation between the interested parties to ensure that any RtL is being appropriately captured and managed. This will form part of the ODH's ASSC governance. In considering amendments to an RTS, the RTSA will ultimately act in the interests of the SDH.

Operating and support elements

7. The RTSA will need to assure the DLoD assessment ►◄⁴ covers as a minimum:

- a. A statement from DLoD owners describing the degree to which each DLoD is ready to support the operation of the Air System.
- b. Evidence of analysis that identifies gaps in DLoD requirements.
- c. Evidence of analysis that identifies RtL associated with such gaps or lack of appropriate evidence.
- d. Evidence of analysis that identifies measures to mitigate RtL.
- e. Evidence that appropriate levels of Test and Evaluation⁵ have taken place.

8. The MOD Knowledge in Defence⁶ provides guidance on the responsibilities of Project and Programme Boards. Programme / Project Boards will have the authority to ensure that Capability Integration Working Groups (CIWG) are established to take the lead in pan-DLoD integration activity. Implicit in this integration task is a requirement to ensure that the work and outputs of CIWGs benefit from the inclusion of Air Safety expertise and scrutiny.

9. By including a Risk Assessment as part of the formal DLoD declaration, the DLoD owner provides to the RTSA and ODH the necessary evidence to allow them to assure themselves that the Air System ►is safe to operate and◄ can be operated safely ►◄.

³ Open category and Specific S1 sub-category RPAS do not require an RTS. Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category RPAS require an RTS.

⁴ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁵ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

⁶ ► <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/knowledge-in-defence-kid> ◄, see "Programme Governance and Management Roles".

RA 1022 – Senior Operator – Air Safety Responsibilities

Rationale

Aviation Duty Holders (ADH)¹ are responsible for implementing effective Air Safety Management Systems (ASMS) and ensuring that Risk to Life (RtL) of their air operations are at all times As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable. The absence of independent review of Air Safety issues may result in poor Risk Management and Air Safety decision making. To support ADHs in discharging their responsibilities they will appoint a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) Crown Servant Senior Operator (SO)² to provide independent Air Safety oversight, Assurance and operator support.

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1. Each ADH **should** issue their SO with a Letter of Authority (LoA) detailing their responsibilities.
2. When the issuer of a LoA departs their post, all LoAs issued by that individual **should** remain valid for a maximum of 3 months or until a new LoA is issued.

SDH SO

3. Each SDH **should** select and appoint a SQEP SO³ to provide them with advice on operating RtL and Air Safety Assurance. Where an appointed SDH SO does not meet these criteria in Table 1, the SDH **should** inform **►⁴◄** MAA Head of Operating Assurance (DSA-MAA-Operating-Assurance-Hd).
4. SDH SOs **should** provide their SDH with Assurance that:
 - a. ODH ASMS and Air System Safety Cases (ASSC) **► fully ◄** support the ODH Air System ALARP and Tolerable assessments.
 - b. Operating practices **► within ◄** their **► Area of Responsibility (AoR) ◄** are to the **► standard required by the SDH. ◄**
5. SDH SOs **should** provide their SDH with advice on:
 - a. Operating and operational RtL. While the Operational Commander (Op Comd) is responsible for operational Risk, the **► SDH ◄** SO **should** be aware of operational considerations to ensure operating aspects within the purview of the ODHs are appropriately considered.
 - b. Operating issues associated with changes to the operating environment or context and the Acquisition of new Air Systems or air capabilities.
 - c. Air Safety measures, such as new equipment, procedures or Air System Modifications, proposed by ODHs in support of their ALARP and Tolerable position.

ODH SO

6. Each ODH **should** select and appoint a suitably experienced Aircrew as **► an ◄** SO to provide them with independent specialist operator support in delivering their Air Safety responsibilities. Where the selected ODH SO does not meet the criteria in Table 1, the ODH **should** inform the SDH SO and, additionally for essential criteria, the MAA (DSA-MAA-Operating-Assurance-Hd).

¹ Consists of three levels of coverage: Senior Duty Holder (SDH), Operating Duty Holder (ODH) and Delivery Duty Holder (DDH).

² See Table 1 – SO SQEP Criteria.

³ SDHs may or may not appoint an ODH as their SO, depending on circumstances and their preference in accordance with RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder **► ◄** – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁴ **► Informing the MAA does not negate the need to submit an Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance, Waiver, or Exemption. ◄**

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- a. To ensure independent Air Safety oversight and Assurance the ►ODH◄ SO **should** be as separate as possible from the direct chain of command charged with delivery.
- b. ODH SOs are not required to have been qualified on all types operated by the ODH but **should** be suitably experienced Aircrew able to critically review operating proposals raised by DDHs and Force Commanders (FC).
7. ODH SOs **should** provide their ODH with Air Safety Assurance that:
 - a. ODH and DDH ASMSs and their contributions to the ODH ASSCs are fully supported by DDH determinations that Air System operations remain ALARP and Tolerable.
 - b. Operating RtL Air Safety Assessments are valid.
 - c. Operating standards are being maintained at an appropriate level.
8. ODH SOs **should** provide their ODH with the following:
 - a. Independent scrutiny of DDH and FC proposals that concern Air Safety issues such as Risk Elevation, Duty Holder Advice Notes (DHAN) or equivalent, and Air Safety related Annual Budgetary Cycle (ABC) options.
 - b. Advice on operating and operational RtL. While the Op Comd is responsible for operational Risk, the ►ODH◄ SO **should** be aware of operational considerations to ensure operating Air Safety aspects within the purview of the ODH are appropriately covered.
 - c. Independent Air Safety Assessment of DDH Assurance, including Air Safety practice and Safety culture.
 - d. Where appropriate, advice on operating issues associated with Acquisition of new Air Systems and their developing ASSC.

DDH SO

9. Each DDH **should**:
 - a. Select and appoint a SQEP² SO to provide them with independent specialist operator support in delivering their Air Safety responsibilities. Where the selected DDH SO does not meet the criteria in Table 1, the DDH **should** inform►4◄ the ODH and MAA (DSA-MAA-Operating-Assurance-Hd).
 - (1) For DDH AoR with a single Air System, the DDH SO **should** either be currently or previously qualified on type.
 - (2) For DDH AoRs with multiple Air Systems, DDH SOs **should** be currently or previously qualified on one type, but are not required to be currently or previously qualified on all types. Additionally, they **should** be suitably experienced Aircrew able to critically review operating proposals raised by Squadron Commanders or equivalent for Air Systems within the DDH's AOR.
 - b. To ensure independent Air Safety oversight and Assurance the ►DDH◄ SO **should** be as separate as possible from the direct chain of command charged with delivery.
10. DDH SOs **should** provide their DDH with Assurance that:
 - a. DDH ASMS and DDH contribution to ASSCs are fully supported by DDH determinations that Air System operation remains ALARP and Tolerable.
 - b. Operating RtL assessments are valid.
 - c. Operating standards are being maintained at an appropriate level.
11. DDH SOs **should** provide their DDH with the following:
 - a. Independent scrutiny of Force Element Air Safety issues such as Risk Elevation, DHAN or equivalent, and Air Safety based ABC options.
 - b. Advice on operating and operational RtL. While the Op Comd is responsible for operational Risk, the ►DDH◄ SO **should** be aware of

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operational considerations to ensure operating Air Safety aspects within the purview of the DDH are appropriately covered.

c. Independent assessment of DDH Assurance including Air Safety practice and Safety culture.

d. Where appropriate, advice on operating issues associated with Acquisition of new Air Systems and their developing ASSC.

Table 1 SO SQEP Criteria

Essential SQEP Criteria	DDH SO	ODH SO	SDH SO
Previous aviation command and / or supervisory experience (minimum level of experience)	OF3	OF4	OF5
► Successfully ◀ complete Duty Holders Air Safety Course (DHASC) ► ⁵ ◀	X	X	X
Certificate of Qualification on Type (CQT) (SO for single Air System)	X		
CQT on at least one type within AoR (SO for multiple Air Systems)	X		
Desirable SQEP Criteria	DDH SO	ODH SO	SDH SO
Assurance activity experience	X	X	
CQT on at least one type within AoR (SO for multiple Air Systems)		X	
Central Flying School accredited Q-Qualification	X		
Joint HQ staff experience	X	X	X
Resource planning / Delivery Team / Financial Military Capability staff experience		X	X
Deployed (exercise or operations) command experience	X	X	X

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12. It is not expected that ADH SOs will personally complete the actions that are detailed in the Acceptable Means of Compliance above. It is expected that ADH SOs will direct working arrangements using suitable staff, such as Air Safety and Standards, to provide the necessary information to enable an independent (derived from outwith the direct delivery chain) view to be formed.

13. The SO plays a key role supporting the ADH in discharging their Air Safety responsibilities. This is not about being the most SQEP on type but is about being experienced enough to undertake critical analysis of Air Safety related operating issues. Separated from the pressures of delivery, the experienced Aircrew SO, specifically selected by the ADH, provides independent oversight of flying operations.

14. For single type ADH Organizations the SO would ideally be qualified and current on type but where this is impracticable, a previous qualification on type may be considered by an ADH, set against the prospective SO's time away from flying.

15. Similarly, for multi-type ADH Organizations, the SO would ideally be qualified and current on one or more of the types in the AoR, but where this is impractical, a previous qualification on one or more of the types may be considered by an ADH, set against the SO's time away from flying. Additionally, ADHs may need to assess whether a potential multi-type SO has the breadth of military aviation experience pertinent to the range of Air Systems within the AoR.

16. Removed from the direct pressures of delivery, the SO's value is in forming a view of unit Air Safety culture and the performance of the ADH's ASMS. Through oversight of unit operating and Air Safety Assurance (1st Party Assurance and 2nd Party Assurance) the SO can assure the ADH that the appropriate operating

⁵ ► Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training. ◀

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standards are being met and that operating procedures⁶ are fit for purpose, or, when this is not the case, highlight any areas of deficiency and suggest action to rectify identified shortfalls.

17. The SO plays an important role in guarding against groupthink through their challenging of existing norms and use of a questioning culture. It is important that the SO critically considers contributions to decisions that elevate or inform higher level ADHs of emerging Air Safety operating RtL.

⁶ Such as ►ADH◄ and unit Flying Orders, Aircrew elements of Air System Document Set and Standard Operating Procedures / Tactics Techniques and Procedures.

RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineers – Air Safety Responsibilities

Rationale

Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs) are personally Accountable¹ for ensuring the safe operation of Air Systems within their Area of Responsibility (AoR) and for ensuring that the associated Risks to Life (RtL) are As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable. Without appropriate specialist support, from a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP), technical aspects of an ADH's RtL assessments could become inaccurate and this would undermine their Air Safety Management System (ASMS). ► **This RA** ◄ requires ADHs to be supported by a Chief Air Engineer (CAE) who is a SQEP Crown Servant.

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1. ADH CAEs **should** hold a Letter of Authority.
2. When the issuer of a Letter of Authority departs their post, all Letters of Authority issued by that individual **should** remain valid for a maximum period of 3 months from when their replacement receives their own Letter of Authority. During this period, all sub-delegations **should** be reviewed and renewed as appropriate by the new incumbent.

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3. Each SDH **should**:
 - a. Appoint a SQEP Crown Servant CAE to provide them with specialist technical support in delivering their Air Safety responsibilities.
 - b. Issue the SDH CAE with a personal Letter of Authority detailing their responsibilities ► ◄.
4. SDH CAEs **should** provide their SDH with Assurance that:
 - a. Air Systems, Airborne Equipment, ► ◄ Airfield Support Equipment, ► **Aircrew Equipment Assemblies and Survival Equipment** ◄ across the appropriate Service are being maintained in accordance with (iaw) extant Regulations, procedures, orders, the Air System Document Set (ADS), Approved Data and higher level instructions.
 - b. Engineering practices across their appropriate Service are to the appropriate standard.
5. SDH CAEs **should** provide their SDH with the following:
 - a. Technical advice on RtL.
 - b. Advice on technical issues associated with the Acquisition of new Air Systems or air capabilities.
6. SDH CAEs **should** ensure that:
 - a. ► **Operating** ◄ Duty Holder (ODH) CAEs meet the SQEP criteria in Table 1 below. Where an appointed ODH CAE does not meet these criteria, the SDH CAE **should** personally authorize non-compliance on a case-by-case basis and inform the MAA² of such decisions.

¹ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder ► ◄ – Roles and Responsibilities.

² DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.

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- b. They issue ODH CAEs with personal Letters of Authority detailing their responsibilities, including the requirement for identifying appointed Level J and ► **appointed** ◄ Level K ► ◄ posts within the ODH's AoR³
- c. ODH CAEs are effective in the conduct of their role.

Table 1 – CAE SQEP Criteria

SQEP Criteria	DDH CAE	ODH CAE	SDH CAE
Engineering Council professional registration as a Chartered Engineer (CEng)	X	X	X
Has previous Level J experience	X	X	X
Has previous Level K experience		X	X
Has previous engineering experience in ► Capability and Acquisition / Project Delivery Career Field ⁴ aligned roles within the Defence Air Environment (DAE) ◄		X	X
Has successfully completed the Airworthiness of Military Aircraft Course - Practitioner (AMAC-P) ⁵	X	X	
Has successfully completed the relevant Air System type-specific managers course – see para 17	X		
Has successfully completed the Duty Holder Air Safety Course (DHASC) ⁵	X	X	X

ODH CAE

7. Each ODH **should** appoint a SQEP Crown Servant CAE to provide them with specialist technical support in delivering their Air Safety responsibilities.
8. ODH CAEs **should** provide the ODH and SDH CAE with Assurance that:
 - a. Air Systems, Airborne Equipment, ► ◄ Airfield Support Equipment, ► **Aircrew Equipment Assemblies and Survival Equipment** ◄ are being maintained iaw extant Regulations, procedures, orders, the ADS, Approved Data and higher level instructions.
 - b. Engineering practices across all ODH Air Systems and organizations are to the appropriate standard.
9. ODH CAEs **should** provide the ODH with the following:
 - a. Technical advice on RtL.
 - b. Advice on technical issues associated with the Acquisition of new Air Systems or air capabilities.
10. ODH CAEs **should** ensure:
 - a. Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) CAEs meet the SQEP criteria in Table 1. Where an appointed DDH CAE does not meet these criteria, the ODH CAE **should** personally authorize non-compliance on a case-by-case basis and inform the MAA² of such decisions.
 - b. That they issue DDH CAEs with personal Letters of Authority, detailing their responsibilities. ► ◄
 - c. DDH CAEs are effective in the conduct of their role.
 - d. Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers⁶ are effective in the conduct of their role.

³ Refer to RA 1006 – Delegation of Engineering Authorizations ► and Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance - Process (MAM-P) Chapter 2.1 – Engineering Authorizations.

⁴ Refer to the Capability, Acquisition and Project Delivery: Functional Knowledge Skills Experience Framework, via the Defence Intranet: Project delivery Hub, Directorate of Acquisition and Project Delivery, Head Office and Corporate Services (HOCS). ◄

⁵ Course validities are detailed in RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

⁶ Refer to RA 1011 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities.

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e. That when multiple DDHs are operating from the same Station / Ship / Unit or Site, engineering activity is coordinated between all DDH CAEs.

f. ► They identify any and all appointed Level K and appointed Level J³ posts within their AoR and ensure that personnel filling such positions are Competent to do so. ◀

11. ODH CAEs **should**:

a. Act as the Engineering lead for the ODH engineering Quality Management System (QMS)⁷.

b. Act as the Engineering lead for the ODH ASMS⁸, including for all support activities, ensuring that their AoR is adequately supported, resourced and managed in order to be safe to operate.

DDH CAE

12. Each DDH **should** appoint a SQEP Crown Servant CAE to provide them with specialist technical support in delivering their Air Safety responsibilities within their AoR.

13. DDH CAEs **should** provide the DDH with the following:

a. Technical advice on RtL.

b. Advice on technical issues associated with the Acquisition of new Air Systems or air capabilities.

14. DDH CAEs **should** ensure that:

a. Air Systems, Airborne Equipment, ► ◀ Airfield Support Equipment, ► Aircrew Equipment Assemblies and Survival Equipment ◀ are being maintained iaw extant Regulations, procedures, orders, the ADS, Approved Data and higher level instructions.

b. Engineering practices across all DDH Air Systems and organizations are to the appropriate standard.

c. An effective DDH level engineering QMS ►⁷ ◀ is in place.

d. An effective process for the delegation³ of engineering authorizations is in place.

e. When multiple DDHs operate from the same Station / Ship / Unit or Site, all engineering activity is coordinated.

15. The DDH CAE **should** act as the engineering lead for the DDH ASMS⁸, including all support activities and ensure that their AoR is adequately resourced to support the DDH's ASMS.

16. DDH CAEs **should** provide the DDH and ODH CAE with Assurance of para 14.

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17. Where Air System type-specific managers courses are not available, or a DDH CAE is responsible for several Air System types, an appropriate level of technical familiarisation is required for each Air System type.

18. It is understood that due to extant contractual arrangements, DDH CAEs may not be able to ensure that all Air Systems, Airborne Equipment and Airfield Support Equipment within their AoR are being maintained iaw extant Regulations and procedures, or engineering practices and Maintenance organizations are to the appropriate standard. In such circumstances, DDH CAEs need to conduct robust Assurance activity in order to provide the DDH with an equivalent level of specialist engineering support.

19. ► ◀

⁷ ► Refer to MAM-P Chapter 11.1 – Defence Air Environment Quality Policy, RA 4815 – Maintenance Procedures and Safety and Quality Policy and RA 4951 – Quality System MRP Part M Sub Part G. ◀

⁸ Refer to RA 1200 – ► ◀ Air Safety Management.

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RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

The Head of Establishment (HoE)¹ is Responsible for providing a Safe Operating Environment (SOE)▶◀ in accordance with (iaw) RA 1010². Inappropriate management and supervision of Aerodrome operations could result in an unsafe operating environment. To support the HoE in discharging their Responsibility to provide ▶an◀ SOE, a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) is required to manage and supervise Aerodrome operations iaw the classification tier of the establishment³.

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Aerodrome Operator Nomination

1026(1) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(3)⁴.

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Aerodrome Operator Nomination

1. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(3).

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Aerodrome Operator Nomination

2. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(3).

Regulation 1026(2)

Aerodrome Operator Responsibilities

1026(2) An Aerodrome Operator⁵ (AO) **shall** be responsible for the management of an Aerodrome environment to support the safe operation of Air Systems at Aerodromes classified as Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where recreational flying⁶ is not the primary activity) Establishments.

¹ In addition to MAA 02 – MAA Master Glossary, in the context of this Regulation HoE also includes Commanding Officers of aviation capable His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ships (aviation capable Ships is defined in Def-Stan 00-133 Part 1).

² Refer to RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities.

³ Refer to RA 1010(1): Classification Tier of Establishment.

⁴ Refer to RA 1010(3): Tier 1 and Tier 2 (where Recreational Flying is not the Primary Activity) Head of Establishment Responsibilities.

⁵ On HM Aircraft carriers, Commander (Air) will assume the role of AO and **should** comply with Book of Reference (BRd) 766 where the MRP (1000 or 3000 series Regulation) is not ▶applicable.◀

⁶ In the context of this RA, recreational flying is considered to be flight in privately-owned civil registered Aircraft, such as at flying clubs, etc, operated by civilian personnel or MOD personnel outwith their MOD duties.

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3. The AO **should** support the HoE to ensure that appropriate Assurance is conducted to provide evidence to the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying (AM(MF))) that an SOE is in place and being maintained², in support of the ADH / AM(MF) associated Air System Safety Cases⁷. Specifically, the AO **should**:

- a. Establish and maintain formal mechanisms for the management and Assurance of all Aerodrome activities, operating procedures, standards, Flight Safety and regulatory compliance within their Area of Responsibility (AoR), through the production and maintenance of a Defence Aerodrome Manual (DAM)⁸.
- b. Establish and maintain a programme of 1st Party Assurance of the DAM, ensuring that Aerodrome Assurance activities are carried out iaw the Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Publications (MRP) and reference documents referred to in the DAM Notes for Completion.
- c. Identify and monitor any decision, activity or change in circumstances that results in a Hazard or change to the Aerodrome or the services / facilities provided. These Hazards or changes **should** be communicated through effective formal relationships with the HoE and appropriate stakeholders.
- d. Promulgate Aerodrome operating Hazards through the AO Hazard Log (AOHL), to facilitate the conduct of timely Risk and change management. The AOHL is a live document within the DAM and **should** be subject to formal review at least quarterly. It **should** be an agenda item at monthly Air Safety meetings to ensure any amendments are captured and discussed in order that the HoE and ADHs / AM(MFs) can discharge their duties iaw RA 1200⁹.
- e. Ensure that an appropriate Aerodrome wildlife Risk Management programme is established and implemented iaw RA 3270¹⁰.
- f. Ensure that all personnel who need to enter the Movement Area or other operational areas are both trained and qualified and that movements of personnel and vehicles are coordinated with movements of Aircraft iaw RA 3262¹¹.
- g. Develop and maintain Low Visibility Procedures to ensure that all measures required to protect Aircraft operations in poor weather conditions are in place iaw RA 3274¹².
- h. Ensure that Aerodrome management and operations activity is fully integrated into all relevant Air Safety Management Systems⁹ (ASMS) and that effective Safety Management arrangements are established with all interfacing AoRs and relevant organizations (such as Air System operators, air navigation service providers and ground handling service providers).
- i. Ensure that the Maintenance of Aerodrome Communication, Navigation and Surveillance equipment covers repair instructions, servicing information, troubleshooting and inspection procedures iaw extant Support Policy Statements¹³.
- j. Schedule Aerodrome inspections and surveys to ensure the Maintenance of Aerodrome lighting, Aerodrome operating surfaces and Aircraft arresting equipment iaw the MRP. Orders **should** cover Repair instructions, servicing information and troubleshooting.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁸ Refer to RA 1026(4): Management of a Defence Aerodrome Manual and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework.

⁹ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 3270 – Aerodrome Wildlife Control.

¹¹ Refer to RA 3262 – Aerodrome Access and where applicable, Royal Navy (RN) personnel **should** comply with BRd 761 and BRd 766.

¹² Refer to RA 3274 – Low Visibility Procedures.

¹³ Maintenance policy information for technical equipment, including software, is detailed in AP600, King's Regulations Chapter 11 and specialist APs Support Policy Statement (SPS) or equivalent Naval Ship Support Publication.

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k. Ensure that adequate Aerodrome Rescue and Fire-Fighting services (ARFF) are provided¹⁴, and an Aerodrome emergency plan is developed and maintained iaw the Manual of Aircraft Post Crash Management, RA 1430¹⁵, RA 3261¹⁶ and DSA 02 Defence Fire Safety Regulator (DFSR) ► **ARFF Regulations.** ◀

l. Assure the accuracy of Aerodrome data and aeronautical information iaw RA 1030¹⁷.

m. Ensure that the Aerodrome physical characteristics are managed iaw the RA 3500 series¹⁸.

n. Ensure that Incidents or Occurrences are reported and investigated iaw RA 1410¹⁹.

4. The Aviation ► **Arrangements** ◀ for aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **should** comply with the requirements of ► **RA 1920**²⁰ ◀ and BRd 766²¹.

5. Where host nation or multi-national relationships exist, the AO **should** ensure a formal agreement is produced to facilitate the safe operation of Air Systems within the relevant AoR.

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6. There is no requirement for the AO to be based at the Aerodrome. Day-to-day management of the Aerodrome may be delegated, but the AO retains full Responsibility.

7. Relevant HM / MOD Ship aviation data is published in BRd 766²¹ maintained by Navy Command.

Regulation 1026(3)

Aerodrome Operator Qualifications and Experience

1026(3) An AO **shall** be a SQEP.

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Aerodrome Operator Qualifications and Experience

8. To be considered a SQEP an AO **should** meet the following criteria:

a. Relevant OF3 command or Flying Supervisor experience, within either:

- (1) A flying squadron; or
- (2) Air Operations at a Standard Aerodrome²² as a minimum; or
- (3) Air Operations on a HM Aircraft carrier.

b. Completed the Aerodrome Operators Study Period²³ prior to appointment or no later than 6 months from taking up post²⁴.

Guidance Material 1026(3)

Aerodrome Operator Qualifications and Experience

9. The following qualifications are desirable:

a. ► **Air** ◀ Safety Officers Course²⁵.

¹⁴ For MOD Aerodromes where ARFF provision is via the Defence ARFF Service Provider, this is laid out in the Joint Business Agreement (JBA) or Internal Business Agreement (IBA) between the Defence ARFF Service Provider and the TLBs and **should** be contained within Annex E of the DAM.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash Management and Significant Occurrence Management.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 3261 – Aerodrome Service.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 3500 Series – Aerodrome Design and Safeguarding.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

²⁰ ► **Refer to RA 1920 – Aviation Arrangements in His Majesty's / MOD Ships – Equipment Standards.** ◀

²¹ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders.

²² Refer to RA 3263 – Aerodrome Classification.

²³ Only applicable to land based Aerodromes, Commander (Air) **should** complete the RN equivalent.

²⁴ Only applicable if arrived in post after June 2022 when Aerodrome Operators Study Period (AOSP) was implemented, but this does not preclude an AO that falls outside this bracket from attending.

²⁵ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

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- b. Aircraft Post Crash ► and Incident ◀ Management ► ◀ Officers Course²⁵.

**Regulation
1026(4)**

Management of a Defence Aerodrome Manual and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework

1026(4) The AO **shall** develop and maintain a DAM and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework (DAAF) for their AoR.

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Management of a Defence Aerodrome Manual and Defence Aerodrome Assurance Framework

10. The AO **should** ensure that the DAM is accurate and up to date, with amendments made when changes occur²⁶. The current MAA DAM template²⁷ **should** be used as the standard format to produce the DAM.
11. The DAM **should** be reviewed:
- Prior to / following any change or new activity that may impact the SOE.
 - As a formal element to succession activities to ensure the incoming AO is personally content with their ADH / AM(MF)-Facing responsibilities.
 - Regularly, in line with relevant Risk Register reviews²⁸.
12. The DAM ► and any associated documents listed or linked within ◀ **should** be ► easily accessible and readily available to MOD personnel via MODNet (or other approved military system). Units are not mandated to publish the DAM as an open source document but if required, a redacted version **should** be readily available ensuring any operational sensitive information is removed and document control is maintained at all times. ◀
13. The AO **should** ensure that a DAAF is established and maintained, in conjunction with the DAM, to collate all Assurance activity. The DAAF **should** cover all activities within the DAM to form a full record of Assurance at 1st, 2nd and 3rd party levels.
14. The production of a bespoke DAM is not required for aviation capable HM / MOD Ships. SO1 Aviation Policy within Navy Command **should** ensure that the BRd 766²¹ process is adhered to.

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15. The purpose of the DAM is to provide, in a standardized format, a mechanism to inform military and civilian operators of the Aerodrome facilities, services, operating procedures and any known Aerodrome Hazards. ► ◀ The DAM, when used in conjunction with the DAAF, also provides reference material for the AO to ensure that all Aerodrome management requirements are being met and assured correctly.
16. It is acceptable for the DAM to contain hyperlinks to other documents, for example an Air Traffic Control Order Book, provided that the hyperlinks are accessible ► without requiring further permissions. If permissions are required, the entry will be annotated accordingly with appropriate instructions. ◀
17. The DAAF is the tool by which 1st, 2nd and 3rd Party Assurance is captured so that the AO can provide Assurance that the Aerodrome is being managed in a way that accommodates the safe operation of Air Systems.

²⁶ Where applicable, the Military Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) and Civilian AIP **should** be amended at the same time and a Notice to Aviation (NOTAM) submitted, if required, to cover the interim period resulting from the Aeronautical Information Regulation and Control (AIRAC) cycle.

²⁷ The DAM template is available on the MAA website as a Microsoft Word file.

²⁸ Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

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Regulation 1026(5)	Non-MOD Aerodrome Assurance 1026(5) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(6) ²⁹ .
Acceptable Means of Compliance 1026(5)	Non-MOD Aerodrome Assurance 19. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(6).
Guidance Material 1026(5)	Non-MOD Aerodrome Assurance 20. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(6).
Regulation 1026(6)	Tier 3 Site Assurance 1026(6) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(5) ³⁰ .
Acceptable Means of Compliance 1026(6)	Tier 3 Site Assurance 21. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(5).
Guidance Material 1026(6)	Tier 3 Site Assurance 22. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(5).
Regulation 1026(7)	Recreational Flying – MOD Aerodrome Assurance 1026(7) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(4) ³¹ .
Acceptable Means of Compliance 1026(7)	Recreational Flying – MOD Aerodrome Assurance 23. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(4).
Guidance Material 1026(7)	Recreational Flying – MOD Aerodrome Assurance 24. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1010(4).
Regulation 1026(8)	Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Responsibilities 1026(8) An Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) (AS(RF)) shall be responsible, on behalf of the HoE, for the supervision of an MOD Aerodrome environment where recreational flying ⁶ is conducted as the primary activity.

²⁹ Refer to 1010(6): Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Safe Operating Environment Responsibilities.

³⁰ Refer to 1010(5): Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities.

³¹ Refer to 1010(4): Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishment Responsibilities.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1026(8)

Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Responsibilities

25. An AS(RF) enables the HoE to discharge their responsibilities regarding the provision of an SOE³². The AS(RF) **should** ensure that Aerodrome management and operations activity is fully integrated with all appropriate stakeholders.
26. Specifically, the AS(RF) **should**:
- Establish and maintain formal mechanisms for the management and Assurance of all Aerodrome activities, operating procedures, standards, Flight Safety and regulatory compliance within their AoR, through the production and maintenance of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual (ASOEM)³².
 - Identify and monitor any decision, activity or change in circumstances that results in a Hazard or change to the Aerodrome or its facilities. These Hazards or changes **should** be communicated through effective formal relationships with the HoE and appropriate stakeholders.
 - Promulgate Aerodrome operating Hazards through the ASOEM Hazard Log, to facilitate the conduct of timely Risk and change management. The ASOEM Hazard Log **should** be subject to formal review at least quarterly and be included as an agenda item at Air Safety meetings. The AS(RF) **should** ensure amendments are captured, discussed and forwarded to the HoE and appropriate stakeholders.
 - Ensure that an appropriate Aerodrome wildlife Risk Management programme is considered in consultation with the HoE iaw RA 3270¹⁰.
 - Ensure that all personnel who need to enter the Movement Area or other operational areas are both trained and qualified and that movements of personnel and vehicles are coordinated with movements of Aircraft iaw RA 3262¹¹.
 - Ensure that appropriate Safety Management arrangements are established with all other Aerodrome users, to maintain safe operating practices.
 - Schedule Aerodrome inspections and surveys to ensure that the Aerodrome remains safe and compliant iaw RA 3264³³.
 - Consider the requirement for Rescue and Fire-Fighting provision and ensure that an Aerodrome emergency plan is developed and maintained to the satisfaction of the HoE.
 - Where applicable, assure the accuracy of Aerodrome data and aeronautical information iaw RA 1030¹⁷.
 - Inform the HoE of any Incidents or Occurrences and ensure that they are reported iaw RA 1410¹⁹ and Civil Air Publication (CAP) 382³⁴.

Guidance Material 1026(8)

Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Responsibilities

27. Nil.

Regulation 1026(9)

Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Qualifications and Experience

- 1026(9) An AS(RF) **shall** be a SQEP.

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Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Qualifications and Experience

28. To be considered a SQEP, an AS(RF) **should** meet the following criteria:
- Relevant command or Flying Supervisor experience, within either:

³² Refer to RA 1026(10): Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual.

³³ Refer to RA 3264 – Aerodrome Inspections.

³⁴ Refer to CAP 382 – Occurrence Reporting Scheme.

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- (1) Air Operations at a Standard Aerodrome²²; or
 - (2) Air Operations on a HM Aircraft carrier; or
 - (3) A flying Squadron; or
 - (4) RAF Sport Association – affiliated flying school / club; or
 - (5) Be, or have been, a civilian Chief Flying Instructor at a recognized Declared Training Organization / Approved Training Organization.
- b. Completed the Aerodrome Operators Study Period prior to appointment or no later than 6 months from taking up post³⁵.

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Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Qualifications and Experience

29. The following qualifications are desirable:
- a. ► **Air** ◀ Safety Officers Course²⁵.
 - b. Aircraft Post Crash ► **and Incident** ◀ Management ► ◀ Officers Course²⁵.

**Regulation
1026(10)**

Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual

1026(10) The AS(RF)³⁶ **shall** develop and maintain an ASOEM for their AoR.

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Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual

30. The AS(RF)³⁶ **should** ensure that the ASOEM is accurate and up to date, with amendments made when changes occur²⁶.
31. The ASOEM **should** be reviewed:
- a. Prior to / following any change or new activity that may impact the SOE.
 - b. As a formal element to succession activities to ensure the incoming HoE or AS(RF) is content with their responsibilities.
 - c. At least 6 monthly.
32. The ASOEM **should** be ► ◀ available to all Aerodrome users unless considerations in the operational domain override the Air Safety function of the ASOEM.

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Material
1026(10)**

Management of an Aerodrome Safe Operating Environment Manual

33. The ASOEM Template³⁷ is recommended to be used as a 'handrail' to ensure that all elements of operating from the MOD Aerodrome are considered. Where existing documents cover the information required in the ASOEM, the information need not be duplicated and a simple reference to the source document may be inserted. The compiler may add additional categories or annexes as they see fit.

³⁵ Only applicable if arrived in post after June 2022 when AOSP was implemented, but this does not preclude an AS(RF) that falls outside this bracket from attending.

³⁶ Or a suitably nominated individual iaw RA 1010(4): Tier 2 Recreational Flying Only Head of Establishments Responsibilities para 30 or RA 1010(5): Tier 3 and Tier 4 Head of Establishment Responsibilities para 37.

³⁷ The ASOEM template is available on the MAA website as a Microsoft Word file.

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RA 1027 - Air Traffic Management Equipment Organizations - Responsibilities of Contracted Organizations

Rationale

Provision of Air Traffic Management (ATM)¹ is a mitigating factor against the operating Risk to Life² associated with military aviation and requires a variety of equipment. Inaccuracies or failures in the equipment supporting the ATM task may erode this barrier. ATM Equipment Organizations³ that are contracted by the UK MOD are required to operate under an appropriate approval scheme⁴, in order to demonstrate their competency and suitability to appropriately support the safe and efficient provision of ATM. This regulation defines the responsibilities of ATM Equipment Organizations that are contracted by the UK MOD.

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Responsibilities ►◄

1027(1) ATM Equipment Organizations that are contracted by the UK MOD **shall** be approved by the MAA and comply with the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP).

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Responsibilities ►◄

1. ATM Equipment Organizations that are contracted by the UK MOD **should** be approved Organizations in accordance with (iaw) the ATM Equipment Approved Organization Scheme (AAOS)⁵.
2. ATM Equipment Organizations that are contracted by the UK MOD and required to be part of the AAOS **should**:
 - a. Comply with the MRP to qualify for the issue and continuation of an AAOS Approval.
 - b. Operate iaw the scope of their AAOS Approval Certificate and Schedule.
 - c. Appoint an Accountable Manager (AM)⁶ who has organizational authority and accountability for all activities conducted within the scope of the Organization's ATM Equipment activities⁷.
 - d. Have in place:
 - (1) An Air Safety Management System (ASMS) iaw with RA 1200⁸.
 - (2) An effective Quality Management System (QMS) certified by a national accreditation body, with a scope appropriate to the Organization's ATM Equipment activities.
 - (3) An Occurrence Reporting and Error Management System iaw RA 1410⁹.

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Responsibilities ►◄

3. In order to meet the requirements of the AAOS, ATM Equipment Organizations may have an integrated ASMS and QMS. The MAA Manual of Air Safety contains guidance material applicable to establishing and maintaining an effective ASMS.

¹ As defined in MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

³ In-scope ATM Equipment Organizations are those Organizations that are contracted by the UK MOD to provide and/or install ATM Equipment ►◄, and/or provide technical services that support ATM Equipment.

⁴ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

⁵ Refer to RA 3100 – Air Traffic Management ►Equipment◄ Approved Organization Scheme.

⁶ Refer to RA 3102 – Air Traffic Management ►Equipment◄ Approved Organization Scheme Accountable Manager.

⁷ For the purpose of the AAOS, this is limited to those ATM Equipment activities that are contracted by the UK MOD.

⁸ Refer to RA 1200 – ►Air Safety Management.

⁹ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting ►and Management.◄

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme

Rationale

Civilian organizations are required to operate UK military registered crewed Aircraft and Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS). Without appropriate regulatory oversight of such organizations; Aircrew, groundcrew, and third parties could be exposed to unnecessary Risk. This Regulatory Article (RA) details the requirements for the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS)¹ which in turn ensures such organizations comply with the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) and are subjected to appropriate Regulatory oversight.

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- 1028(4): Contractor Flying Organization Exposition**

Regulation 1028(1)

Organization

- 1028(1) Contractor flying organizations operating crewed Aircraft or Specific S2 sub-category or Certified Category RPAS **shall** hold a CFAOS² Approval to fly or operate UK military registered Air Systems.

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Organization

1. CFAOS organizations **should**:
 - a. Operate in accordance with (iaw) the scope of their CFAOS Approval Certificate and Schedule.
 - b. Comply with the MRP to qualify for the issue and continuation of a CFAOS Approval.
 - c. Establish and maintain a system for the control of all Air Systems operated under the terms of its CFAOS Approval.
 - d. Appoint an Accountable Manager (Military Flying)³ (AM(MF)), accountable for the operating Risk to Life (RtL) of those Air Systems operated under the terms of its CFAOS Approval, and who is appropriately empowered with:
 - (1) The freedom and authority to undertake the role.
 - (2) The resources to ensure that Air Safety is not compromised.
 - e. Have in place⁴:
 - (1) An Air System Safety Case⁵ (ASSC).
 - (2) An Air Safety Management System⁶ (ASMS).
 - (3) An Operations Manual which conveys how the organization meets the requirements of the MRP.
 - (4) A Flight Safety organization⁷.

¹ The CFAOS is the Assurance mechanism underpinning the competence of Defence Contractor Flying Organizations (DCFO) that operate crewed Aircraft and Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category RPAS on the UK Military Aircraft Register. Organizations operating under the CFAOS may be referred to as CFAOS organizations.

² For Open Category and Specific S1 RPAS sub-categories, this RA does not apply. Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Remotely Piloted Air Systems).

³ Refer to RA 1028(2): Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

⁴ This list is not exhaustive.

⁵ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁶ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

⁷ Refer to RA 1400 – Flight Safety.

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- (5) An effective Quality Management System (QMS), certified by a national accreditation body, with a scope appropriate to the organization's aviation operations under its CFAOS Approval.
- (6) An Occurrence Reporting and Error Management System⁸.
- f. Ensure that:
 - (1) Operating activities are iaw the Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Categories^{9, 10} assigned by the MOD Sponsor(s)¹¹.
 - (2) Every flight is conducted iaw the provisions of the Organization's Operations Manual, and that the Operations Manual specifies as a minimum:
 - (a) The procedures and instructions for the safe operation of each Air System type operated under the terms of its CFAOS Approval, describing Aircrew, Supernumerary Crew, and Supernumerary Support Crew duties and responsibilities in flight and on the ground.
 - (b) The flight planning procedures and supporting activities to provide for safe flight based on considerations of Air System performance, other operating limitations and relevant expected conditions en route and at the Aerodromes and / or operating sites concerned.
 - (3) Personnel assigned to, or directly involved in, flight and ground operations, are appropriately qualified, trained and equipped for their duties.
 - (4) Adequate Support Services are available¹².
 - (5) When contracting or purchasing any part of its activity, the contracted or purchased service or product conforms to MRP requirements¹³.
- g. Ensure that the MAA is:
 - (1) Granted appropriate access to the organization for the purpose of determining initial and continued regulatory compliance.

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Organization

- 2. The issue and continuation of a CFAOS Approval is subject to compliance with the relevant Regulations.
- 3. Reference is frequently made to the 'Operations Manual', which would normally follow the format of the template provided (on the MAA's websites), which aligns the structure of the Operations Manual with the MRP. However, this may be fulfilled by alternative means, such as orders or instructions. Where an alternative is used, a clarifying document has to be provided which clearly demonstrates how the requirements of the MRP are met.
- 4. If an organization contracts any part of its flying activity to another organization, it must do so iaw RA 1005.

Compliance

- 5. Compliance with the MRP requires compliance with the latest issues of all applicable RAs.
- 6. Organizations will be subject to compliance Assurance activities conducted by or on behalf of the MAA. MRP compliance will be assessed by the MAA using a Risk-

⁸ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

⁹ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems; and RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

¹² Refer to RA 3049 – Defence Contractor Flying Organization responsibilities for UK Military Air System Operating Locations.

¹³ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

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based approach. Access will be required to personnel, facilities, Air Systems, documents, records, data, procedures and any other materials relevant to compliance.

7. Costs for periodic compliance Assurance activities conducted by or on behalf of MAA will not be recoverable from the MOD.

8. The MAA will withdraw CFAOS Approval from organizations that no longer meet compliance or any other stipulated requirements.

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Accountable Manager (Military Flying)

1028(2) CFAOS organizations **shall** appoint a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) to be the AM(MF), who is appropriately empowered to undertake their role, and is supported by appropriate persons.

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Accountable Manager (Military Flying)

9. AM(MF)s **should**:

- a. Be responsible and accountable for the operation of all Air Systems within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- b. Own and manage an ASSC⁶ for each Air System within their AoR that demonstrates the Air System is safe to operate and being operated safely within a clearly defined context¹⁴.
- c. Cease aviation operations if RtL are identified that are not demonstrably As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable.
- d. Challenge any actions or measures that could undermine the ASSC, and might result in the RtL in activities for which the AM(MF) is responsible no longer being ALARP and Tolerable.
- e. Actively promote, and demonstrate leadership commitment to, an Engaged Air Safety Culture (EASC)¹⁵.
- f. Establish and maintain an Operations Manual which conveys how the organization meets the requirements of the MRP.
- g. Appoint and approve post-holders to support them covering the following areas to provide them with specialist support in delivering their responsibilities¹⁶.
 - (1) Flight Operations¹⁷.
 - (2) Crew Training¹⁸.
 - (3) Ground Operations.
- h. Appoint a Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager¹⁹.
- i. Act as the organization's senior point of contact with the MAA.

10. AM(MF)s **should** ensure that:

- a. Any significant changes to their operating responsibilities or to their supporting safety system / organization that might affect the discharge of their AM(MF) responsibilities are reported immediately to the MAA²⁰.

¹⁴ That is, for a given application(s) in a given operating environment(s).

¹⁵ Refer to the MAA Manual of Air Safety (MAS).

¹⁶ This list is the minimum requirement, it is not exhaustive. AM(MF)s **should** consider the appointment of further post-holders covering other areas as relevant to the air activities and / or structure of their organizations, particularly where those areas directly impact Air Safety.

¹⁷ Where Test and Evaluation (T&E) is included in the organization's CFAOS Approval schedule the Flight Operations post-holder's responsibilities are to include T&E, unless a dedicated T&E post-holder is deemed more appropriate for the structure of the organization iaw Footnote 16. Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹⁸ To cover Aircrew and Supernumerary Crew training provided by the organization.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

²⁰ Contact via DSA-MAA-OpAssure-CFAOS-GROUP@mod.gov.uk.

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- b. All operating activity remains in the appropriate DAE Operating Category^{9, 10} assigned by the MOD Sponsor(s), and is conducted iaw the limitations as articulated in RA 1160 Annex A Table A-1.
 - c. A safe operating environment is being provided appropriate to the organization's aviation operations under its CFAOS Approval^{21, 12}.
 - d. The inputs to and effects on their ASSC(s) from Aviation Duty Holder (ADH)-Facing Organizations and AM(MF)-Facing Organizations (Internal)²² are fully supported by rational arguments and appropriate evidence, through appropriate Service Level Agreements or other mechanisms.
 - e. They liaise with and share any pertinent Air Safety information with ADHs and other AM(MF)s, particularly with operators of the same or similar Air Systems.
 - f. The following have been established and are maintained:
 - (1) An ASMS⁶ relevant to the activities undertaken by the Air System types operated under the terms of the organization's CFAOS Approval.
 - (2) A Flight Safety organization⁷.
 - (3) An effective QMS, certified by a national accreditation body, with a scope appropriate to the organization's aviation operations under its CFAOS Approval.
 - (4) An Occurrence Reporting and Error Management System⁸.
11. AM(MF) nominees **should**:
- a. Apply to the MAA for endorsement of their suitability to undertake the role of AM(MF).
 - b. Expect to attend an MAA endorsement interview, normally with the Director MAA, at which they are required to provide evidence of suitability for role.

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- 12. AM(MF)s will meet with the MAA as required to allow the MAA to examine the higher-level Safety Management of the operation.
- 13. **Air Safety.**
 - a. AM(MF)s have a personal level of Duty of Care (DofC) for:
 - (1) The personnel under their control; those who, by virtue of their temporary involvement in aviation activities, come within an AM(MF)'s AoR; and
 - (2) The wider public who may be affected by their operations.
 - b. AM(MF)s are thus accountable for the safe operation of Air Systems in their AoR and for ensuring that RtL is ALARP and Tolerable. The Air Safety AM(MF) governance model does not absolve managers at any level of their broader, enduring DofC responsibilities such as those under Common Law and the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974).
 - c. During the life cycle of an Air System, AM(MF) responsibilities apply to the following:
 - (1) First and / or second parties for whom an AM(MF) is made explicitly responsible, whether permanently or temporarily assigned, who are involved in the operation of the Air System.
 - (2) Third parties exposed to Risk as a result of operation of the Air System.

²¹ Refer to RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities.

²² Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities.

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14. **EASC.** The first line of defence in Air Safety is the establishment of an EASC as defined in the MAS. The AM(MF) has a key role to play in establishing and sustaining such a culture, and it is imperative that Accountable Managers at all levels lead by example in nurturing and developing an EASC.

15. **AM(MF) Appointment and Suitability.**

a. **Appointment.** An AM(MF) will be a Senior Manager within the organization who has formal responsibility for the delivery of safe aviation operations, and who is directly appointed at main Board level²³. The term Senior Manager will be taken to mean a manager who possesses the authority to make independent decisions on Air Safety without recourse to superiors or executives. The Senior Manager will normally sit at Board level (or equivalent divisional level) or, if reporting to a relevant Board, to have delegated authority. Where the organization wishes to nominate an alternative candidate to one at Board level the organization will be required to demonstrate that the candidate holds equivalent authority to execute Air Safety decisions. The MAA may recognize an individual as an organization's appointed AM(MF) prior to formal MAA endorsement (see also paragraph 16).

b. **Suitability.** 'Suitability' for the AM(MF) role means being able to demonstrate appropriate knowledge and understanding of the ASMS and relevant documents that prescribe Safety processes and standards. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (1) MRP.
- (2) ASSC.
- (3) ASMS.
- (4) Operating Risk.
- (5) Air Safety.
- (6) Continuing Airworthiness (CAw), including the MAA Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme and CAw Management Organization.
- (7) Roles and responsibilities of the AM(MF).
- (8) Knowledge and understanding of subordinate post-holder roles and responsibilities.

Note:

Prior to appointment as an AM(MF), attendance at the Contractor Flying Air Safety Course²⁴ will greatly assist AM(MF) candidates unfamiliar with the above topics in understanding their applicability to their specific organization and operating context.

16. **Endorsement of AM(MF) by the MAA.**

a. **Application and Submission.** In the first instance, AM(MF) nominees will apply to the MAA for endorsement using an MAA CFAOS Form 4²⁵. Thereafter, and in consultation with the MAA, supporting evidence for interview will be provided to the MAA CFAOS Branch at least 10 working days prior to interview. The organization's Contractor Flying Organization Exposition²⁶ (CFOE), ASMS and Operations Manual, which communicate how the organization intends to meet the requirements of the MRP, will provide the foundation of the AM(MF) submission. Further evidence required in the AM(MF) submission will include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Organizational structure, to allow understanding of the AM(MF)'s position within the organization, including appropriate explanation of the powers held and relational links to post-holders.

²³ Upon which the Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer or equivalent usually sit.

²⁴ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

²⁵ The MAA CFAOS Form 4 can be found on the CFAOS Approvals page of the MAA website <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/contractor-flying-approved-organization-scheme-cfaos>.

²⁶ Refer to RA 1028(4): Contractor Flying Organization Exposition.

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- (2) Explanation of the AM(MF)'s independence, including access to adequate resource, to allow enactment of MRP requirements without hindrance.
- (3) The organization's future aspirations, where applicable.
- (4) A tailored CV detailing the AM(MF)'s professional background highlighting, where applicable, any involvement with aviation operations.

b. **Endorsement Interview.** The AM(MF) endorsement interview will be led by senior MAA staff and may last up to 2 hours. The preferred location is the MAA Bristol Headquarters; however, the interview may be conducted by other means, agreed on a case-by-case basis. The interview will cover 3 broad areas²⁷:

- (1) A description of the AM(MF)'s roles and responsibilities.
- (2) A discussion regarding how the AM(MF) intends to comply with RA 1028 and the wider MRP.
- (3) A discussion of the evidence provided in the AM(MF) submission including, where applicable, the organization's performance at previous audits.

Note:

The MAA may recognize an individual as an organization's appointed AM(MF) prior to the Endorsement Interview, on receipt of the appropriate MAA CFAOS Form 4, a copy of the relevant appointment letter from the main Board, and a date agreed for transfer of accountability for operating RtL.

17. **AM(MF) Change.**

- a. Following any significant change to an AM(MF)'s responsibilities, the MAA will review the relevant AM(MF) endorsement.
- b. Arrangements for AM(MF) succession will include a formal pan-Defence Line of Development review of the ASSC.

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Application and Approval

1028(3) CFAOS Organizations **shall** be approved by the MAA.

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Application and Approval

Application

- 18. Organizations operating UK military registered crewed Aircraft or Specific S2 sub-category or Certified Category RPAS in the Civilian Operated (Development), Civilian Operated (In-Service) and Special Case Flying DAE Operating Categories **should** be approved under the CFAOS by the MAA.
- 19. To be considered for approval under the CFAOS an organization **should**:
 - a. Have the endorsement of an appropriate MOD Sponsor at 2* level or above²⁸.
 - b. Demonstrate that Approval is in either:
 - (1) The UK MOD Interest; or
 - (2) Satisfies a wider National interest.
- 20. Applications for CFAOS Approval **should** be:
 - a. Made using MAA CFAOS Form 2, hosted on the MAA's websites.

²⁷ A more detailed list of potential discussion topics will be provided by the MAA CFAOS Branch prior to interview.

²⁸ Note that an MOD Sponsor **should** be listed for each Air System type / mark, specified for each respective DAE Operating Category the Air Systems are to be operated within.

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- b. Supported by a CFOE, an Operations Manual and any other applicable documents.

Approval

21. A CFAOS Approval **should** be issued for an unlimited duration and remain valid subject to:

- a. The organization remaining in compliance with the MRP.
- b. The MAA being granted access to the organization to determine continued compliance with the MRP.
- c. The Approval Certificate not being surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- d. Continued endorsement of UK MOD Interest and / or National interest.

22. Revoked or surrendered CFAOS Approval Certificates **should** be returned to the MAA.

Approval Changes

23. Following award of CFAOS Approval, organizations **should**, at the earliest opportunity:

- a. Consult with the MAA on any issue that might affect their CFAOS Approval.
- b. Notify the MAA of any factors likely to affect or influence the extant Approval such as:
 - (1) Changes in scope of its CFAOS Approval Certificate or Schedule.
 - (2) The applicability / pertinence of the assigned DAE Operating Categories, as assigned by the MOD Sponsor(s).
 - (3) Changes to key CFAOS personnel²⁹.
 - (4) Changes of any elements of its management system.
- c. Ensure that:
 - (1) Any uplifts³⁰ or significant changes / variations to the Approval are:
 - (a) Formally applied for; and
 - (b) Only implemented on receipt of an appropriately amended CFAOS Approval Schedule, endorsed by the MAA.
 - (2) Any reductions³¹ are formally notified to the MAA at the earliest opportunity.
 - (3) Formal uplift / reduction applications and notifications are supported by:
 - (a) Documentation³² detailing the proposed changes.
 - (b) An updated³³ CFOE and / or Operations Manual.
- d. Consult with the MAA CFAOS Branch where doubt exists as to whether a scope change is an uplift, reduction or otherwise.

²⁹ Principally the AM(MF), post-holders, Safety Manager, Quality Manager.

³⁰ Such as: addition of Air System type / change of Mark, change in DAE Operating Category / Categories, or the addition of further aviation activities.

³¹ Such as removal of Air System type.

³² For uplift the documentation required needs to be analogous to that required to support an initial application for that activity.

³³ Changes / updates from previous versions need to be immediately apparent and clearly marked using methods such as: track change notation; highlighting; sidebars.

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Application and Approval

Application

24. Organizations seeking new approvals need to be aware that the timeline from application to approval typically takes at least 18 months. Early dialogue with the MAA is encouraged; however, organizations need to note that formal engagement cannot be initiated until an MAA CFAOS Form 2, endorsed by the relevant MOD Sponsor, is in place.

25. CFAOS applications may be phased (ie initial applications may be made via the MAA CFAOS Form 2 (endorsed by the relevant MOD Sponsor)), but with the CFOE and other documents being submitted at a later date.

26. Further guidance for CFAOS application may be found on the MAA websites.

27. While determination as to whether an application is justified in the National interest is a matter for the MOD Sponsor, the MAA interprets National interest in general terms to mean where the activity brings or realises benefit to the interests of either UK Government or UK Trade and Industry.

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28. When it is considered that there is a case for an organization to be included in the CFAOS, a detailed appraisal will be carried out by the MAA. The appraisal will seek to establish long-term confidence in the organization's flight operations personnel and in the company structure relevant to the operations concerned. The organization will be audited via documentary and on-site inspections which will specifically scrutinize⁴:

- a. Scope of activity.
- b. Supporting company structure and facilities.
- c. Suitability, qualifications and experience of the relevant staff.
- d. Compliance with the MRP.
- e. The organization's processes, orders and instructions.

29. **CFAOS Approval Certificate.** When evidence presented by the organization demonstrates that it satisfies the MAA requirements, a CFAOS Approval Certificate will be issued listing:

- a. A unique identifying reference.
- b. The approved organization, including the operating and trading name if different.
- c. The organization's principal place-of-business address.
- d. The issue date (and date of revision if required).
- e. The title, name and signature of the MAA approving officer.

30. **CFAOS Schedule.** A CFAOS Schedule defining the scope of activity allowable within the CFAOS Approval will be issued listing:

- a. The Air System types and marks for which operation is approved.
- b. The DAE Operating Categories for which operation is approved.
- c. The aviation activities for which operation is approved.
- d. Any applicable special limitations (eg Visual Flight Rules-only, day-only, etc).
- e. The applicable CFOE reference, including Issue number and date.
- f. Name and details of the AM(MF).
- g. The title, name and signature of the MAA approving officer.

31. Both the CFAOS Approval Certificate and CFAOS Schedule will be in place prior to an organization operating under the CFAOS.

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32. A CFAOS Approval may be made dormant³⁴ by the MAA as an alternative to formal suspension or withdrawal. Making an Approval dormant prohibits an organization from operating Air Systems for a temporary period and may be used in cases where an organization's operating activities are temporarily undefined or undergoing an as yet undetermined change (for example, where a contract expires or amendment is being negotiated).

33. A list of organizations who have been granted approval under the CFAOS is published on the MAA website.

Approval Changes

34. As a minimum, the MAA needs to be notified of any changes to:

- a. Name and details of the AM(MF).
- b. Names and details of post-holders, the Safety Manager or the Quality Manager.
- c. Air System types and marks to be operated.
- d. The DAE Operating Category / Categories, T&E categories³⁵, RPAS Categories³⁶ and any other aviation activities to be conducted.
- e. Ownership of the organization.
- f. The organization's official name, business name, address and / or mailing address.

35. Application to the MAA for a CFAOS Approval change does not constitute approval to operate to the proposed change.

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Contractor Flying Organization Exposition

1028(4) AM(MF)s **shall** submit a CFOE to the MAA.

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Contractor Flying Organization Exposition

36. AM(MF)s **should** ensure:

- a. Their CFOE is current and up-to-date.
- b. The MAA is provided with an electronic copy of the current and AM(MF) endorsed CFOE.

37. The CFOE **should**:

- a. Cover the following subject headings:
 - (1) Management.
 - (2) Safety Management.
 - (3) Quality Management.
 - (4) Procedures.
 - (5) Personnel and Training.
 - (6) Security Management.
- b. As a minimum contain the following:
 - (1) For the AM(MF):
 - (a) A description of AM(MF) functions and responsibilities.
 - (b) The qualifications, competencies, skill sets and experience required for appointment.

³⁴ Refer to MAA01 – MAA Regulatory Principles.

³⁵ For applicable T&E terms, refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

³⁶ Refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

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- (c) Any deputizing responsibilities and arrangements (noting that Rtl accountability cannot be transferred).
 - (d) The competencies, qualifications, skill sets and experience held by the specific individual appointed as AM(MF).
- (2) A statement signed by the AM(MF) confirming that the CFOE and any referenced documents define the organization's compliance with the MRP, and **should** be complied with at all times.
 - (3) The official name and business name, address and mailing address of the applicant.
 - (4) The name of the MOD Sponsor(s), listed for each Air System type / mark, specified against each respective DAE Operating Category the Air Systems are to be operated within.
 - (5) The scope of the organization including: the DAE Operating Category / Categories, Air System types and marks; T&E categories³⁵; RPAS Categories; other aviation activities; and, details of routine operating bases and requirements to undertake temporary detached operations.
 - (6) A description of the organization scale including: numbers of Aircrew, Supernumerary Crew and other personnel associated with the task; numbers of Air Systems; and expected flying rate.
 - (7) A statement of the operating environments expected to be included in the task, such as: embarked; night-vision / electro-optical; formation; unprepared strips; low level; ordnance, munitions and explosives.
 - (8) A statement of which MRP RAs are deemed applicable and the method of compliance³⁷.
 - (9) For post-holders:
 - (a) A description of the functions and responsibilities (Terms of Reference) for each post-holder role.
 - (b) The qualifications, competencies, skill sets and experience required for each post-holder role.
 - (c) Any deputizing responsibilities and arrangements.
 - (d) The names, competencies, qualifications, skill sets and experience held by the specific individuals appointed as post-holders.
 - (10) An organizational chart showing chains and lines of responsibility pertaining to operations under the CFAOS.
 - (11) The names of the Safety Manager and Quality Manager.
 - (12) The organization's Safety and Quality Management Systems and associated policy³⁸ pertaining to operations under the CFAOS.
 - (13) Evidence of experience in flying operations including, where applicable, activities such as training and T&E activities.
 - (14) Evidence of familiarity with UK MOD procedures applicable to the aviation activity to be conducted.
 - (15) The security procedures to be applied to ensure the Safety and Integrity of the Air System is not compromised.
 - (16) Evidence of a QMS certified by a national accreditation body, and that the QMS has an appropriate scope for the aviation activity to be conducted.

³⁷ This may be held in a separate document, referenced from the CFOE.

³⁸ Referencing out to other management systems, documents or processes is acceptable.

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(17) A list of contracted and subcontracted organizations where applicable.

(18) A procedure describing how changes³⁹ not requiring prior MAA approval are managed and notified to the MAA. Where doubt exists the MAA CFAOS Branch **should** be consulted as to whether a change requires prior MAA approval or otherwise.

(19) A CFOE amendment procedure.

(20) A statement that all documentation sent to the MAA has been verified by the applicant and found in compliance with the applicable requirements.

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38. A CFOE is the document, or documents, that contain the material specifying the scope of activity deemed to constitute CFAOS Approval and showing how the organization intends to comply with the MRP.

39. Templates for the CFOE and Operations Manual are on the MAA websites.

Post-Holders

40. AM(MF)s may be post-holders, provided it can be clearly demonstrated that such appointments do not conflict with either their AM(MF) or post-holder responsibilities.

41. Individuals (including the AM(MF)) may be multiple post-holders; ie they may be appointed to more than one post-holder role.

42. Organizations may use any alternative titles for post-holders but will clarify the titles and responsibilities in the CFOE.

43. As a minimum post-holder responsibilities will include:

- a. Flight operations post-holder as responsible for ensuring that all flying operations are in compliance with the MRP.
- b. Crew training post-holder as responsible for ensuring that all Aircrew training provided by the organization is in compliance with the MRP.
- c. Ground operations post-holder as responsible for ensuring that all ground operations conducted are in compliance with the MRP.
- d. That all post-holders will possess and be able to demonstrate the relevant knowledge, background and experience applicable to their post-holder role, and hold an appropriately detailed knowledge of the MRP.

³⁹ Such as grammatical and typographical errors where the meaning of the wording remains unchanged.

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RA 1029 – Ship Air-Release - Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

► *Embarked aviation involves integrating two complex and independently managed systems - Ship¹ and Air System - each governed by separate Duty Holder (DH) constructs. Effective coordination and clearly defined Responsibilities are essential to ensure safe operations when Aircraft operate from His Majesty's (HM) or MOD ships. Without clearly defined roles and mutual understanding between stakeholders, there is a Risk of misaligned Responsibilities, gaps in Safety Assurance, and unmanaged Risks arising from the integration of Ship and Air Systems - potentially leading to increased Risk to Life (RtL). This RA defines the roles, Responsibilities, and interfaces required for Ship Air-Release (SA-Release), ensuring that all stakeholders engage collaboratively and understand their obligations. This structured engagement supports the safe conduct of embarked aviation by maintaining clear ownership of Risks and ensuring ongoing Assurance of integrated operations. ◀*

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Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) and Ship Duty Holder / Accountable Person ►◀

1029(1) For Ship / Air System combinations conducting embarked aviation in HM / MOD Ships, Aviation DH (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) and Ship DH / Accountable Person (AP) **shall** identify and establish ownership for the RtL associated with the integration of their respective platforms.

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Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) and Ship Duty Holder / Accountable Person ►◀

1. For Ship / Air System combinations conducting embarked aviation activity in HM / MOD Ships, Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that:

- a. The Safety Cases for the Ship and Air System demonstrate that the platforms can be safely operated together for the proposed embarked aviation activities.
- b. The RtL posed by the integration of the Ship and the Air System have been identified and their ownership determined and documented through engagement in accordance with (iaw) the requirements of RA 1029(6).
- c. Any equipment Hazards within Ship Aviation Safety and Environmental Report or Ship / Air System Type Airworthiness Safety Assessments which are mitigated by Defence Lines of Development (DLoD) for which the Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) are responsible, have been formally acknowledged by them

¹ ► As defined in the DSA03-DMR-Shipping Regulatory Terms and definitions for DSA02-DMR Defence Maritime Regulations. ◀

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to the Ship Platform Authority (PA)² and the Air System Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)³.

d. Any change to the Ship / Air System intended usage which might require an amendment to the SA-Release **should** be communicated to the Ship PA, TAA³ and Royal Navy Release To Service Authority (RN RTSA) at the earliest opportunity.

2. The development and use of SA-Releases and / or clearances achieved through Operational or MPP-02⁴ routes, **should** comply with the orders set out in BRd 766⁵. Navy Command Headquarters Naval Aviation Division (NCHQ NAVn) as the embarked aviation Subject Matter Expert, **should** be a participant in routine SA-Releases but in the case of ►expeditious◄ releases, where processes might be shortened, DHs need to continue to ensure NCHQ NAVn engagement.

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3. This Regulation is complementary to RA 1395⁶, the Ship DH / AP Responsibilities set out in DSA02-DMR Regulations², and the ADH / AM(MF) Responsibilities in RA 1020⁷, ►RA 1028⁸◄ and RA 1205⁹.

4. For embarked aviation activity in HM / MOD Ships the ADH / AM(MF), as a 'Ship-Facing ADH / AM(MF)', will assess the RtL posed to the Ship by their Air System and communicate these to the Ship DH / AP Chain. Likewise, the Ship DH / AP will communicate RtL posed to the Air System by the Ship, noting that the Ship's Commanding Officer (CO) and Delivery DH are responsible for approving aviation activity from their Ship and, as an Aerodrome Operator iaw RA 1026¹⁰, is also ADH / AM(MF)-Facing to ensure that the Ship remains a safe environment in which the Air System can operate.

5. The Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) constructs are 'DH / Accountable Manager (AM)-Facing' to each other and are required to be cognisant of additional implications of conducting embarked aviation operations in the maritime environment to their respective Safety Management Systems.

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Ship Platform Authority ►◄

1029(2) The Ship PA for aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **shall** be responsible for ensuring for all that the Equipment Contribution supports a safe aviation capability by providing Safety and environmental protection Assurance of the design, system and equipment integration and through-life support.

² Refer to DSA02-DMR – Defence Maritime Regulations for Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Introduction and Goal.

³ Where the Air System is ►not UK◄ MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed split of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁴ For crewed aviation, refer to MPP-02: Volume I – Helicopter Operations from Ships Other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC); Volume II – Multinational Through-Deck and Aircraft Carrier Crossdeck Operations (MTACCOPS).

⁵ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders.

⁶ Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships.

⁷ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.

⁸ Refer to ►RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.◄

⁹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

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6. Ship PAs in their ADH / AM(MF)-Facing capacity¹¹ **should**:
 - a. Hold a Letter of Air Safety Notification¹².
 - b. Ensure that adequate resource, including sufficient Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) with appropriate Air Safety training ▶◀^{13, 14}, is apportioned to fulfil Air Safety related Responsibilities.
 - c. Ensure that the aviation arrangements in all aviation capable Ships for which they are responsible conform to the following requirements through-life:
 - (1) ▶ **Both new and legacy platforms, ensure conformance with** ◀ the design requirements specified in Defence Standard (Def Stan) 00-133¹⁵ ▶◀.
 - (a) ▶ **New aviation capable Ships - those approved pre-Full Business Case on or after 31 May 2014, should fully comply with Def Stan 00-133.**
 - (b) **Legacy aviation capable Ships - those modified after 31 May 2014 are exempt from Def Stan 00-133 Parts 2 and 3, unless those systems are modified, but should meet the requirements of Parts 0, 1, and 4.**
 - (c) **Where the platform's Out of Service Date is extended, the Ship PA should conduct a gap analysis against Def Stan 00-133. Any areas of non-compliance should be addressed through Modification or by submitting a formal Waiver / Exemption request to the Military Aviation Authority (MAA)¹⁶. ◀**
 - (2) All equipment Risk is reduced ▶ to ◀ As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)², culminating in the issue of Naval Authority Certification¹⁷.
 - (3) The design, construction, Modification and Maintenance of aviation arrangements in their Ships are conducted by organizations with appropriate expertise and experience.
7. Ship PAs **should** obtain a Certificate of Safety Aviation (CS-A) or MOD Ship Safety Certificate (Aviation) (MSSC(Aviation)) through demonstration of equipment Safety of their platform to support aviation iaw DSA03-DMR ▶¹⁸ ◀.
8. To support the production of a SA-Release Recommendation, Ship PAs **should** provide evidence to demonstrate the suitability of their platform (Equipment DLoD) for embarking aviation as defined in BRd 766⁵.
9. The Ship PA **should** inform the Ship DH / AP, ADH / AM(MF), TAA, and the RN RTSA, of Modifications to the Ship or changes to the Ship's intended usage which might require the SA-Release to be amended.
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11. The Ship PA or delegated Air Safety representative(s) will have completed relevant and recognized Air Safety training ▶◀^{13, 14} and will demonstrate awareness of:
 - a. MAA Regulatory Publications.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities.

¹² Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

¹³ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

¹⁴ Refer to BRd 767 – Naval Aviation Orders.

¹⁵ Refer to Defence Standard 00-133 – Aviation Arrangements in Surface Ships.

¹⁶ ▶ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes. ◀

¹⁷ <http://www.bmtdsl.rmil.uk/NAS/Default.aspx>. As per DSA.03-DMR, the Naval Authority and Technology Group issue the Naval Authority Certification on behalf of the DMR as a Duly Authorized Organization.

¹⁸ ▶ Refer to DSA03-DMR – Naval Authority Rules for Certification of MOD Shipping. ◀

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- b. Aspects of Air System design which have an interface with the subject Ship.
- 12. The Ship PA will jointly establish, with the TAA, formal Equipment DLoD Working Groups (WG). Demarcation of Equipment DLoD Responsibilities will be defined through provision of a joint Ship / Air System Interface Control Document (ICD).
- 13. ► DSA02-DMR, Regulation 208¹⁹ must be read in conjunction with this Regulation. ◀
- 14. BRd 766⁵ provides more detailed processes to be followed in the generation of SA-Releases.

Regulation 1029(3)

Air System Type Airworthiness ► ◀

- 1029(3) For Air Systems required to conduct embarked aviation in HM / MOD Ships, the TAA **shall** be responsible for providing equipment which is safe and suitable to conduct such aviation activities.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1029(3)

Air System Type Airworthiness ► ◀

15. Dependant upon the Sponsor's²⁰ agreed model for TAw management and the split of Responsibilities, the TAA^{3, 21} in their Ship DH-Facing / AP-Facing capacity **should**:
- a. Ensure that adequate resource, including sufficient SQEP with appropriate ► ◀ training¹³ ◀, is apportioned to fulfil roles which support the SA-Release process.
 - b. Through their delegated Airworthiness and Air Safety chains, ensure that the Air Systems for which they are responsible conform to the following requirements through-life:
 - (1) The TAw of the Air System is considered safe and suitable for the proposed embarked aviation activities at sea.
 - (2) All Air System equipment Risks associated with embarked aviation operations in HM / MOD Ships are reduced ► to ◀ ALARP.
16. To support the production of a SA-Release Recommendation for their Air System, the TAA **should** provide evidence to demonstrate the suitability of their platform (Equipment DLoD) for embarked aviation at sea as defined in BRd 766⁵.
17. The TAA **should** inform the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF) and the RN RTSA, of Modifications to the Air System or to its intended usage which might require the SA-Release to be amended.

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Air System Type Airworthiness ► ◀

18. The TAA or delegated representative(s) ► ◀ will demonstrate awareness of:
- a. ► DSA02-DMR².
 - b. DSA03-DMR¹⁸.
 - c. RA 1395⁶.
 - d. Embarked Aviation Order (EAO) 1029²².
 - e. EAO 1395²³. ◀

¹⁹ ► Refer to DSA02-DMR: Defence Maritime Regulations – Regulation 208: Platform Authorities. ◀

²⁰ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

²¹ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities.

²² ► Refer to BRd 766 – EAO 1029 – Roles and Responsibilities: Ship Air-Release – Stakeholder Roles Responsibilities and Deliverables.

²³ Refer to BRd 766 – EAO 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in HM / MOD Ships. ◀

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f. Aspects of Ships' aviation arrangements design which have an interface with the subject Air System.

19. The TAA will jointly establish, with the Ship PA formal Equipment DLoD WG. Demarcation of Equipment DLoD Responsibilities will be defined through provision of a joint Ship / Air System ICD.

20. BRd 766⁵ provides more detailed processes to be followed in the generation of SA-Releases.

**Regulation
1029(4)**

Foreign Air System Sponsor ▶◀

1029(4) A SA-Release **shall** be required for planned embarkations or enduring operations of Air Systems in HM / MOD Ships. An appropriate Foreign Air System²⁴ Sponsor (FASS) **shall** be nominated to liaise with the relevant Foreign Air System operating authority⁶.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1029(4)**

Foreign Air System Sponsor ▶◀

21. The FASS **should** be a nominated individual, with appropriate knowledge of Air System and Ship Duty Holding and RtL management principles.

22. RA 1029, RA 1395⁶◀, EAO 1029²², and EAO 1395²³ **should** be followed, however the amount of Assurance required **should** be proportional to the length and complexity of the embarkation.

23. The FASS **should** satisfy themselves, across all DLoDs, that the Foreign Air System is safe to operate from the Ship (the Foreign Air System operating authority is not required to sign the SA-Release documentation).

24. The FASS does not own the Safety Case or RtL for the Air System however, they **should** be responsible for:

a. Assuring the RN RTSA that there has been a full exchange of pertinent Ship-Air Integration (SAI) Hazards and, when residual Risks exist with the Air System, the Foreign Air System operating authority acknowledge and endorses them appropriately.

b. Providing sufficient information on Air System integration Hazards, operating limitations and procedures, to ensure that the Ship DH can fulfil their responsibility iaw RA 1029(1).

c. Providing the Foreign Air System operating authority with information on Ship design factors and operating procedures. As a minimum this **should** include the Ship chapter of the BRd 766⁵ and the extant CS-A ▶or◀ MSSC(Aviation) as detailed on the Naval Authority System.

d. Acting as the Ship DH-Facing Organization / Ship AP-Facing Organization, to assure the RN RTSA Ship DH / AP that the Foreign Air System operating authority is a Competent organization capable of safely operating from the Ship, within the scope of the defined aviation activities.

25. The FASS **should** gather enough evidence to make the following top level claim:

'The Foreign Air System operating authority has assured me that the embarking organization is safe and Competent to operate from the Ship, having understood all SAI Hazards, operating limitations and procedures.'

26. For Air Systems with ▶MPP-02⁴◀ clearances, exchanges of pertinent SAI Hazards and information can be assumed to have taken place. Air Systems with equipment or capabilities not considered by ▶MPP-02⁴◀, or intend to operate outside the ▶MPP-02⁴◀ envelope, **should** be specifically analyzed.

²⁴ The term "Foreign Air System" applies to civilian registered Air Systems and non-UK military registered Air Systems.

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Foreign Air System Sponsor ►◄

27. The FASS may be assisted by a UK Technical Advisor, such as a Delivery Team serving similar Air System types, or with established links to the foreign Aircraft Engineering Authority. These duties will need to be clearly defined and appropriately resourced.

28. When providing the Foreign Air System operating authority with Ship design factors and operating procedures, consideration may also be given to Electro-Magnetic Compatibility (EMC), motion limits, airwake modelling and the relevant Ship Aviation Safety Case Report.

29. At the discretion of the FASS; a flight clearance issued by the US military Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Airworthiness & Cybersafe Office (►NAVAIR ACO◄ - previously known as NAVAIR 4.0P), may be used as part of the minimum requirement to provide Assurance to the Ship DH / AP, providing a MAA Recognition²⁵ of NACO is extant and its scope includes use of the NACO Flight Release outputs. Defining the total minimum requirement for Assurance remains the Responsibility of FASS.

Regulation 1029(5)

Royal Navy Release To Service Authority ►◄

1029(5) The RN RTSA **shall** authorize, issue, and maintain the through-life integrity of the SA-Release, on behalf of Senior DHs (SDH), and AM(MF), for their respective Ship / Air System combinations.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1029(5)

Royal Navy Release To Service Authority ►◄

30. The RN RTSA **should**:

- a. Authorize and issue an initial SA-Release and subsequent SA-Release amendments.
- b. Provide independent Assurance that all relevant Equipment DLoD related RtL apparent at the point of SA-Release issue and subsequent amendments have been identified and addressed by the appropriate Ship DH / AP or ADH / AM(MF).
- c. Provide independent Assurance that all other DLoDs are at an appropriate level of maturity such that their effects upon the Equipment DLoD can be verified, both prior to initial issue of a SA-Release and subsequently when there are Modifications (see paragraphs 9 and 17) to the Ship, Air System or their intended usage which affect the issued SA-Release.
- d. Include within their Air Safety Management System, procedures that describe how changes to the SA-Release **should** be managed.
- e. Be engaged with the Ship DH's / AP's and ADH's / AM(MF)'s respective Ship and Air System Safety Case governance structure and provide Assurance to the SDH that the integrity of the SA-Release is maintained.

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Royal Navy Release To Service Authority ►◄

31. The RN RTSA acts as the SA-Release issuing authority on behalf of the SDH.

32. Delegation of any aspect of Responsibility to a Delegated Release To Service Authority must be conducted iaw RA 1021²⁶.

33. The RN RTSA will be responsible for the upkeep of the SA-Release documentation which may be amended to reflect any changes to the design, the operation of, or the conditions in which the Ship / Air System combination are used. The Responsibility for considering the possible effect of these changes on the Ship

²⁵ ►UK MAA Recognition Report of the United States Department of Navy Naval Air Systems Command Air-worthiness & CYBERSAFE Office (NAVAIR ACO), dated 28 September 2022. ◄

²⁶ Refer to RA 1021 – Release To Service Authorities - Roles and Responsibilities.

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and Air System Safety Assessments, and subsequent Safety Cases, remains with the appropriate Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), or TAA.

34. Engagement with Safety Case governance structures will include Assurance that an embarked aviation requirement is adequately articulated within the Ship DH's / AP's Command Safety & Environmental Summary² and the ADH's / AM(MF)'s Safety Statement respectively.

**Regulation
1029(6)**

Ship Air-Release - Stakeholder Engagement

1029(6) Engagement between the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), TAA and other required stakeholders **shall** be formally established, managed effectively and documented.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1029(6)**

Ship Air-Release - Stakeholder Engagement

35. The Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), TAA and other stakeholders who provide an input to the production of a SA-Release **should** engage throughout the SA-Release process to ensure that pan-DLoD factors which affect the safety of integrating the Ship / Air System combination are managed with Responsibility for RtL established and owned by the appropriate DH / AM(MF). The following **should** be considered the minimum:

- a. Ship Air-Release Steering Group (SA-Release Steering Group)²⁷.
- b. Ship-Air WG (S-AWG)²⁸.
- c. Ship-Air Equipment WG (►S-AEWG◄)²⁹.

36. This engagement **should** be formally directed by the respective ADH / AM(MF) and Ship DH / AP and detailed within their respective Safety Management Systems. Routine management of this engagement **should** be conducted by the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), and TAA.

37. Where Responsibility for Ship-Air engagement is delegated to an appropriate empowered representative, the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), or TAA **should** ensure that the delegated representative is SQEP.

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Ship Air-Release - Stakeholder Engagement

38. Engagement between the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), TAA, NCHQ NAVn, the RN RTSA and other organizations involved in the SA-Release process is essential in ensuring the safe integration of an Air System and Ship. This engagement will commence as early as practicable once the embarked aviation requirement has been established. With the exception of the following minimum requirements, the scale of stakeholder engagement may be tailored to meet the complexity of the subject Ship / Air System.

SA-Release Steering Group

39. The function of the SA-Release Steering Group will determine the priority for the SA-Release effort, thereby directing the formation of the Ship-Air WG. Further details on the SA-Release Steering Group can be found in BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)A.

►S-AWG◄

40. The function of a ►S-AWG◄ will provide a means by which both Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) chains have the opportunity to manage Safety related Ship-Air issues. The ►S-AWG◄ will direct the formation of ►S-AEWGs◄, thus informing SA-Release recommendation effort. Further details ►◄ can be found in BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)B.

²⁷ Refer to BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)A.

²⁸ Refer to BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)B.

²⁹ Refer to BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)D.

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► S-AEWG ◀

41. This is a subordinate forum to the ► S-AWG ◀ which considers the integration of a particular Ship Class and Air System across the Equipment DLoD only. ► The S-AEWG ◀ is likely to deliver the majority of evidence necessary to generate the Equipment DLoD focussed SA-Release recommendation. Further details ► ◀ can be found in BRd 766 Annex 1029(5)D.

Regulation 1029(7)

► Uncrewed ◀ Air System Trial Sponsor ► ◀

1029(7) An appropriate ► Uncrewed ◀ Air Systems (► UAS ◀) Trial Sponsor (► UASTS ◀) **shall** be nominated to coordinate the SA-Release activity for trial activity of ► UAS ◀ in HM / MOD Ships⁶.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1029(7)

► Uncrewed ◀ Air System Trial Sponsor ► ◀

42. For Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category ► UAS ◀, the ► UASTS ◀ **should** be the ► UAS ◀ Responsible Officer / ► UAS ◀ AM. For Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category ► UAS ◀, the ► UASTS ◀ **should** be the ADH / AM(MF).

43. RA 1029, RA 1395⁶, EAO 1029²² and EAO 1395²³ **should** be followed, however the amount of Assurance required **should** be proportional to the length, complexity and level of Risk of the trial.

44. The ► UASTS ◀ **should** satisfy themselves, across all required DLoDs, that the organization operating the ► UAS ◀ is safe to operate from the Ship.

45. For non-TAA supported ► UAS ◀³⁰, the ► UASTS ◀ **should** ensure the organization operating the ► UAS ◀ provides evidence, to the RN RTSA, to demonstrate the suitability of their ► UAS ◀ (Equipment DLoD) for embarked aviation at sea as defined in BRd 766⁵.

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► Uncrewed ◀ Air System Trial Sponsor ► ◀

46. The ► UASTS ◀ may be assisted by a Test and Evaluation (T&E) unit. These duties will need to be clearly defined and appropriately resourced.

³⁰ Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category ► UAS ◀ do not require a TAA, whereas Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category ► UAS ◀ require a TAA. Refer to the RA 1600 Series.

RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management

Rationale

The completeness and accuracy of Defence aeronautical data (AD)¹ and aeronautical information (AI)² is integral to the safe and expeditious conduct of aviation activity in the Defence Air Environment (DAE) and to a wide range of aviation end users³. Missing, out-of-date, or unreliable AD or AI could introduce Hazards, resulting in an increased Risk to Life (RtL) ► and therefore; the Defence Aeronautical Information Authority (DAIA) are ◀ responsible for ► the oversight and Assurance of Defence Aeronautical Information Management ◀ to ensure Aviation RtL is minimized.

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1030(1)

Defence Aeronautical Information Authority

1030(1) ► Air Officer Commanding (AOC) 2 Group **shall** ensure that the DAIA effectively manage and assure Defence Aeronautical Information Service Providers (AISPs) and Authorized Sources⁴. ◀

Acceptable Means of Compliance

1030(1)

Defence Aeronautical Information Authority

1. ► AOC 2 Gp **should** issue Head Defence Airspace and Air Traffic Management (DAATM) with a Letter of Authority detailing the responsibilities of DAATM in its capacity as the DAIA. ◀
2. The DAIA **should**:
 - a. Develop and maintain ► ◀ aeronautical information policy and processes, which define the form, content and data quality standards of ► Defence ◀ aeronautical data ► and aeronautical ◀ information ► produced by Defence. ◀
 - b. Nominate Defence AISPs to ensure that an effective Aeronautical Information Service (AIS) is provided to the DAE.
 - c. ► Nominate and maintain a register of Authorized Sources of AD and AI to the Defence AISP. ◀
 - d. ► ◀ Conduct ► ◀ Assurance of ► Authorized Sources and the Defence AISPs. ◀
 - e. Interface with the UK Civil Aviation Authority, ► and other civil authorities as appropriate, ◀ to provide Assurance of Defence aeronautical information data quality standards.

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3. ► Defence aeronautical information policy is published in Joint Service Publication (JSP) 495⁵. ◀

¹ A representation of aeronautical facts, concepts or instructions in a formalized manner suitable for communication, interpretation or processing.

² Information resulting from the assembly, analysis and formatting of aeronautical data.

³ Not solely Air System operators but other aviation-related functions.

⁴ ► An individual representing an organization (eg Aerodrome) nominated by the DAIA as being Accountable for providing and assuring specific AD and AI for publication.

⁵ Refer to JSP 495 – Defence Aeronautical Information Policy. ◀

Regulation 1030(2)

Aeronautical Information Service Provider

1030(2) ► A Defence ◀ AISP shall ensure that ► Defence ◀ AD and AI ► is managed, produced and assured to a standard in accordance with (iaw) JSP 495⁶. ◀

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1030(2)

Aeronautical Information Service Provider

4. An AISP should:
 - a. Deliver an AIS that is appropriately tasked, prioritized and ► resourced. ◀
 - b. ► Establish processes to ensure the timely collection, processing, storing, integration, exchange, publication and distribution of ◀ AD and AI concerning the ► scope of AIS provision ◀ for which they are responsible ► ◀.
 - c. Liaise with other national AI providers ► as required to ensure the accuracy of AI in the Defence AIS. ◀
 - d. ► ◀
 - e. Provide end to end Assurance of the AD and AI it processes to assure the integrity of data from the point of receipt or origination, through publication to the point of delivery to the ► next intended ◀ user.
 - f. Contract services which are otherwise unavailable through the MOD following the process laid out in RA 1005⁷.
5. The AD and AI should be in a form suitable for ► the operational requirements⁶ of the DAE. ◀

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Aeronautical Information Service Provider

6. ► ◀ The following publications ► may be referred ◀ to ► for ◀ additional information on the standards and practices ► that AISPs can employ: ◀
 - a. International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 15 – Aeronautical Information Services.
 - b. ICAO Doc 8168 Procedures for Air Navigation Services.
 - c. ICAO Doc 10066 Aeronautical Information Management.
 - d. ► ◀.
 - e. Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 232: Aerodrome Survey Information.
 - f. CAP 785: Approvals Requirements for Instrument Flight Procedures for use in UK Airspace Description.
 - g. CAP 779: Regulation of Aeronautical Information Services.
 - h. CAP 1054: Aeronautical Information Management.
 - i. CAP 1616: Airspace Change Process Guidance Document.
 - j. CAP 1732: Aerodrome Survey Guidance.
 - k. DefStan 00-102: Policy of the Application of Geospatial Information Standards.
 - l. ► DefStan 00-103: PART 01.
 - m. ED-76A - Standards for processing aeronautical Data. ◀

⁶ ► Refer to JSP 465 Part 2 Vol 1 Section 7 – Management of Aeronautical Geospatial Requirements and Provision of Aeronautical Information Support to Defence. ◀

⁷ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

**Regulation
1030(3)**

► Authorized Sources of Defence Aeronautical Data and Aeronautical Information ◀

1030(3) ► Authorized Sources⁵ nominated by ◀ the DAIA **shall** provide ► assured information to a Defence AISP. ◀

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Compliance
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► Authorized Sources of Defence Aeronautical Data and Aeronautical Information ◀

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8. ► Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations, ◀ Heads of Establishment, Aerodrome Operators ► and Aerodrome Supervisors (Recreational Flying) ◀ **should** provide assured AD and AI to an AISP iaw ► JSP 495⁵. ◀

9. ► Authorized Sources and ◀ providers of ► Defence ◀ AD and AI **should** ► have a Quality Management System established to ◀ ensure that the appropriate Assurance checks ► are ◀ completed ► prior to submitting ◀ to an AISP.

10. ► ◀

11. ► ◀

12. The following data quality specifications **should** be considered as a minimum:

- a. Data accuracy.
- b. Data completeness.
- c. Data format.
- d. Data integrity.
- e. Data resolution.
- f. Data timeliness.
- g. Data traceability.

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► Authorized Sources of Defence Aeronautical Data and Aeronautical Information ◀

13. ► Nil. ◀

14. ► ◀

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RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (►small◄ Uncrewed Air Systems)

Rationale

Civilian organizations are required to operate UK military registered Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) in the Open Category and Specific S1 UAS sub-category¹. Without appropriate regulatory oversight of such organizations, persons could be exposed to unnecessary Risk. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework required for the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (►small◄ UAS) (CFAOS (►sUAS◄))² which in turn ensures such organizations comply with the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) and are subjected to appropriate Regulatory oversight.

It details the requirements for a supporting organization and the appointment of an Accountable individual, the UAS Accountable Manager (UAS AM), to maintain Safety and standards, the method / conditions to gain Approval, and the appointment / duties of an appropriate Sponsor. The regulatory framework is Structured to be proportionate to the Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category and their physical attributes, and to permit appropriate operating freedoms to 'non-traditional' civilian aviation organizations commensurate with the Risks presented.

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Organization

1031(1) Civilian organizations operating UK military registered UAS in the Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category **shall** be appropriately regulated, structured, and controlled.

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Organization

1. Civilian organizations that operate³ UK military registered UAS in the Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category **should** be an approved organization in accordance with (iaw) the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄⁴.
2. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations **should**:
 - a. Comply with RA 1600⁵ and:
 - (1) RA 1601⁶ for UAS operated in the Open A1 sub-category.
 - (2) RA 1602⁷ for UAS operated in the Open A2 sub-category.
 - (3) RA 1603⁸ for UAS operated in the Open A3 sub-category.
 - (4) RA 1604⁹ for UAS operated in the Specific S1 sub-category.
 - b. Hold an appropriate ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate prior to operation of any UK military registered UAS.
 - c. Operate iaw the scope of their ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.

¹ As defined in RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

² Organizations operating under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ may be referred to as ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations.

³ Civilian Operated (In-Service), and Civilian Operated (Development), and Civilian Operated (Special Case Flying); refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁴ Refer to RA 1031(3): Approval.

⁵ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

⁶ Refer to RA 1601 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A1 sub-category (Fly 'Over' People).

⁷ Refer to RA 1602 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A2 sub-category (Fly 'Close To' People).

⁸ Refer to RA 1603 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A3 sub-category (Fly 'Far From' People).

⁹ Refer to RA 1604 – Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S1 sub-category.

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- d. Nominate a UAS AM who is suitably experienced and empowered, with the appropriate freedom, authority and resource to undertake the role.
- e. Have in place:
 - (1) An MAA endorsed Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (Basic UAS) (►CFOE (sUAS)◄)⁴.
 - (2) An MAA endorsed ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual which conveys how the organization meets the requirements of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄⁴ and any outstanding / remaining information from the Category Safety Checklist.
- f. Ensure that all UAS operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ are categorized.
- g. Ensure that personnel assigned to, or directly involved in, UAS flight and ground operations, are appropriately qualified and trained for their duties iaw the RAs at paragraph 2.a (as applicable).
- h. Ensure that the MAA is:
 - (1) Granted appropriate access to the organization for the purpose of determining initial and continued regulatory compliance.
 - (2) Notified of any change affecting or likely to affect the scope of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval.
 - (3) Notified of any change regarding the UAS AM.
3. In addition to the requirements above, ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations conducting Test and Evaluation (T&E) (Civilian Operated (Development)¹⁰ and Civilian Operated (Development) activity), **should** comply with the requirements of RA 2370¹¹.

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4. The issue and continuation of a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval is subject to compliance with the relevant Regulations and endorsement by an appropriate Sponsor¹².
5. The following RAs are applicable to UAS operating under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄:
 - a. RA 1031.
 - b. RA 1161(5)¹³.
 - c. RA 1410¹⁴.
 - d. RA 1600⁵.
 - e. RA 1601⁶, RA 1602⁷, RA 1603⁸ and / or RA 1604^{9, 15}.
 - f. Any relevant Regulatory Instructions and / or Regulatory Notices.
 - g. Any other RAs deemed applicable through:
 - (1) Explicit reference and / or direction to any other RAs within the RAs listed above.
 - (2) The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval process (such as RA 2370¹¹ for ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations conducting T&E (Civilian Operated (Development) and Civilian Operated (Development) activity); discussion

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹¹ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹² Refer to RA 1031(4): Sponsor.

¹³ Refer to RA 1161(5): Military Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Aircraft Registration.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹⁵ The applicability of RA 1601, RA 1602, RA 1603 and / or RA 1604 is dependent on endorsed sub-category; ie RA 1601 is applicable to an organization endorsed for Open A1 sub-category operations, RA 1602 for those endorsed for Open A2 sub-category operations etc. Any organization endorsed for more than one sub-category will apply the respective RAs for all endorsed sub-categories.

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with the MAA CFAOS Branch will be required in order to determine any such applicable RAs.

6. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations will only be permitted to operate UK military registered UAS in the Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category.
7. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations will not be permitted to operate UK military registered UAS in the Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category (these options are restricted to operation under the full CFAOS^{16, 17} or to Military Operated UAS).
8. For the avoidance of doubt:
 - a. All UK military registered UAS that are operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ must be categorized iaw RA 1600⁵.
 - b. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations are not required to submit a separate UAS Categorization submission nor hold an MAA Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC)⁵. Categorization will be achieved through the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval process and the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate, covers the requirement of UAS Categorization submission and LEC respectively¹⁸.
 - c. The MAA CFAOS Branch will form an internal MAA UAS Categorization Panel which will confirm the valid / applicable UAS Category.
9. The regulatory requirements for an Approval under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ is discrete and distinct from a full CFAOS Approval under RA 1028¹⁶ (the two schemes are exclusive). However, there may be benefits in facilitating organizations already holding a full CFAOS Approval to address the requirements for ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ under their extant CFAOS Approval. Therefore, an entity already approved to operate under the CFAOS that subsequently requires to operate under the privileges of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ may not be required to possess a separate ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval, instead being required to progress an appropriate CFAOS scope uplift iaw RA 1028¹⁶. However, the regulatory requirement for the operation of UAS in the Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category will always be that described by the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄. Discussion with the MAA CFAOS Branch will be required in order to determine the appropriate route to Approval in such cases.

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- 1031(2) UAS operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ **shall** be under the authority of a UAS AM and be supported by appropriate persons.

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10. UAS AMs **should**:
 - a. Be responsible and Accountable for the operation of UAS within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
 - b. Ensure that:
 - (1) The MAA has endorsed:
 - (a) The ►CFOE (sUAS)◄⁴ and;
 - (b) The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual⁴.
 - (2) UAS are categorized⁵.
 - c. Establish and maintain a process for the update and maintenance of the documents at paragraph 10.b.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

¹⁷ The CFAOS is the Assurance mechanism underpinning the Competence of Defence Contractor Flying Organizations that operate crewed Aircraft and Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category UAS on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR).

¹⁸ The MAA CFAOS Branch will form an internal MAA UAS Categorization Panel which will confirm the valid / applicable UAS Category.

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- d. Ensure that Risks to Life (RtL) to Remote Pilots (RP), UAS launch crew, personnel working on supporting or supported Systems, and the general public or other organizational / MOD personnel through operation of UAS within their AoR are As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable and cease operations if RtL are identified that are not demonstrably ALARP and Tolerable.
- e. Ensure that UAS are operated iaw:
 - (1) The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.
 - (2) RA 1600⁵ and:
 - (a) RA 1601⁶ for UAS operated in the Open A1 sub-category.
 - (b) RA 1602⁷ for UAS operated in the Open A2 sub-category.
 - (c) RA 1603⁸ for UAS operated in the Open A3 sub-category.
 - (d) RA 1604⁹ for UAS operated in the Specific S1 sub-category.
 - (3) Any other RAs that have been deemed applicable¹⁹.
 - (4) The ►CFOE (sUAS)◄⁴.
 - (5) The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual⁴.
 - (6) Where applicable, ensure compliance with RA 2370¹¹ for the conduct of T&E (Civilian Operated (Development) and Civilian Operated (Development) activity).
- f. Ensure that any significant changes to their operating Responsibilities or to the supporting Systems that may affect the discharge of their RtL Responsibilities are reported immediately to the MAA CFAOS Branch²⁰.
- g. Apply for military registration of all Uncrewed Aircraft (UA) to be operated^{13, 21}, or confirm that registration is already in place, and ensure that all UAS are registered prior to operation²².
- h. Ensure that the Sponsor has issued a Certificate of Usage (CofU)¹² for all Civilian-Owned UAS, and that it is submitted as part of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Application.
- i. Hold appropriate Terms of Reference (ToR).
- j. Act as the organization's senior point of contact with the MAA.
- k. Nominate a UAS Flight Operations Post-Holder (FOPH) for UAS operated in the Open A2, Open A3 and Specific S1 sub-categories^{23, 24, 25}.
11. A UAS AM **should** be:
 - a. At least a Middle Manager within the organization.
 - b. Formally responsible for the delivery of safe UAS operations.
 - c. Directly appointed by an appropriate management board.
12. UAS AM nominees **should** apply to the MAA for endorsement to undertake the role of UAS AM, and expect to attend an MAA endorsement interview at which they will be required to provide evidence of suitability to undertake the role.
13. UAS AMs / FOPHs **should** attend an MAA UAS AM briefing day prior to submission of the ►CFOE (sUAS), CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual and any other supporting documents, if required to do so by the MAA²⁶.

¹⁹ See also paragraph 5g.

²⁰ Via DSA-MAA-OpAssure-CFAOS-Group@mod.gov.uk.

²¹ For Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄, application for UK MAR registration is implicit in the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ application (see also RA 1031(3): Approval).

²² Via DSA-MAA-OpAssure-MAR@mod.gov.uk.

²³ The UAS AM may, where appropriate, also hold the role of UAS FOPH provided it can be clearly demonstrated that such a dual appointment does not conflict with either their UAS AM or UAS FOPH Responsibilities.

²⁴ A UAS FOPH is not required for UAS operated in the Open A1 sub-category.

²⁵ The Responsibilities required of the CFAOS (sUAS) UAS FOPH are covered in detail within RA 1602, RA 1603 and RA 1604.

²⁶ The requirement will be determined following submission of the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 – refer to RA 1031(3): Approval.

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14. **Middle Manager.** The term Middle Manager will be taken to mean a manager who possesses the authority to make independent decisions on UAS operations without recourse to superiors or executives. If they do not sit at Board level (or equivalent divisional level) they will have appropriately delegated authority, and the organization will be required to demonstrate that the individual holds the authority and freedom to execute decisions with respect to UAS operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄.

15. **Suitability.** 'Suitability' for the UAS AM role means being able to demonstrate appropriate knowledge and understanding of the relevant UAS operating principles and of the relevant Regulations and documents that prescribe UAS operating processes and standards. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. RA 1031.
- b. RA 1161(5)¹³.
- c. RA 1600⁵.
- d. RA 1601⁶, RA 1602⁷, RA 1603⁸, and / or RA 1604⁹.
- e. RA 1410¹⁴.
- f. RA 2370¹¹ (for UAS AMs responsible for T&E activity).
- g. The organization's ►CFOE (sUAS)◄⁴.
- h. The organization's ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual⁴.
- i. Role and Responsibilities of the UAS AM.
- j. Operating Risk.
- k. Role and Responsibilities of the UAS FOPH²⁵.

16. UAS AM Endorsement

a. **Application.** UAS AM nominees need to apply to the MAA for endorsement using an MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 4²⁷. Thereafter, and in consultation with the MAA, supporting evidence for endorsement interview will be provided to the MAA CFAOS Branch²⁰ at least 10 working days prior to interview. The organization's ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ will provide the foundation of the supporting evidence. Further evidence required will include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Organization Structure, to allow understanding of the UAS AM's position within the organization, including appropriate explanation of the powers / authority held and relational links to relevant areas.
- (2) Explanation of the UAS AM's independence, including access to adequate resource, to allow enactment of regulatory requirements without hindrance.
- (3) For UAS AMs intending to manage or conduct T&E how they intend to comply with RA 2370¹¹.
- (4) A tailored CV detailing the UAS AM's professional background highlighting any involvement with aviation and / or UAS operations.

b. **Interview.** The UAS AM endorsement interview will be led by an MAA CFAOS Branch OF4 representative and will cover 4 broad areas as a minimum: a description of the UAS AM's roles and Responsibilities; their knowledge, skills and experience; how the UAS AM intends to comply with RA 1031, RA 1600⁵ and other applicable Regulations²⁸; and any wider points from the supporting evidence submitted.

²⁷ The MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 4 can be found on the MAA website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-approvals>.

²⁸ Such as RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation, for those UAS AMs who will manage or conduct T&E activity.

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c. **Endorsement.** UAS AM endorsement will be in writing and at a minimum level of MAA Deputy Head (OF5).

17. **UAS AM Briefing Day.** The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ and the approach taken by the MAA is significantly different to that of other Regulators. Therefore, the UAS AM briefing day is designed to inform UAS AMs, UAS FOPHs and compliance personnel of the construct, governance Structure and Regulations that underpin the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄. UAS AMs, UAS FOPHs and compliance personnel will benefit from early attendance on a UAS AM briefing day, prior to the Development of their ►CFOE (sUAS), CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual and any supporting documents. Suitable briefing day dates will be discussed as part of the initial contact with the MAA CFAOS Branch after submission of the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2²⁶.

18. **MAA Engagement.** UAS AMs will allow the MAA to examine and / or Audit the organization with respect to the operation of UAS under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄, and to review the UAS AM endorsement following any significant change to a UAS AM's Responsibilities.

19. **Duty of Care.** UAS AMs have a personal Duty of Care for personnel under their control (those who, by virtue of their involvement, temporary or otherwise, in UAS activities, come within a UAS AM's AoR) and the wider public who may be affected. They are thus Accountable for the safe operation of UAS in their AoR and for ensuring that RtL is ALARP and Tolerable. The UAS AM governance model does not absolve individuals at any level of their legal Duty of Care Responsibilities under Common Law and the Health and Safety at Work Act (1974).

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Approval

1031(3) ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Organizations **shall** be approved by the MAA.

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Approval

Application

20. To be considered for Approval under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ an organization²⁹ should:

- a. Demonstrate that Approval is in either:
 - (1) The MOD Interest¹⁰ or;
 - (2) The wider National interest³⁰.
- b. Have the endorsement of an appropriate Sponsor¹² at:
 - (1) 1* level or above for Approvals in the MOD Interest.
 - (2) 2* level or above for Approvals in the wider National interest.

21. Applications for ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval **should** be:

- a. Made using an MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2³¹.
- b. Supported by a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ CFOE, a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual and any other applicable documents.

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22. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations **should** ensure that ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approvals remain valid subject to:

- a. The organization remaining in compliance with the relevant Regulations.

²⁹ See paragraph 9 for organizations already holding a CFAOS Approval iaw RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

³⁰ Operating in the wider National interest is categorized as Special Case Flying; refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Environment Operating Framework; refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

³¹ The MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 can be found on the MAA Website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-approvals>.

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- b. The MAA being granted access to the organization to determine compliance with the relevant Regulations.
- c. The Approval Certificate not being surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- d. Continued endorsement of MOD Interest and / or National interest.

23. Following award of ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval the UAS AM **should** notify the MAA of any factors likely to affect or influence the extant Approval. Furthermore, the UAS AM **should**:

- a. Formally apply for any uplifts or significant changes / variations to the Approval.
- b. Only implement any uplifts or significant change / variation to the Approval on receipt of an appropriately amended ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.
- c. Notify and reductions at the earliest opportunity.
- d. Formally apply³² for any uplifts or significant changes / variations to the Approval³³.
- e. Only implement any uplifts or significant change / variation to the Approval on receipt of an appropriately amended ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.
- f. Notify any reductions³⁴ at the earliest opportunity.

►CFOE (sUAS)◄

24. The UAS AM **should** ensure that the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ is:

- a. Current and up-to-date.
- b. Under the Accountability and signature of the UAS AM.
- c. Provided to the MAA in electronic copy.

25. The UAS AM **should** ensure that the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ iaw the MAA template³⁵ and as a minimum contain the following³⁶:

- a. The official name and business name, address and mailing address of the organization.
- b. A statement signed by the UAS AM confirming that the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ and any referenced documents:
 - (1) Are accurate and true.
 - (2) Define the organization's compliance with the relevant Regulations³⁷ and will be complied with at all times.
- c. A statement describing the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ amendment process (to include a procedure describing how Minor Changes not requiring prior MAA endorsement will be managed and notified to the MAA³⁸).
- d. The name of the UAS AM.
- e. The name of the UAS FOPH (for UAS operated in the Open A2, Open A3 and Specific S1 sub-categories²⁴).
- f. The position / role and name of the Sponsor.

³² For uplift the documentation required will be analogous to that required to support the initial application and will, as a minimum, include both a revised MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 and ►CFOE (sUAS)◄.

³³ Such as: change of UAS Category, change or addition of a UAS type / mark (see also paragraph 42). The MAA CFAOS Branch may be consulted where doubt exists as to whether a change demands formal application or otherwise.

³⁴ Such as removal of the requirement to operate under a particular UAS Category, removal of UAS type; the MAA CFAOS Branch may be consulted where doubt exists as to whether a change is a reduction or otherwise.

³⁵ The ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ template can be found on the MAA website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-approvals>.

³⁶ This list is not exhaustive; the UAS AM may add to the list as they see fit.

³⁷ See also paragraph 5.

³⁸ Such as grammatical and typographical errors where the meaning of the wording remains unchanged (where doubt exists the MAA CFAOS Branch may be consulted as to whether a change requires prior MAA Approval or otherwise).

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- g. Detail of how the activity is in the MOD Interest and / or the justification for Special Case Flying³⁰.
- h. A description of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organization including:
 - (1) Organizational Structure.
 - (2) Types / marks of UAS operated.
 - (3) UAS Categories and Physical Attributes⁵.
 - (4) Numbers of UAS operated.
 - (5) Operating locations.
 - (6) Expected flying rate.
 - (7) Numbers of RPs and other workforce resource associated with the task.
- i. A list of which RAs are deemed applicable³⁷.
- j. Details of any experience in flying operations or any wider aspects relevant to the activity such as training and T&E.
- k. A list of Contracted and Subcontracted organizations if applicable.

►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual

- 26. The UAS AM **should** ensure that the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual is:
 - a. Current and up-to-date.
 - b. Under the Accountability and signature of the UAS AM.
 - c. Provided to the MAA in electronic copy.
- 27. The UAS AM **should** ensure that the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual iaw the MAA template³⁹ and as a minimum contain the following³⁶:
 - a. A series of Orders / Instructions that details how the organization will comply in practice with all relevant RAs³⁷.
 - b. A statement confirming that the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual:
 - (1) Has been approved by the UAS AM.
 - (2) That the Orders / Instructions will be complied with at all times.
 - c. A clear and unambiguous directive that all relevant personnel (such as the UAS FOPH and RPs) **should** comply with the Orders / Instructions.
 - d. A process to record that all relevant personnel have read the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual and that they understand and comprehend the Orders / Instructions contained within.
 - e. A statement describing the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual amendment process (to include a procedure describing how Minor Changes not requiring prior MAA endorsement will be managed and notified to the MAA³⁸).

Registration

- 28. The UAS AM **should** ensure that:
 - a. UA operating under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ are registered on and, when no longer required, de-registered from the UK MAR⁴⁰.
 - b. Registration markings are appropriately displayed on UA according to UA size and type²⁰.

³⁹ The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual template can be found on the MAA website <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-approvals>.

⁴⁰ For de-registration refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Aircraft Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

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Approval

29. Under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄, for Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS that are not already registered, application for UK military registration is automatic through submission of the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ application, along with the CofU for Civilian-Owned UAS, to the MAR Registrar²², (there is no requirement to submit a separate application⁴¹).

30. The Sponsor / MAA may endorse / approve some ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations, for T&E / Development, to operate UAS within a more permissive framework that is platform agnostic. Such organizations would be approved to self-categorize / re-categorize UAS and to independently modify and / or add UAS types / marks via the governance and methodology of the organization's T&E processes.

a. In such cases:

- (1) RA 2370¹¹ will be applicable; ie the organization must comply with RA 2370 and the UAS AM be endorsed to manage / conduct T&E iaw RA 2370.
- (2) The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval will be conditions-based, within set pre-defined operating environments and limitations:
 - (a) For operation of UAS in the Open Category and / or Specific S1 sub-category and;
 - (b) Aligned to the RA 2370 T&E Categories.
- (3) Approval will require the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organization to consider and define Airworthiness standards, Maintenance and Modification methodology within its operating framework and T&E processes.
- (4) Approval will be clearly articulated in the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ and the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.
- (5) Appropriate T&E processes that describe the methodology for self-categorization / re-categorization and Modification / addition of UAS types / marks, will be detailed in the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual.
- (6) UAS AMs will be required to:
 - (a) Ensure the Sponsor has endorsed all UAS categorizations / re-categorizations and / or additions of UAS types / marks via an updated MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2.
 - (b) Notify the MAA CFAOS Branch of all UAS categorizations / re-categorizations and any Modifications and / or additions of UAS types / marks, and provide detail of the intended activity.
 - (c) Apply for the registration of additional UA^{22, 42}, by modification of the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 and associated documentation, or confirm that registration is already in place.
 - (d) Ensure that the Sponsor has issued a CofU¹² for all Civilian-Owned UAS.

b. There may be rationale for a hybrid Approval in that the approved activity is split between non-T&E activity and T&E activities⁴³; ie where:

- (1) Part of the Approval is stipulated to particular types / marks of UAS in precise MAA endorsed UAS categories (eg for training and currency) as non-T&E activity.

⁴¹ See also RA 1031(2): Uncrewed Air Systems Accountable Manager.

⁴² For the registration of additional UA, application for MAR registration is automatic via the notification.

⁴³ ie between Civilian Operated (In-Service) and Civilian Operated (Development) iaw RA 1160.

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(2) Part of the Approval permits self / re-categorization and Modification / addition of UAS types / marks as T&E activity (as per the framework described at paragraph 30.a).

31. The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual will define Airworthiness standards and Maintenance processes.

32. Organizations seeking new ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approvals will be aware that the timeline from application to Approval typically takes about 3 to 6 months⁴⁴, and could be significantly longer depending on the complexity (eg T&E) or permanence of Approval sought (ie whether the requirement will be enduring). Early dialogue with the MAA CFAOS Branch is encouraged. Organizations may initiate informal engagement with a view to understanding the route to ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval, the regulatory requirement, and wider challenges related to both the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ and regulatory compliance. However, organizations will note that informal engagement will be limited and without commitment until formal engagement is authorized via endorsement by an appropriate Sponsor (ie by MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2).

33. When it is considered that there is a case for an organization to be included in the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ a detailed appraisal will be carried out by the MAA. The appraisal will seek to establish confidence in the organization, and the UAS AM, relevant to the operations concerned. The organization will be Audited via documentary and on-site inspections.

34. For the avoidance of doubt, the application for and subsequent issue of ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval is accepted as addressing any requirements (perceived or otherwise) for a Military Permit To Fly, an Air System Safety Case, and UK Military Aircraft Registration.

►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate

35. When evidence presented by the organization demonstrates that it satisfies the MAA requirements, a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate will be issued listing:

- a. A unique identifying reference.
- b. The approved organization, including the operating and trading name if different.
- c. The organization's principal place-of-business address.
- d. Name and details of the UAS AM.
- e. UAS types / marks for which operation is approved or whether the organization is endorsed for T&E / Development and the independent Modification / addition of UAS types / marks via self-categorization / re-categorization.
- f. UAS Categories and Physical Attributes⁵ for which operation is approved or whether the organization is endorsed for self-categorization / re-categorization.
- g. Any applicable limitations.
- h. Any T&E Endorsement.
- i. The issue date (and date of expiry / revision if required).
- j. The title, name and signature of the MAA approving officer.

36. A ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate will remain valid subject to:

- a. The organization remaining in compliance with the applicable Regulations.
- b. The MAA being granted access to the organization to determine continued compliance.
- c. The Approval Certificate not being surrendered, suspended or revoked.
- d. Continued endorsement by the MOD Sponsor(s).

⁴⁴ From receipt of MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2, and also dependent on the quality of the supporting document submission.

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37. The MAA will withdraw from the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ any organization that no longer meets the requirements.

38. A list of organizations who have been granted Approval under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ will be published by the MAA⁴⁵. If, eg for specific security reasons, publication would be undesirable for an organization, the MAA CFAOS branch will need to be made aware prior to completion of the Approval process.

Compliance

39. ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ organizations will be subject to compliance Assurance activities conducted by or on behalf of the MAA. Access may be required to personnel, facilities, UAS, documents, records, data, procedures and any other materials relevant to compliance.

40. Costs for periodic compliance Assurance activities conducted by or on behalf of MAA will not be recoverable from the MAA.

Approval Changes

41. As a minimum, the MAA need to be notified of changes to:

- a. The UAS AM.
- b. The UAS FOPH²⁴.
- c. The MOD Sponsor(s).
- d. Detail regarding how the activity is in the MOD Interest.
- e. Types / marks of UAS operated.
- f. UAS Categories and / or Physical Attributes⁵.
- g. Ownership of the organization.
- h. The organization's official name, business name, address and / or mailing address.

42. Application to the MAA for a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval amendment will not constitute Approval to operate to the proposed amendment.

43. Following receipt of an application for uplift or significant change the MAA will determine continuing regulatory compliance and will amend, if necessary, the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval Certificate.

44. The ►CFOE (sUAS)◄ is the document that details the scope of activity deemed to constitute ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval.

45. The ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Operations Manual is the document that details how the organization intends to comply with the applicable Regulations.

Regulation 1031(4)

Sponsor

1031(4) All ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Organizations **shall** have a Sponsor.

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Sponsor

46. The Sponsor **should**:

- a. Be a Crown Servant at 1* level or above for Approvals in the MOD Interest.
- b. Be a Crown Servant at 2* level or above for Approvals in the wider National interest (ie Special Case Flying).

⁴⁵ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-approvals>.

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- c. Have appropriate Competence and experience that enables them to discharge the requirements of this Regulation⁴⁶.
- d. Hold ToR that empower them to act as such as a Sponsor, and which detail their Sponsor Responsibilities.

Governance

47. The Sponsor **should**:

- a. Prior to Approval:
 - (1) Confirm that the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 application is appropriate to the scope of activity.
 - (2) A suitable UAS AM is in place.
 - (3) Appropriate Safety arrangements are in place for UAS to be operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄.
 - (4) Endorse the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2.
- b. Post MAA Approval confirm that:
 - (1) The organization has a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval appropriate to the scope of activity.
 - (2) A UAS AM, endorsed by the MAA, is in place, supported by a UAS FOPH^{23, 24}.
 - (3) Appropriate ongoing Safety arrangements remain in place for UAS operated under the ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄.
- c. On an ongoing and enduring basis assure themselves that:
 - (1) The organization is operating within the scope of its ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval⁴⁷.
 - (2) The organization is operating in compliance with the Regulations as listed in the ►CFOE (sUAS)◄⁴.

Registration

48. The Sponsor **should** issue a CofU⁴⁸ for any Civilian-Owned UAS.

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- 49. Through the MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2, Sponsors are endorsing (thereby supporting in full) the application for an organization to hold a ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approval to conduct the activities detailed within the Form 2, using UK military registered UA, and that the activities are in either the MOD Interest or wider National interest. This includes the initial Form 2 and any subsequent amendments.
- 50. A new MAA ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Form 2 needs to be submitted following any change or replacement of the individual holding the Sponsor post / appointment⁴.
- 51. The Sponsor will ensure appropriate indemnity arrangements are in place⁴⁹.

⁴⁶ 2* Sponsors for ►CFAOS (sUAS)◄ Approvals in the wider National interest (ie for Special Case Flying) **should** also hold an appropriate Letter of Delegation (detailing the Sponsor activities) from the relevant service Chief of Staff or Defence Equipment and Support Chief Executive Officer.

⁴⁷ Note this is an enduring requirement.

⁴⁸ Refer to RA 1160(3): Certificate of Usage.

⁴⁹ Advice may be sought from MOD Central Legal Services.

RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities

Rationale

Many organizations, within and external to Defence Aviation (DA) and the Defence Air Environment (DAE)^{1, 2}, deliver and supply aviation-related services and / or resource to Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) and / or Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) in order that ADHs / AM(MF)s can deliver operating output. Such ADH-Facing Organizations and AM(MF)-Facing Organizations (AA-Facing Organizations) are responsible for delivering safe aviation services and actively supporting ADHs and / or AM(MF)s in their delivery of safe aviation and the management of Air Safety. Therefore, appropriate Assurance is required such that ADHs / AM(MF)s have a complete understanding of the Risks that such organizations may bring to their operations. Without this Assurance a compromised level of Air Safety may exist. This RA requires that ADHs, AM(MF)s and AA-Facing Organizations understand their responsibilities towards the Assurance of aviation-related services and / or resource provided by AA-Facing Organizations.

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Definitions

Definitions relevant to this RA

1. **ADH-Facing Organization.** An ADH-Facing Organization is an organization that delivers or supplies aviation-related services³ and / or resource directly or indirectly to an ADH, and whose activities and decisions could affect the Air Safety of an ADH's operations and / or the ability of an ADH to mitigate associated operating Risk to Life⁴ (RtL) to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable.
2. **AM(MF)-Facing Organization.** An AM(MF)-Facing Organization is an organization that delivers or supplies aviation-related services³ and / or resource directly or indirectly to an AM(MF), and whose activities and decisions could affect the Air Safety of an AM(MF)'s operations and / or the ability of an AM(MF) to mitigate associated operating RtL⁴ to ALARP and Tolerable.
3. **AA-Facing Organization.** For the purpose of this Regulation, an inclusive term that denotes an ADH-Facing Organization and / or an AM(MF)-Facing Organization, which has the following subsidiary definitions:
 - a. **AA-Facing Organization (Internal).** An AA-Facing Organization (Internal) is any AA-Facing Organization:
 - (1) That is part of the Ministry of Defence (MOD)⁵, or

¹ For definitions of DA and DAE, refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² DA and the DAE encompasses the operation of all UK military registered Air Systems and the operation of civil registered Air Systems by the MOD.

³ This includes, but is not limited to, providers of aviation support and facilities such as: Aerodromes; aviation-capable Ships; Air Traffic Services (ATS) and other Air Traffic Management (ATM) Organizations; Medical / Occupational Health; Aeronautical Information; Fire & Rescue; Air System storage and Maintenance; Aerodrome landing aids and ground services; Heads of Establishment (HoE); Defence Equipment and Support; Design Organizations; Maintenance Organizations; Type Airworthiness Authorities / Managers; Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers; Delivery Teams; Defence Infrastructure Organization; Service career management agencies; and Top-Level Budget Capability and planning staffs.

⁴ Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

⁵ Including those regulated by any other Regulatory body(s) (eg the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), Defence Maritime Regulator, etc).

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(2) That is part of a Contractor Flying Approved Organizations Scheme (CFAOS) organization⁵, or

(3) Where there is a direct contract in place with an MOD / CFAOS organization and the MOD / CFAOS organization is the sole or primary recipient of services provided.

b. **AA-Facing Organization (External).** An AA-Facing Organization (External) is any AA-Facing Organization that is not an AA-Facing Organization (Internal).

Regulation 1032(1)**Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations (Internal)**

1032(1) AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) **shall** deliver and supply safe aviation-related services and / or resource to ADHs / AM(MF)s.

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4. Heads of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) **should**, actively support ADHs / AM(MF)s in their delivery of safe aviation and management of Air Safety, by:

- a. Identifying the ADHs / AM(MF)s that they support.
- b. Establishing and maintaining an Air Safety Management System (ASMS)⁶ that:
 - (1) Interfaces appropriately with the ASMS(s) and Air System Safety Case(s) (ASSC)⁷ of the ADHs / AM(MF)s being supported and;
 - (2) Provides appropriate Assurance of the aviation-related services and / or resource delivered to supported ADHs / AM(MF)s^{8, 9}.
- c. Establishing and maintaining formal and robust mechanisms and means of communication with supported ADHs / AM(MF)s.
- d. Ensuring that they:
 - (1) Understand their inputs to and effects on the supported ADH's / AM(MF)'s ASSC(s), specifically the ASSC arguments they support, and the evidence they **should** provide.
 - (2) Are appropriately engaged with the supported ADH / AM(MF) ASSC governance structure.
- e. Ensuring that they identify and formally communicate to relevant ADHs / AM(MF)s any decision, activity or change in the AA-Facing Organization's operating context that has the potential to introduce new or increased RtL into the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations, or which could affect the ADH's / AM(MF)'s achievement of mitigating the operating RtL to ALARP and Tolerable.
- f. Ensuring that their personnel are:

⁶ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁸ This **should** also include Assurance of any organizations commissioned by AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) to provide any aspect of these services / support (whether via commercial or other means / agreement such as a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)).

⁹ Where Assurance activity is undertaken on behalf of an AA-Facing Organization (Internal) by another organization or Regulator, eg ATM Standards or the CAA on a unit's ATS, then this may provide the necessary Assurance without the need for duplication. However, this does not remove the requirement for the AA-Facing Organization (Internal) and the relevant ADH / AM(MF) to be satisfied that the scope of the Assurance activity is adequate.

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- (1) Appropriately competent, qualified and current regarding Air Safety training¹⁰.
 - (2) Suitably qualified and experienced to deliver the expected aviation-related services to supported ADHs / AM(MF)s.
- g. Ensuring that any supporting equipment is adequately resourced, managed and maintained in accordance with relevant Regulations, Orders, and manufacturer's procedures / instructions.
 - h. Ensuring that all Air Safety reportable Occurrences are reported, managed and appropriate action taken¹¹.
 - i. Ensuring that they actively promote, and demonstrate leadership commitment to, an Engaged Air Safety culture.

ADH / AM(MF)s

- 5. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should**:
 - a. Identify the AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) that support them.
 - b. Establish formal and robust mechanisms and means of communication with all AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) that support them.
 - c. Ensure that AA-Organizations (Internal) that support them are aware they are supporting the ADH / AM(MF) and understand their responsibilities to them as detailed in paragraph 4.
 - d. Ensure that their ASMS:
 - (1) Interfaces appropriately with the ASMS(s) of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal).
 - (2) Provides appropriate Assurance of the aviation-related services and / or resource being delivered by AA-Facing Organizations (Internal).
 - e. Ensure that:
 - (1) They formally communicate to AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) any decision, activity or change in the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operating context (such as change in operating environment, the acquisition of new Air Systems or air capabilities) where that has the potential to affect either an AA-Facing Organization (Internal)'s operations, or its inputs to and effects on the ADH's / AM(MF)'s ASSC(s).
 - (2) The inputs to and effects on their ASSC(s) from AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) are fully supported by rational arguments and appropriate evidence.
 - f. Ensure that they assess the Risks introduced to their operations by AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) and that RtL remains ALARP and Tolerable^{12, 13}.

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- 6. Heads of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) are not ultimately responsible for ensuring that Air Safety RtL are ALARP and Tolerable; however, they are individually accountable to the ADH / AM(MF) for the requirements placed upon them as set out in this RA (and any other applicable RAs and / or Regulations).
- 7. Heads of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) must ensure compliance with the relevant elements of the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) and the relevant Regulations of any other relevant Regulatory Bodies.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹² Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.

¹³ Refer to RA 1024 – Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

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8. Where organizations provide direct support to an ADH / AM(MF), it is likely readily apparent to the ADH / AM(MF), and the organization, that the organization is an AA-Facing Organization (Internal).
9. Where organizations provide indirect support to an ADH / AM(MF), it may not be clear whether the organization is an AA-Facing Organization. In such cases the ADH / AM(MF) is responsible for determining whether an organization is an AA-Facing Organization (Internal) or not. However, where an organization believes it may be supporting an ADH / AM(MF) it nonetheless needs to engage with the relevant ADH / AM(MF), whether or not the ADH / AM(MF) has initiated dialogue.
10. If doubt exists as to whether or not an AA-Facing Organization is an AA-Facing Organization (Internal), clarification can be sought from the MAA¹⁴.
11. In certain circumstances a context-based judgement may have to be made regarding whether an organization that theoretically delivers or supplies aviation-related services and / or resource (either directly or indirectly) to an ADH / AM(MF) actually does so in practice, and therefore is considered an AA-Facing Organization. To be considered an AA-Facing Organization under this RA, the organization's activities and decisions will have a direct or indirect effect on the Air Safety of an ADH's / AM(MF)'s aviation operations and / or the ability of an ADH / AM(MF) to mitigate associated operating RtL to ALARP and Tolerable. For example, it could be assessed that an organization solely supplying in-flight magazines for passengers has no impact on Air Safety, and therefore not an AA-Facing Organization; however, if the same organization were to supply Passenger Safety cards or aeronautical publications for the operating Aircrew then that aspect of its service provision would have an impact on Air Safety, and thus the organization would be considered an AA-Facing Organization. In any such cases the responsibility to determine whether an organization is an AA-Facing Organization is the responsibility of the affected ADH / AM(MF) based upon the arguments they have made, and the supporting evidence identified in their ASSC.
12. AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) do not need to be part of the same organization as the supported ADH / AM(MF) nor, when part of the same organization, are they required to be directly subordinate to or in the same chain-of-command / line management as the supported ADH / AM(MF).
13. Where an AA-Facing Organization (Internal) is supported by a distinct subsidiary or secondary AA-Facing Organization (Internal), it may be appropriate to consider the single or multiple AA-Facing Organization(s) (Internal) under the responsibility of the Head of the primary AA-Facing Organization (Internal). Such cases need to be formally documented between the ADH / AM(MF) and the Head of the primary AA-Facing Organization (Internal).
14. An ADH / AM(MF) may themselves be an AA-Facing Organization (Internal) to another ADH / AM(MF) through the provision of aviation-related service and / or resource to the other ADH / AM(MF)¹⁵.
15. It is likely that many Heads of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) will also be a provider of aviation-related services and / or resource to recipient organizations outside DA and the DAE (eg to the Armed Forces of other nations' or to organizations neither part of the MOD or a CFAOS organization). While such cases are not regulated by this RA, Heads of AA-Facing Organizations (Internal) nonetheless must comply with all relevant national or international legal requirements, Regulations and procedures. Furthermore, in such situations Heads of AA-Facing Organizations that are part of the MOD are required to apply appropriate judgement and apply the principles of this RA so far as possible and / or practicable pertaining to the operating context.

¹⁴ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁵ Such as when an ADH / AM(MF) delivers an airborne service (eg air-air refuelling or 'red air') to another ADH / AM(MF), or provides flying training to, or check flights on, another ADH's / AM(MF)'s Aircrew.

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1032(2) ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** ensure that Air Safety is not compromised through the delivery and supply of aviation-related services and / or resource by AA-Facing Organizations (External).

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16. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should**:
 - a. Identify AA-Facing Organizations (External) that support them and;
 - b. Where possible and practical, establish appropriate mechanisms and means of communication with such AA-Facing Organizations (External).
17. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** ensure that their ASMS:
 - a. Ensures their ASSC(s) address any RtL introduced through the delivery of aviation-related services and / or resource by AA-Facing Organizations (External).
 - b. Interfaces appropriately¹⁶ with the ASMS(s) of AA-Facing Organizations (External).
 - c. Provides appropriate Assurance of the aviation-related services and / or resource being delivered by AA-Facing Organizations (External)^{17, 18}, specifically that:
 - (1) Personnel are suitably competent, qualified and experienced to deliver the expected aviation-related services to supported ADHs / AM(MF)s.
 - (2) Supporting equipment is fit-for-purpose and appropriately maintained.
 - d. Provides appropriate Assurance that the AA-Facing Organization (External) is complying with all relevant national or international legal requirements, Regulations and procedures.
 - e. Requires that all Air Safety reportable Occurrences involving AA-Facing Organizations (External) that directly or indirectly affect the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations are reported, managed and appropriate action taken^{11, 19}.
18. Where an AA-Facing Organization (External) supports an ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations then, where practicable, ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** ensure that:
 - a. The AA-Facing Organization (External) is aware that it is supporting the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations.
 - b. The AA-Facing Organization (External) understands its responsibilities to and effects on the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations.
 - c. ADHs / AM(MF)s formally communicate to the AA-Facing Organization (External) any decision, activity or change in the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operating context (such as change in operating environment, the acquisition of new Air

¹⁶ Ideally any such interfaces **should** be via positive '2-way' engagement (to be expected where eg permanently based ADH / AM(MF) activity occurs at an Aerodrome operated by an AA-Facing Organization), but in many situations this may not be possible or practical; in such cases the ADH's / AM(MF)'s ASMS needs to ensure that it appropriately addresses all RtL introduced on the ADH's / AM(MF)'s operations through the services and / or resource provided by the AA-Facing Organization.

¹⁷ This **should** also include organizations commissioned by AA-Facing Organizations to provide any aspect of these services / support.

¹⁸ Where Assurance activity is undertaken on an AA-Facing Organization's behalf by another organization, eg the CAA on a unit's ATS, then this may provide the necessary Assurance without the need for duplication. However, this does not remove the requirement for the ADH / AM(MF) to be satisfied that the scope of the Assurance activity is adequate.

¹⁹ Responsibility for reporting, management and follow-up actions will rest with the ADH / AM(MF).

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Systems or air capabilities) where that has the potential to affect either the supporting organization's operations, or its responsibilities to the ADH / AM(MF).

- d. Agreements / arrangements with AA-Facing Organizations (External) are recorded through formal documentation (such as an MoU).

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19. There is a regulatory requirement on ADHs / AM(MF)s to identify AA-Facing Organizations (External) that support them; however, it may not be possible to identify all such organizations from the outset (eg a short-notice requirement may require support from previously unidentified AA-Facing Organizations (External)).

Nevertheless, ADHs / AM(MF)s will ensure that ASMS processes are in place to identify such AA-Facing Organizations (External) and that compliance with this RA is achieved.

20. Where organizations provide direct support to an ADH / AM(MF), it is likely readily apparent to the ADH / AM(MF), and the organization, that the organization is an AA-Facing Organization (External).

21. Where organizations provide indirect support to an ADH / AM(MF), it may not be clear whether the organization is an AA-Facing Organization. In such cases the ADH / AM(MF) is responsible for determining whether an organization is an AA-Facing Organization (External) or not. If an organization believes it may be supporting an ADH / AM(MF) it nonetheless needs to engage with the relevant ADH / AM(MF), whether or not the ADH / AM(MF) has initiated dialogue.

22. If doubt exists as to whether or not an AA-Facing Organization is an AA-Facing Organization (External), clarification can be sought from the MAA¹⁴.

23. In certain circumstances a context-based judgement may have to be made regarding whether an organization that theoretically delivers or supplies aviation-related services and / or resource (either directly or indirectly) to an ADH / AM(MF) actually does so in practice, and therefore is considered an AA-Facing Organization. To be considered an AA-Facing Organization under this RA, the organization's activities and decisions will have a direct or indirect effect on the Air Safety of an ADH's / AM(MF)'s aviation operations and / or the ability of an ADH / AM(MF) to mitigate associated operating RtL to ALARP and Tolerable. For example, it could be assessed that an organization solely supplying in-flight magazines for passengers has no impact on Air Safety, and therefore not an AA-Facing Organization; however, if the same organization were to supply Passenger Safety cards or aeronautical publications for the operating Aircrew then that aspect of its service provision would have an impact on Air Safety, and thus the organization would be considered an AA-Facing Organization. In any such cases the responsibility to determine whether an organization is an AA-Facing Organization is the responsibility of the affected ADH / AM(MF) based upon the arguments they have made, and the supporting evidence identified in their ASSC.

24. In cases where distinct subsidiary or secondary AA-Facing Organizations (External) logically sit under a primary AA-Facing Organization (External)¹⁶ it may be appropriate to consider the whole as a single AA-Facing Organization (External). Any such cases need to be formally documented by the affected ADH / AM(MF).

RA 1033 – Air Traffic Services Senior Officer – Air Safety Responsibilities

Rationale

Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) are responsible for the safe operation of Air Systems within their Area of Responsibility (AoR) and for ensuring that the associated Risks to Life (RtL) are As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable. The receipt of effective Air Traffic Services (ATS) is a key mitigation when managing RtL. Without adequate oversight of, and Accountability for, ATS provision, an ADH's / AM(MF)'s RtL assessment could become inaccurate, and this would undermine their Air Safety Management System and the Operating Duty Holder's / AM(MF)'s Air System Safety Case (ASSC)¹. UK MOD is an ATS Provider and as such holds the responsibility of ensuring that the task is discharged appropriately. This RA requires the Royal Navy (RN) and Royal Air Force (RAF), as the organizations responsible for delivering UK MOD provided ATS (either via military Controllers or civilian Controllers operating under contract), to each appoint a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) to be the Air Traffic Services Senior Officer (ATSSO).

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1033(1) RN Director Force Generation and RAF Air Officer Commanding 2 Group **shall** each appoint an ATSSO.

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Air Traffic Services Senior Officer Nomination

1. The ATSSO **should** be suitably qualified and experienced in the provision of ATS. The individual appointed **should** meet the following minimum criteria:
 - a. Essential:
 - (1) Substantive OF4².
 - (2) Previous OF3 command experience in the delivery of ATS.
 - (3) Holder of an applicable Certificate of Competence or Air Traffic Control Officer Licence with previously validated Aerodrome Control (Visual) and / or Aerodrome Control (Surveillance) ratings.
 - (4) Completed the Duty Holders Air Safety Course prior to assuming their appointment³.
 - b. Desirable:
 - (1) Substantive OF5.
 - (2) OF4 command experience.
 - (3) Previous experience in the provision of ATS in both terminal and upper air environments (area radar or air surveillance and control system).
 - (4) For the RN, hold a Joint Personnel Administration (JPA) competency related to the maritime Air Traffic Control environment⁴.
 - (5) Assurance activity experience.

¹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

² OF4 is the minimum acceptable rank, an OF5 ATSSO **should** be considered if it would be more appropriate for the size and complexity of the AoR.

³ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

⁴ Refer to BRd 768 – Naval Air Traffic Management.

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(6) Resource planning / Delivery Team / Financial Military Capability staff experience.

(7) Deployed experience related to the provision of ATS.

2. If an organization, other than the RN or RAF, plans to deliver UK Military provided ATS without utilizing RN / RAF Air Traffic Controllers or RN / RAF contracts for ATS provision, advice **should** be sought from the MAA on the requirement for an ATSSO.

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3. Nil.

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1033(2) The ATSSO **shall** ensure that the ATS delivered by their organization are safe and compliant.

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4. The ATSSO **should**:

- a. Ensure that the routine level of ATS provision is in accordance with (iaw) UK MOD requirements. Where ATS are provided at Aerodromes⁵, the routine level of ATS provision **should** be iaw the Aerodrome classification⁶.
- b. Ensure that ATS provision across their organization is to the appropriate standard.
- c. Ensure that ATS are being provided iaw extant Regulations, procedures and orders.
- d. Identify and manage any pan-organization Hazards to the provision of safe and compliant ATS.
- e. Challenge any option or action that is proposed or implemented by an ADH / AM(MF) or ADH-Facing Organization / AM(MF)-Facing Organization (AA-Facing Organization) that could undermine the provision of safe and compliant ATS.
- f. Provide advice and guidance to ATS providers.
- g. Fulfil their responsibilities with regards to Air Traffic Management (ATM) Equipment Safety Cases as outlined in RA 3130(2)⁷ and RA 3132(2)⁸.
- h. Act as the conduit to ATM Equipment programme Senior Responsible Owners (SRO) to highlight any concerns or issues with current or planned ATM Equipment.
- i. Actively engage with capability staff to ensure that future programmes and projects related to ATS provision include accurate user requirements and factor in any operational considerations.
- j. Carry out the ATSSO role and responsibilities for any non-military organization contracted by the RN / RAF to deliver ATS.
- k. Ensure compliance with the AA-Facing Organization responsibilities detailed in RA 1032⁹.

5. Formal mechanisms **should** be established to enable the ATSSO to inform ADHs / AM(MF)s of:

⁵ Including at MAA regulated overseas bases.

⁶ Refer to RA 3263 – Aerodrome Classification.

⁷ Refer to RA 3130(2): User / Operator Responsibilities.

⁸ Refer to RA 3132(2): Responsibilities of Duty Holder-Facing Organizations.

⁹ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

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- a. Changes in the operating environment or context that will affect ATS provision and are therefore likely to affect the related ASSC(s)¹.
 - b. Changes to, or new, ATM Equipment and procedures which are likely to affect the related ASSC(s)¹. This **should** be achieved through collaboration with the ATM Equipment programme SRO.
6. Formal mechanisms **should** be established with Heads of Establishment (HoE) and Aerodrome Operators (AO) to enable the ATSSO to:
- a. Inform HoE and AO of any issues that will affect the provision of ATS at their Aerodrome. As well as communicating issues with the provision of safe and compliant ATS, this **should** also include wider issues regarding the availability of ATS for example, significant resource or SQEP concerns.
 - b. Provide Subject Matter Expert (SME) advice to HoE and AO on the provision of ATS at their Aerodrome.
7. ATSSO's **should** hold appropriate Terms of Reference.

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8. To enable the ATSSO to achieve the acceptable means of compliance above, they will require the support of relevant staff to provide the necessary information that will then enable the ATSSO to confirm that ATS provision is safe and compliant.
9. Through the provision of SME input, the ATSSO plays a key role supporting the ADH / AM(MF) chain in discharging their Air Safety responsibilities. This requires the individual to be experienced enough to undertake critical analysis of ATS related issues.
10. The ATSSO's value is in forming a holistic view of the effectiveness of ATS provision within their organization and how this could affect the ALARP and Tolerable status of the ADH / AM(MF) and / or an ASSC. Through oversight of unit ATS Assurance (1st Party Assurance and 2nd Party Assurance) the ATSSO can assure their command chain and ADHs / AM(MF)s that the appropriate standards are being met and that procedures and orders¹⁰ are fit for purpose, or, when this is not the case, highlight any areas of deficiency and suggest action to rectify identified shortfalls.

¹⁰ Such as RAF Battlespace Management Orders, Royal Navy BRd 768, Unit Orders.

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1160 - The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework

Rationale

To provide Defence with the required flexibility over how capabilities are both procured and employed, Air Systems that qualify for military registration may be Military or Civilian-Owned and may be operated under an Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF))¹. Additionally, an Air System that is not being operated in MOD Interest, but has the wider interest of the UK Government, may be granted UK military registration. Without a clear understanding of the correct governance framework, there is a Risk that key responsibilities may be diluted or neglected entirely, with the result that the Risks associated with operation of the Air System are not adequately managed. This RA introduces a coherent and consistent operating framework which ensures that similar aviation activities within the Defence Air Environment (DAE) that result in a similar level of Risk exposure, attract the same level of Assurance and scrutiny, regardless of who owns or operates the Air System. All activities within the DAE will be assigned to an Operating Category which will define who is responsible for the execution and Assurance of key functions including, Risk to Life (RtL) management, Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) and flight operations, as well as the balance of accountability between the MOD and the Contractor for Type Airworthiness (TAw).

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1. **In-Service.** Activity related to a UK military registered Air System where the Air System itself and all Role Equipment and / or Equipment Not Basic to the Air System (ENBAS) are being used to deliver the capability for which they were intended, be that training or operations. This includes supporting activity, such as post-Maintenance test flying or crew training.
2. **Development.** Activity related to a UK military registered Air System where the Air System itself or any Role Equipment and / or ENBAS is being trialled, tested, evaluated or assessed. This may be for: Certification, flight clearance or other Safety evidence-gathering; post-production testing; or for experimentation, innovation or research purposes. Development activity may include essential enabling functions that directly support the trial activity itself, such as test crew training or positioning flights.
3. **DAE Operating Categories.** The DAE Operating Categories are defined as:
 - a. **Military Operated (Development).** All UK military registered Development Air Systems operated under an ADH. The operation of Development Air Systems by the Air and Space Warfare Centre or 700X NAS are examples which fall into this DAE Operating Category.
 - b. **Military Operated (In-Service).** All UK military registered In-Service Air Systems operated under an ADH. Activities undertaken by military front line units or training organizations utilizing In-Service Air Systems fall into this DAE Operating Category.
 - c. **Civilian Operated (Development).** All UK military registered Development Air Systems operated under an AM(MF)² in MOD Interest.

¹ The Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS) Risk management construct varies dependent on which RPAS sub-category the RPAS is operating in; Refer to the RA 1600 Series – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

² Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

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Activities associated with Air Systems which are in production for the MOD by industry, or transferred to industry for Modification, will fall into this DAE Operating Category.

d. **Civilian Operated (In-Service).** All UK military registered In-Service Air Systems operated under an AM(MF)² in MOD Interest. Activities undertaken by Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) organizations in MOD Interest, including post-Maintenance test flying of MOD Air Systems, provision of training for MOD Aircrew or the transport of MOD personnel or equipment are examples which fall into this DAE Operating Category.

e. **Special Case Flying.** All UK military registered Air Systems operated under an AM(MF)² which are not being operated in MOD Interest, but the activity is deemed in the interests of the wider UK Government. Special Case Flying may encompass both Development and In-Service activity. Air Systems destined for military export or being used to deliver a service to a third-party customer are examples which fall into this DAE Operating Category.

4. **MOD Interest.** An activity on a UK military registered Air System is defined as being operated in MOD Interest when any one of the following criteria is satisfied:

- a. There is a direct contract in place between the MOD and the Operator of the Aircraft for the provision of the activity.
- b. MOD personnel are required to fly on or fly the Air System, as either Aircrew, RPAS operators, Supernumerary Crew, Supernumerary Support Crew, or Passengers, in order to achieve the output from the activity.
- c. The MOD is liable for any losses associated with operation of the Air System whilst conducting the activity (including indemnification to sub-Contractors).
- d. The Air System is owned by the MOD.

Where an activity on a UK military registered Air System does not satisfy any of the above criteria, the activity is defined as not being in MOD Interest.

5. **Direct Contract.** The criteria specified at Para 4.a relates to a direct contract between the MOD and the Operator for the provision of the activity itself (ie the MOD requires the capability delivered by the operation of the Air System); this does not relate to arrangements whereby the operation of the Air System is inconsequential to the MOD, but there is a contract in place for the provision of some enablers by the MOD to the Contractor (eg use of MOD facilities, provision of fuel, documentation etc).

6. **MOD Personnel.** The criteria specified at Para 4.b relates to situations where MOD personnel are required to fly an Air System, to fly on the Air System or operate the Air System either as part of the operating crew to deliver the required capability, or to receive the service being provided (eg training or transportation); this does not include bespoke arrangement for MOD personnel to fly on 'one-off' flights, for example to allow the Contractor to demonstrate a capability to the MOD, or for the Contractor to utilize MOD instructors / Standards Evaluation personnel as part of their Assurance activity. Whilst the MOD retains a duty of care for its personnel, such 'one-off' flights would not make the whole operation subject to MOD Interest.

Applicability

Applicability of this RA

7. This RA applies to all Air Systems operating, and intending to operate, within the DAE.

Regulation 1160(1)

Defence Air Environment Operating Categories

1160(1) ADHs, and Sponsors of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems, **shall** assign the Air Systems within their Area of Responsibility to appropriate Operating Category / Categories.

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Defence Air Environment Operating Categories

8. ADHs, and Sponsors³ of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems, **should** assign the operation of each Air System into the appropriate DAE Operating Category / Categories:

- a. Military Operated (Development).
- b. Military Operated (In-Service).
- c. Civilian Operated (Development).
- d. Civilian Operated (In-Service).
- e. Special Case Flying.

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Defence Air Environment Operating Categories

9. The five DAE Operating Categories are summarised at Figure A-1 at Annex A.

10. The Air Safety governance arrangements as defined for a specific DAE Operating Category determine how the management of RtL, TAw, CAw and flight operations are to be discharged and assured. The key responsibilities for the ensurance and Assurance of these functions are summarised within Table A-1 at Annex A. Explicit responsibilities for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems are detailed within RA 1162⁴. Explicit responsibilities for Special Case Flying are detailed within RA 1163⁵. There is no bespoke RA for Military Operated Air Systems as the ADH's responsibilities for Air Safety Governance are as defined within the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP). The structure of the RA 1160 series, and how the RAs apply to the DAE Operating Categories, is depicted in Figure B-1 at Annex B.

11. The transfer of Air Systems between DAE Operating Categories may require formal transfer of Air Safety management arrangements as detailed in RA 1164^{6, 7}.

12. It may be possible for an Air System to operate across multiple DAE Operating Categories (eg a Civilian Operated Air System delivering to a Special Case Flying contract during one series of flights and then to a Civilian Operated (In-Service) contract during another series of flights). For further advice and guidance, the MAA can be consulted⁸.

13. Throughout this RA and the wider MRP, references are made to Air Systems that are Civilian-Owned and / or Civilian Operated. For clarity, the phraseology below is used to denote which combinations of ownership and operation apply to any given regulatory requirement:

- a. **Civilian-Owned Civilian Operated Air Systems.** Air Systems that meet both criteria of being Civilian-Owned Civilian Operated. This includes Special Case Flying.
- b. **Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems.** Air Systems that meet either criteria of being Civilian-Owned or Civilian Operated. This includes Special Case Flying.
- c. **Civilian-Owned Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems.** Air Systems that meet both criteria of being Civilian-Owned Civilian Operated, but not Special Case Flying.

³ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

⁴ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.

⁵ Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

⁶ Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

⁷ Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category RPAS are required to apply the Air Safety intent of RA 1164.

⁸ Via DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

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- d. **Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Air Systems.** Air Systems that meet either criteria of being Civilian-Owned or Civilian Operated, but not Special Case Flying.

**Regulation
1160(2)**

Responsibilities of the Sponsor of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Military Registered Air Systems

- 1160(2) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1019, RA 1162, and RA 1163.

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Responsibilities of the Sponsor of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Military Registered Air Systems

14. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1019, RA 1162, and RA 1163.

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1160(2)**

Responsibilities of the Sponsor of Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Military Registered Air Systems

15. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1019, RA 1162, and RA 1163.

**Regulation
1160(3)**

Certificate of Usage

- 1160(3) For all UK Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems the Sponsor **shall** ensure there is a valid Certificate of Usage (CofU).

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1160(3)**

Certificate of Usage

16. The CofU **should** be based upon the template hosted on the MAA's website.
17. The CofU **should** be produced by the Sponsor, on acceptance of the applicant's Application for Approval in Principle (AAiP)⁹, and **should** state the following:
- The designated type and mark of the Air System.
 - The unique serial number of the specific airframe(s).
 - The agreed DAE Operating Category / Categories that the Air System is to be operated within.
 - A description of the proposed scope of activity to be conducted.
 - A description of the proposed ownership and management of RtL, Operations, TAw and CAw.
 - The agreed RPAS operating category (where applicable).
18. The CofU **should** only be signed by the Sponsor when they are satisfied that the proposed Air Safety governance arrangements for the Air System are appropriate for the intended DAE Operating Category / Categories.
19. The Sponsor **should** present the CofU to the MAA¹⁰ for review under the following circumstances:
- When applying for UK military registration accompanying the AAiP.
 - When requesting activation of the Air System on the UK MAR.

⁹ Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Aircraft Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

¹⁰ Via DSA-MAA-OpAssure-MAR@mod.gov.uk.

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20. The Sponsor **should**:
- Conduct regular reviews of the CofU to confirm that the scope of operation remains appropriate for UK military registration and confirm that the Air Safety governance arrangements for that Air System remain appropriate as defined by the agreed DAE Operating Category.
 - Revoke the CofU if not satisfied with the Air Safety governance arrangements for that Air System as defined by the agreed DAE Operating Category / Categories.
 - Inform the MAA¹⁰ immediately when the CofU is revoked or withdrawn for any reason.
 - Inform the MAA¹⁰ immediately when the CofU is changed as a result of governance arrangements and / or DAE Operating Categories changing.
 - Forward amended CofU documentation to the MAA¹⁰.

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Certificate of Usage

21. The Air Navigation Order (ANO) requires that the military status of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems is recognized by the issue of a certificate signed on behalf of the Secretary of State (SofS); this is the CofU.
22. The CofU is signed on behalf of the SofS by the Sponsor and serves to legally declare that the operation of the Air System does not have to comply with the ANO. Whilst the CofU will bound the type of activity for which military registration is deemed appropriate by the Sponsor, the CofU will not be used as a TAw release document or to articulate specific flight limitations; these will be contained within either the Release To Service (RTS) or Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (In-Service), MPTF (Development) or MPTF (Special Case Flying) as appropriate. As such, the application for, and signature of, a CofU for military registration of a Civilian-Owned Air System will occur at the start of the registration process and will be included in the AAiP⁹.
23. When submitted as part of the AAiP, the CofU will reference the former civilian or non-UK military registration number, or the Manufacturer's Serial Number. Once a provisional UK military registration tail number has been allocated to the airframe the CofU will reference this tail number.
24. The CofU can refer to more than one airframe of an Air System type, providing that the scope of activity, DAE Operating Category, and Air Safety governance arrangements are common for all airframes to which the CofU refers.

Annex A

Figure A-1: The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework

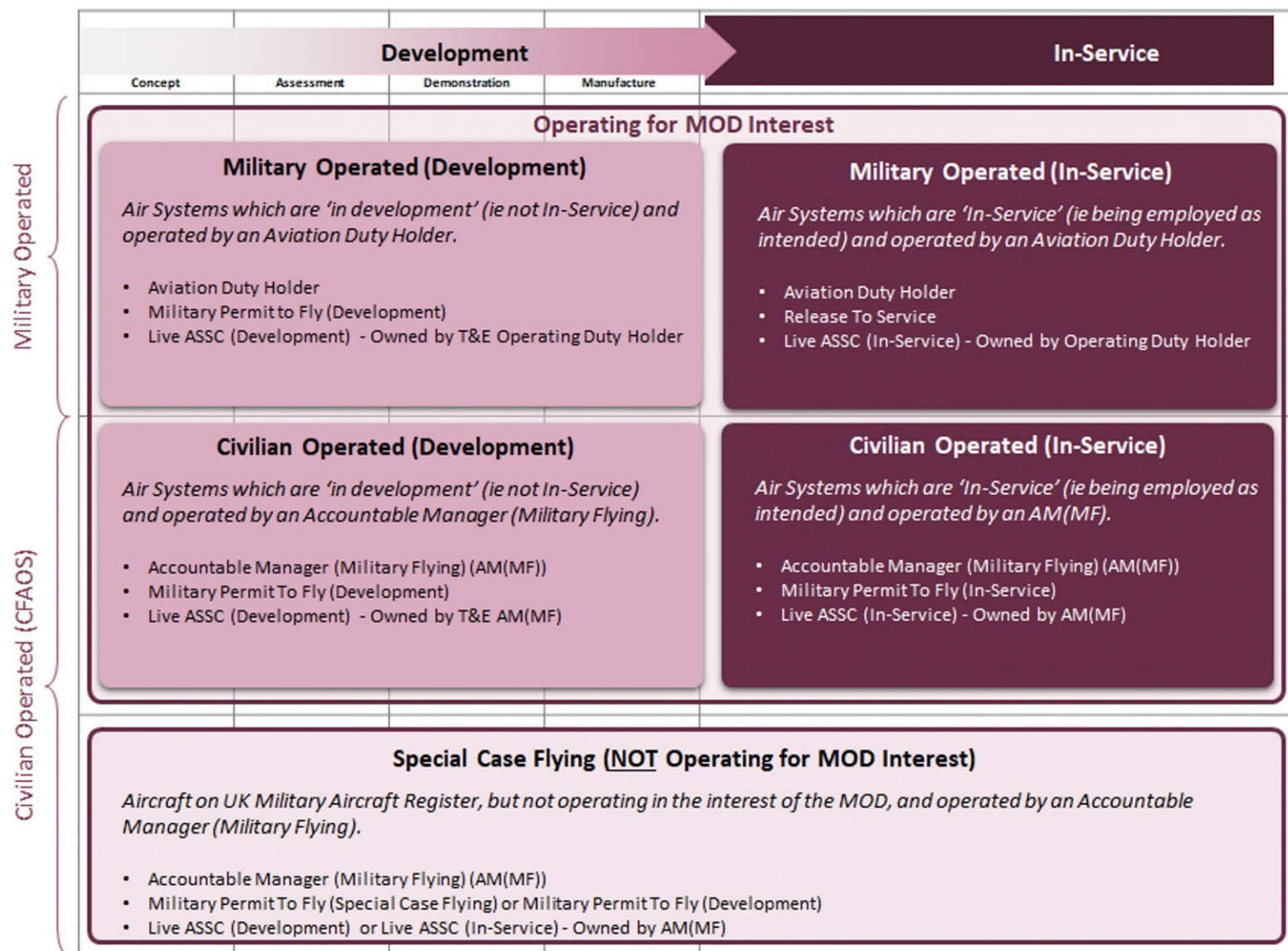


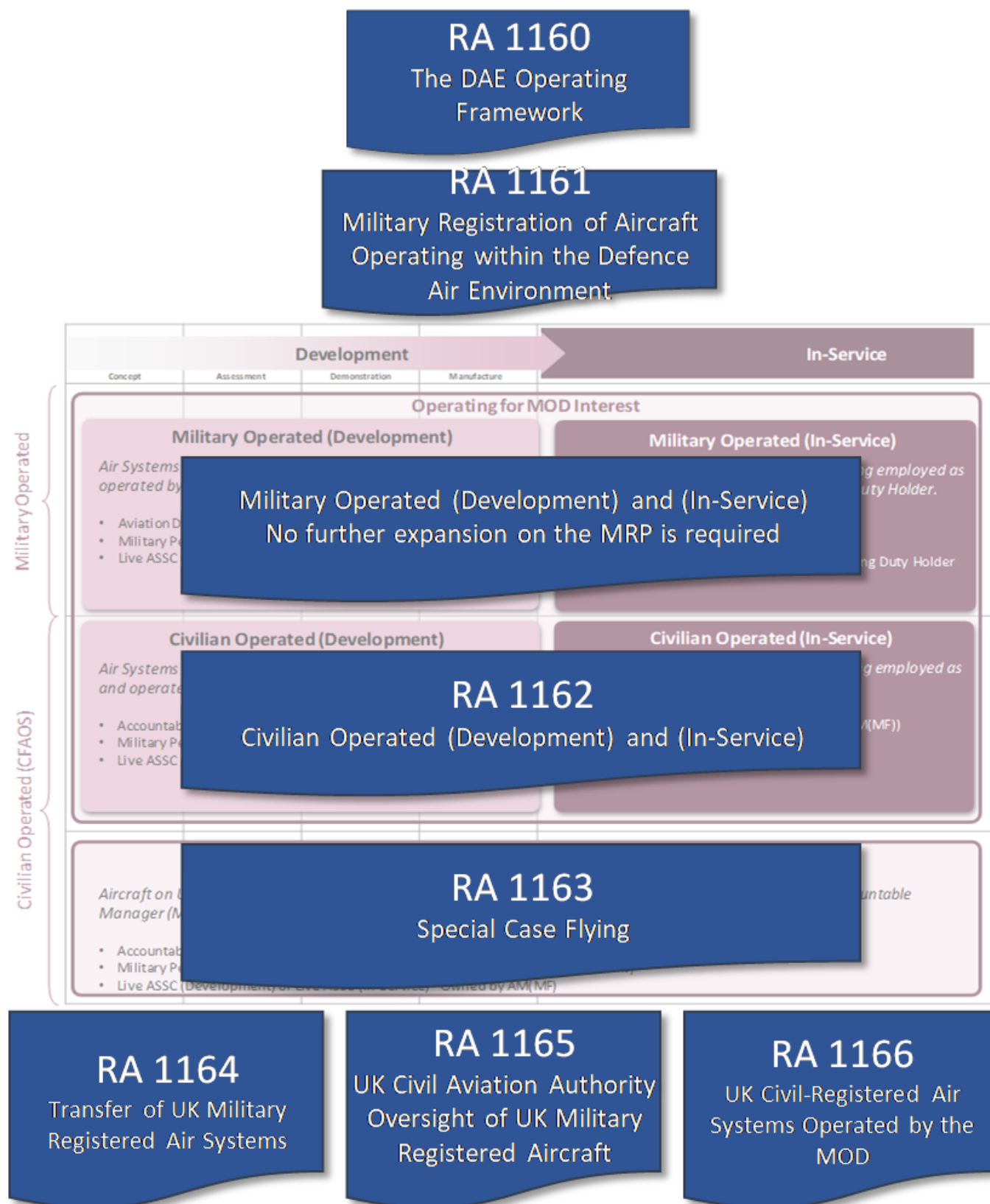
Table A-1: Defence Air Environment Operating Categories – Key responsibilities

Operating Category	ASSC and Rtl Management	TAW Management	CAw Management	Flight Release and Limitations Document
Military Operated (Development)	An ADH chain will be responsible for managing the Rtl associated with the activity, with the ODH required to own and manage a Live ASSC for T&E flying.	The Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) will be fully accountable for ensuring TAW.	Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) through Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) The DDH is accountable for ensuring that CAw is managed by a MAA approved Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO).	MPTF (Development) / RTS¹¹ Flights will be conducted iaw a MPTF (Development), which will be signed by the Operator, Design Organization (DO) ¹² and the TAA (or privileged DO).
Military Operated (In-Service)	An ADH chain will be responsible for managing the Rtl associated with the activity, with the ODH required to own and manage a Live ASSC for the In-Service flying.			RTS Flights will be conducted iaw an RTS.
Civilian Operated (Development)	The AM(MF) will be responsible for managing the Rtl associated with the activity and will be required to own and manage a Live ASSC for the T&E flying.	UK MOD-Owned Air Systems. The TAA will be fully accountable for ensuring TAW. Not UK MOD-Owned Air Systems. Dependent upon the Sponsor's chosen TAW management model, either a: 1. TAA is fully accountable for ensuring TAW or, 2. TAA and Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) share Accountability for ensuring TAW; a. The TAA is, as a minimum, accountable for the mandated non-delegable TAW responsibilities, alongside a; b. MAA approved DO with a TAW management supplement and a nominated TAM, who is accountable for ensuring the remaining TAW responsibilities.	AM(MF) through Mil CAM The AM(MF) is accountable for ensuring that CAw is managed by a MAA approved Mil CAMO.	MPTF (Development)¹³ Flights will be conducted iaw a MPTF (Development), which will be signed by the, Operator, TAA / TAM (or privileged DO).
Civilian Operated (In-Service)	The AM(MF) will be responsible for managing the Rtl associated with the activity and will be required to own and manage a Live ASSC for the In-Service flying.			MPTF (In-Service)¹⁴ Flights will be conducted iaw a MPTF (In-Service), which will be signed by the, Operator, TAA / TAM, and the Sponsor as a final signatory.
Special Case Flying	The AM(MF) will be responsible for managing the Rtl associated with the activity and will be required to own and manage a Live ASSC for either the T&E or In-Service flying as appropriate.			MPTF (Special Case Flying) or (Development) The MPTF (Special Case Flying) will be signed by the Operator and TAM as final Signatory. The MPTF (Development) will be signed by the Operator and TAM (or privileged DO).

¹¹ This could be conducted using an RTS iaw RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).¹² Where the term Design Organization (DO) is used this can be read as DO, Co-ordinating Design Organization (CDO) or Air System CDO as appropriate.¹³ This could be conducted using an MPTF (In-Service) iaw RA 5880.¹⁴ A Civilian Operated (In-Service) Air System on temporary Allotment may be operated under an RTS when specifically approved iaw RA 1164.

Annex B

Figure B-1: RA 1160 Series structure, superimposed on the framework of Defence Air Environment Operating Categories (See Annex A)



► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1161 – Military Registration of Aircraft Operating within the Defence Air Environment

Rationale

Registration of an Aircraft, and its associated registration marking, is required to provide each Aircraft with a unique identifier. To operate within the Defence Air Environment (DAE) military registration is required and registration markings must be displayed. Not having Aircraft appropriately registered and marked introduces a Risk that Accountability and Assurance of Air Safety will be diluted or neglected entirely. This Regulatory Article (RA) details the military registration and activation process for all Aircraft operating within the DAE.

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1161(1): Military Aircraft Registration
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Remotely Piloted Aircraft Registration

Regulation 1161(1)

Military Aircraft Registration

1161(1) All Aircraft¹ operating and intending to operate in the DAE **shall** be registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR).

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Military Aircraft Registration

1. All Aircraft to be employed within a DAE Operating Category² **should** be registered following submission of a successful Application for Approval in Principle (AAiP) and Request for Activation (RfA).
2. To qualify for military registration, all the following conditions **should** be met:
 - a. The Aircraft **should** meet the UK Air Navigation Order (ANO) definition of a 'Military Aircraft'³; and
 - b. If Civilian-Owned, the Aircraft **should not** be eligible / appropriate⁴ for registration by the UK Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA); and
 - c. If the Aircraft is not intended to be operated in MOD Interest:
 - (1) The task **should** be in the interest of the wider UK Government; and
 - (2) The Sponsor⁵, on behalf of the MOD as a UK Government Department, **should** agree that MOD resource needs to be utilized to support the activity; and
 - d. The Aircraft **should** be capable of controlled flight; and
 - e. The Aircraft **should** be intended to complete multiple flights.
3. All crewed Aircraft and Certified category RPA **should** be issued a registration number for each individual tail.

¹ This Regulation applies to Crewed Aircraft, Certified Category Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) and Specific S2 sub-category RPA only. For Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category RPA, see RA 1161(5).

² Refer to RA 1160(1): Defence Air Environment Operating Categories.

³ Refer to the UK Air Navigation Order 2016, Schedule 1.

⁴ Appropriateness of registration on the UK MAR or UK Civil Aircraft Register may be case specific, and advice or guidance can be obtained from the MAA as required.

⁵ Refer to RA 1019 - Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

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4. For Specific S2 sub-category RPA, the MAA **should** determine from the AAiP requirements whether the RPA will be issued a Military Aircraft Registration Number by:
- Individual tail; or
 - RPA Type. For these RPA, the Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) or Accountable Manager (Military Flying) **should** maintain a record of individual Aircraft identified by a unique serial number (identifying both the operator and the tail); and ensure that both the Type Military Aircraft Registration Number and the unique Aircraft Serial Number are displayed on the main fuselage.

5. The Sponsor / Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) **should** ensure Aircraft are only registered with one aviation authority at any one time. Before registration on the UK MAR, the Sponsor / SRO **should** provide proof of de-registration for Aircraft transferring from another register. Similarly, UK military registered Aircraft transferring to another register will require a UK military Certificate of De-Registration.

Note:

“Any UK registration marks that are currently in use or have been registered in the past are not re-issued to a second aircraft to avoid any confusion. An individual airframe may have more than one registration mark in its lifetime, but a particular registration mark can only apply to one airframe. Therefore, there are no historical registration marks available for issue unless it is the original aircraft that is being re-registered or restored to the UK Register. Generally an original aircraft can return to any of the UK registration marks that it has previously carried.” – quoted from “UK CAA - Availability of UK marks”.

6. The status of an Aircraft’s registration on the UK MAR **should** be one of the following;

- Provisional.** Provisional registration occurs prior to operation of the Aircraft and following successful AAiP.
- Active.** Activation on the UK MAR, and registration of the Aircraft as Active, occurs prior to first flight of the Aircraft and following successful RfA on the UK MAR.
- Inactive.** For Aircraft registered by individual tail only, designation of an individual Aircraft by tail number as Inactive applies when the Aircraft is no longer being operated for a sustained period. The Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) **should** notify the MAR Registrar⁶ when an Aircraft needs to be designated as Inactive, and discuss and agree with the MAA the requirements to return the Aircraft to Active (which, as a minimum, will include a RfA).

Note:

A Specific S2 sub-category RPA registered by type cannot be made inactive.

- De-Registered.**

(1) **Aircraft registered by individual tail.** When military registration is no longer required (Out of Service Date, disposal or transfer to another regulating authority), and Regulation under the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) is no longer appropriate, the Mil CAM **should** make the request to the MAA⁶ notifying the Sponsor / SRO, to de-register the Aircraft. On review, the MAA **should** issue a Certificate of De-Registration to the Mil CAM. When the Mil CAM requests the de-registration of the Aircraft type, the Mil CAM **should** make the request to the MAA⁶ notifying the Sponsor / SRO, to withdraw the related Aircraft Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance - Documentation (MAM-D) forms⁷.

⁶ Via DSA-MAA-OpAssure-MAR@mod.gov.uk.

⁷ The Mil CAM needs to ensure the Sponsor details are provided to the MAA as part of the MAM-D forms withdrawal request.

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(2) **Specific S2 sub-category RPA registered by type.** When military registration of the RPA type is no longer required (eg Out of Service Date, disposal or transfer to another regulating authority), and Regulation under the MRP is no longer appropriate, the ADH / AM(MF) **should** notify the MAA⁶, allowing the RPA type to be De-Registered once all operators of the type have ceased operations.

7. When operating on the UK MAR, registration markings **should** be appropriately displayed for the size and type of the Aircraft.

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Military Aircraft Registration

8. A flow chart providing guidance to meet the requirements for Military Aircraft registration is at Annex A.

9. The registration of Aircraft provides a unique identity that enables the following essential actions:

- a. The certification of fitness for flight of individual tails.
- b. Identification in flight.
- c. Configuration control.
- d. A record of usage and Maintenance.

10. Considerations for military registration:

- a. Sponsors issue a Certificate of Usage (CofU) for Civilian-Owned Aircraft⁸.
- b. Nomination of Competent organizations to operate the Aircraft⁹.
- c. The following will apply to crewed Aircraft and Certified RPA, and may apply to Specific S2 sub-category RPA¹⁰:
 - (1) The Aircraft is designed by competent organizations⁹.
 - (2) Competent organizations be nominated to maintain the Aircraft⁹.
 - (3) The Type Certification Basis (TCB) will consist of applicable Certification Specifications for Airworthiness that have been shown to deliver a level of Safety that is consistent with the intent of Def Stan 00-970¹¹.

11. Remote Pilot Stations (RPS) are not registered on the UK MAR. As an element of a Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS), an RPS may be allocated to a number of different RPAS. The administration and identification of RPS are to be locally controlled and managed.

12. Examples of Aircraft that may be suitable for military registration include:

- a. A Type developed from a military design that was originally procured by the MOD and designed by a DO approved under the MAA Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS).
- b. A new Aircraft, not the subject of a MOD contract, but designed by a DO approved under the MAA DAOS.
- c. A new Aircraft, subject of a MOD contract.
- d. An Aircraft designed in a foreign country which is the subject of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the UK Government and the country of origin government, agreeing the further development of the design, and flight testing in UK airspace, under the auspices of a DO approved under the MAA DAOS, operated by an ADH / Defence Contractor Flying Organization.

⁸ Refer to RA 1160(3): Certificate of Usage.

⁹ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1605 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category.

¹¹ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP 21 Subpart B).

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- e. Aircraft returning for operation in the UK that have previously been registered prior to export. Foreign-Owned Aircraft returning to the UK for Maintenance or Modification may be considered for registration.
 - f. Aircraft supported by a UK Government Department, with an authoritative statement to the effect that the proposal is in the wider UK national interest.
13. For the purposes of defining Military-Owned Aircraft within the RA 1160 series, foreign-Owned Military Aircraft are included. Where necessary, the term 'not UK MOD-Owned Aircraft' is used to denote Aircraft which are either Civilian-Owned or foreign Military-Owned.
14. When an Aircraft that is already registered on the UK MAR undergoes a Major Type Design Change (including designation as a new mark), a new Certificate of Registration may be required.
15. The requirement for the Specific S2 sub-category RPA to be registered by individual tail or by RPA type will be determined by:
- a. Where Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) needs to be managed by a CAW Management Organization (CAMO), Military Aircraft Registration Numbers will be issued for each individual tail.
 - b. Where CAW needs to be managed by the Chief Air Engineer to the DDH or the Accountable Manager in a Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS) approved organization (in lieu of a CAMO), a Military Aircraft Registration Number will be issued for the Aircraft type.
16. **Civil Registered, Civilian-Owned Historic Military-Type Aircraft.** Applications to display historic military markings and liveries are made to the appropriate Front Line Command (FLC) iaw the procedures detailed on the UK CAA webpage.
17. **Registration Markings.** Guidance for Aircraft Registration markings can be taken from Digital Air Publication (DAP) 119A-0601-0B Chapter 9¹² and Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 523¹³. Where RPA are either too small to physically accommodate registration markings or are unable to have them applied in the standard positions, guidance can be taken from UK CAA guidance on labelling Drones and model Aircraft. When Operational considerations are required for applying registration markings the Camouflage Working Group needs to be consulted¹⁴.
18. **Inactive.** Aircraft may be designated as Inactive on the UK MAR for numerous reasons. The requirements to return the Aircraft to Active status will depend on the nature of the period of inactivity and its future operating context once re-activated. Consultation with the MAA on the requirements for re-Activation will be required, ideally prior to designating the Aircraft as Inactive. Examples of designating an Aircraft as Inactive may include (but are not limited to):
- a. **Storage.** If the Air Safety governance arrangements remain in place throughout the period of storage, and the Aircraft needs to return to the same operating context, further evidence to support a return to Active status may not be required.
 - b. **Sale of an Aircraft to a Civilian Operator.** If a Military-Owned and Military Operated Aircraft needs to be sold to a civilian operator for continued use in the DAE, it may be entitled to remain registered as Inactive on the UK MAR for a temporary period providing there is: a designated Sponsor for the future activity; a contract in place for the future activity; and the Air Safety management Approvals remain in place with no gap in regulatory oversight. Prior to operation of the Aircraft with the civilian operator, the MAA will require the Sponsor to complete an AAiP and RfA process in order to return the Aircraft to Active status.
19. **Transfer to other registers.** Upon de-registration of an Aircraft from the UK MAR for transfer to another register (civil or military), any decisions regarding

¹² Refer to DAP 119A-0601-0B – Surface Finishing Processes, Procedures, Materials and Equipment. Additional guidance with regards to identification markings on small RPAS can be sought independently through DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹³ Refer to CAP 523 – Display of Nationality and Registration Marks on Aircraft: Guidance for Owners.

¹⁴ Via Air-CAP-Del-AE-MFTSSO1@mod.gov.uk.

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operation of the Aircraft whilst still bearing the UK MAR registration markings are within the purview of the receiving regulatory body. The SRO, Sponsor, and / or FLC may wish to consider any reputational aspects associated with an Aircraft being operated on another register whilst still bearing UK military markings and take appropriate action(s). If an Aircraft, having been de-registered from the UK MAR for temporary registration on another regulatory body's register, returns to the UK MAR it will follow full AAiP and RfA processes.

20. **Non-applicability for registration on the UK MAR.** RA 1166¹⁵ and RA 1240¹⁶ offer Defence the ability to contract for the utilization of civilian registration and thus these Aircraft do not need to be registered on the UK MAR.

Regulation 1161(2)

Application for Approval in Principle

1161(2) When applying to register an Aircraft¹ on to the UK MAR an AAiP **shall** be submitted⁶.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1161(2)

Application for Approval in Principle

Crewed Aircraft and Certified Category RPA

21. For Civilian-Owned Aircraft the AAiP **should** be prepared by the Applicant for the Sponsor using the template hosted on the MAA's website.

22. When satisfied that the Aircraft has qualified for military registration and met the registration principles, the SRO (for Military-Owned) or Sponsor (for Civilian-Owned) **should** submit the completed application (whose template is hosted on the MAA website), the CofU for Civilian-Owned, and the associated Air System Safety Case (ASSC) Report, to the MAA¹⁷.

23. As part of the AAiP submission and in addition to the requirements of RA 1205¹⁸, the submission of the ASSC Report **should** explicitly detail Claims / Arguments / Evidence that summarize:

- a. The organizational Approvals for the design, Maintenance and operation of the Aircraft.
- b. The approach taken to develop the Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment¹⁹ and Airworthiness Strategy.
- c. The proposed arrangements for the upkeep of Type Airworthiness (TAW) and CAW while the Aircraft is registered on the MAR.
- d. The approach to develop the Maintenance policy.

24. **Special Case Flying.** For Special Case Flying, the Sponsor **should** ensure the AAiP appropriately demonstrates that it is in the interest of the other UK Government Departments to place the Aircraft on the UK MAR.

Specific S2 sub-category RPA

25. The RPA Categorization Submission²⁰ **should** contain the AAiP requirements. The Categorization Submission **should** be accompanied by the CofU for Civilian-Owned RPA, and the associated ASSC Report. A separate AAiP submission is not required.

26. **Special Case Flying.** For Special Case Flying, the Sponsor **should** ensure the Categorization Submission appropriately demonstrates that it is in the interest of the other UK Government Departments to place the RPA on the UK MAR.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized by the Ministry of Defence.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1240 – Chartering of Civilian Air Systems for Military Purposes.

¹⁷ Via DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

²⁰ Refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

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Application for Approval in Principle

Crewed Aircraft and Certified Category RPA

27. The end-to-end process for registering an Aircraft typically takes 6 months. It is highly recommended that the SRO (for Military-Owned Aircraft) or the Applicant (for Civilian-Owned Aircraft) holds a launch meeting at the start of a project to register an Aircraft with the Military Aircraft Registration section of the MAA⁶, so that timescales are clear and expectations are managed. This is especially important in cases where the Aircraft is unfamiliar to the MAA or there will be a significant difference in the design and / or usage of the Aircraft compared with an equivalent In-Service Type.

28. For the AAiP, submission of an appropriately mature ASSC Report that summarises the developing ASSC is required²¹.

29. The AAiP template requires the following information, each to be supplemented by a detailed narrative where appropriate.

- a. **Purpose of Military Registration:** eg Export support, service provision, training.
- b. **Operating, Type and Continuing Organization arrangements:** Details of the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme, DAOS (inc Type Airworthiness Management supplement if required), CAMO and MAOS Approvals within which operations will be conducted.
- c. **Intended route to Type Certification:** Details the proposed TCB and summary of the Type Certification programme.
- d. **Intended DAE Operating Category(s):** Declaration of the endorsed DAE Operating Category(s) for the activity, highlighting if the activity will be undertaken in one or more DAE Operating Categories.
- e. **Proposed Types of Flying:** Details the proposed types of flying related to the Intended DAE Operating Category(s).
- f. **Proposed programme of flying:** Supporting detail to para 29.e, confirming the proposed air activities to be undertaken, such as: air-ground weapons trials, air-air refuelling, formation, low flying, and dates from which first flight will take place.
- g. **Geographical Area:** The area where the flying needs to take place. Aircraft may be flown outside of the UK, but such plans will need to consider requirements for diplomatic clearance.
- h. **ASSC Report:** Reference to appropriate ASSC Report.
- i. **Previous Registration Number(s):** Registration numbers that a previous authority may have used prior to de-registration.

30. Once the AAiP is approved, the MAA Registrar will provisionally enter the Aircraft details onto the UK MAR and notify the SRO / Sponsor of the provisional tail numbers.

Specific S2 sub-category RPA

31. Once the Categorization Submission is approved, the MAA Registrar will provisionally enter the RPA details onto the UK MAR and provide the provisional tail number(s) or type number alongside the Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC).

Regulation 1161(3)

Request for Activation on the UK Military Aircraft Register

1161(3) Prior to operation of the Aircraft¹, the Aircraft **shall** be registered as Active on the UK MAR⁶.

²¹ Once the ASSC Report has been submitted to the MAA it will take a minimum of 30 working days to complete the review.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1161(3)

Request for Activation on the UK Military Aircraft Register

Military-Owned Aircraft

32. The SRO **should** submit a RfA for the required Aircraft tail numbers²² utilizing the template (available on the MAA's websites), along with the Live ASSC Report (Development or In-Service), to the MAA¹⁷.

33. In addition to the requirements of RA 1205¹⁸, submission of the Live ASSC Report (Development or In-Service) **should** explicitly include Claims / Arguments / Evidence that summarize:

- a. The arrangements for the management of flying operations, TAw, and CAw.
- b. The TCB and Airworthiness Strategy.
- c. Proposal for the Air System Document Set (ADS).
- d. The arrangements for either Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (Development or In-Service) or Release To Service (RTS).

Civilian-Owned Aircraft

34. For Civilian-Owned Aircraft a RfA for the required Aircraft tail numbers²² **should** be prepared by the Applicant for the Sponsor.

35. When satisfied with the arrangements for the management of Air Safety, as appropriate for the Aircraft's DAE Operating Category, the Sponsor **should** submit the RfA for the required Aircraft tail numbers²², along with the Live ASSC Report (Development or In-Service), to the MAA¹⁷.

36. In addition to the requirements of RA 1205¹⁸, submission of the Live ASSC Report (Development or In-Service) **should** explicitly include Claims / Arguments / Evidence that summarise:

- a. The arrangements for the management of flying Operations, TAw, and CAw.
- b. The TCB and Airworthiness Strategy.
- c. Proposal for the ADS.
- d. The arrangements for either MPTF (Development, In-Service, or Special Case Flying) or RTS.

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37. The RfA needs to be considered well in advance of the proposed first flight, the SRO / Sponsor may wish to review and seek independent advice on particular aspects of the submission.

38. It is also highly recommended that the MAA is engaged well in advance of the proposed first flight to ensure that timescales for review of the Live ASSC are clear and expectations managed.

39. The MAA will review the RfA, along with the Live ASSC Report (Development or In-Service), to assure itself that appropriate arrangements for Air Safety management, specific to the Aircraft's DAE Operating Category, have been identified and are in place. The MAA will then issue the SRO / Sponsor a letter of activation Approval.

40. Following activation Approval, Certificates of Registration for individual Aircraft tail numbers will be issued by the MAA Registrar upon request.

Regulation 1161(4)

Indemnity

1161(4) Withdrawn – Not deemed Regulatory material.

²² For Specific S2 sub-category RPA registered by type, a separate RfA for the type registration number is required by each operator (ie each LEC holder for the RPA type).

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Indemnity

41. Withdrawn – Not deemed Regulatory material.

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Indemnity

42. Withdrawn – Not deemed Regulatory material.

**Regulation
1161(5)**

Military Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Aircraft Registration

- 1161(5) Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category RPA operating and intending to operate in the DAE **shall** be registered on the UK MAR.

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Compliance
1161(5)**

Military Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Aircraft Registration

43. The RPAS Responsible Owner (RPAS RO) / RPAS Accountable Manager (RPAS AM) **should** request military registration²³ by submitting the RPAS Categorization Submission²⁰ to the MAA, along with the CofU for Civilian-Owned RPA.
44. To qualify for military registration, all the following conditions **should** be met:
- The RPA **should** meet the UK ANO definition of a 'Military Aircraft'³; and
 - If Civilian-Owned, the RPA **should not** be eligible / appropriate⁴ for registration by the UK CAA; and
 - The RPA **should** be intended for operation in MOD Interest; and
 - The RPA **should** be capable of controlled flight; and
 - The RPA **should** be intended to complete multiple flights.
45. Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category RPAS **should** be given a Military Aircraft Registration Number for the RPA type. The RPAS RO / RPAS AM **should** maintain a record of individual RPA identified by a unique serial number (identifying both the operator and the tail); and ensure that both the Type Military Aircraft Registration Number and the unique RPA serial number are displayed on the main fuselage.
46. An RPA **should** only be registered with one aviation authority at any one time.
47. The status of an Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category RPA registration on the UK MAR **should** be one of the following;
- Active.** Activation on the UK MAR, and registration of the RPA type as Active, occurs prior to first flight of the RPA and successful award of an MAA LEC and Certificate of Registration.
 - De-Registered.** When military registration of the RPA type is no longer required (eg Out of Service Date, disposal or transfer to another regulating authority), and Regulation under the MRP is no longer appropriate, the RPAS RO / RPAS AM **should** notify the MAA⁶, allowing the RPA type to be De-Registered once all operators of the type have ceased operations.
48. When operating on the UK MAR, registration markings **should** be appropriately displayed for the size and type of the RPA.

²³ Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category RPA do not require a separate AAiP or RfA.

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**Military Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category Remotely
Piloted Aircraft Registration**

49. A flow chart providing guidance to meet the requirements for Military Aircraft registration is at Annex B.

50. The registration of RPA provides a unique identity that enables the following essential actions:

- a. The certification of fitness for flight of individual tails.
- b. Identification in flight.
- c. Configuration control.
- d. A record of usage and Maintenance.

51. Considerations for military registration:

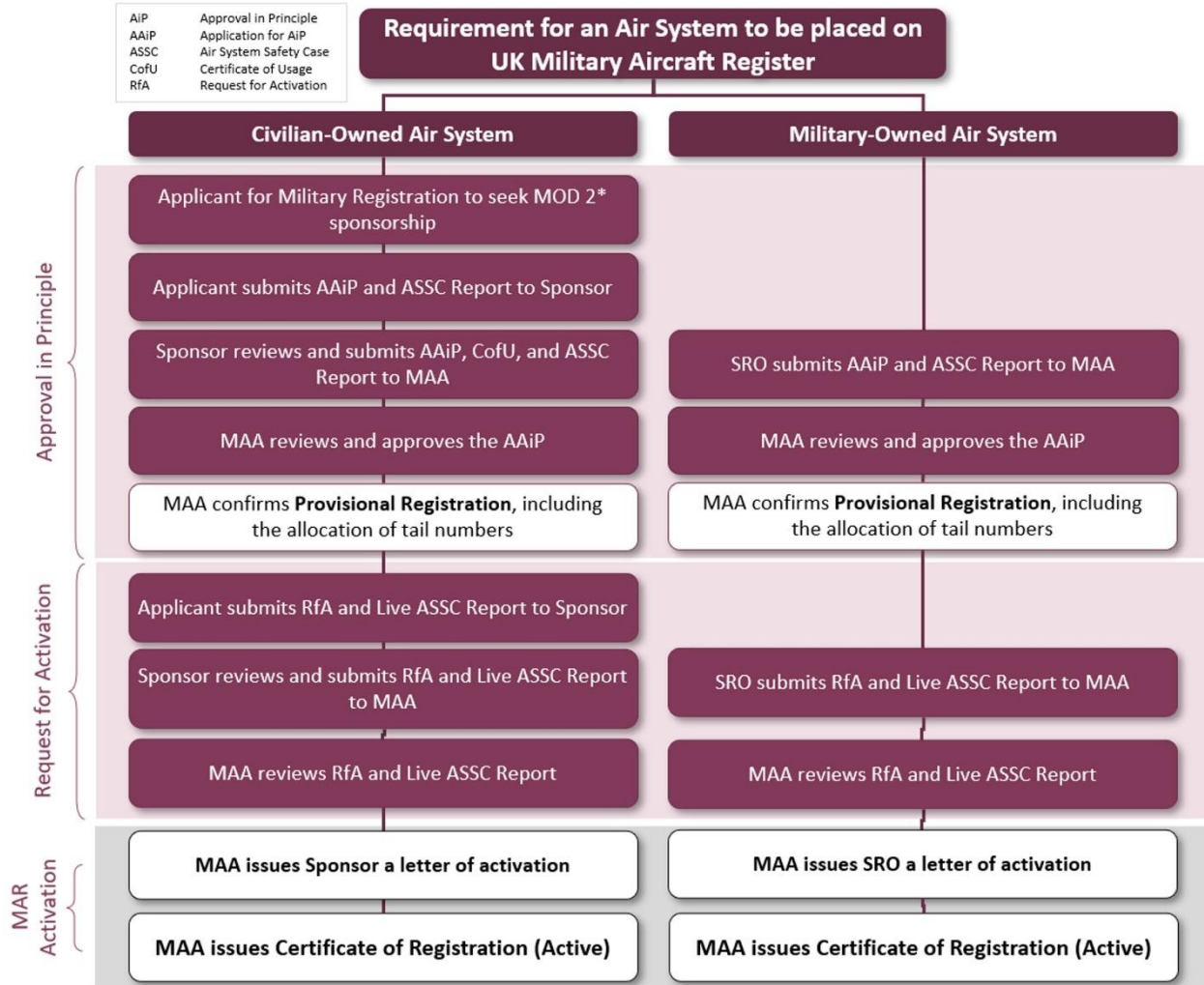
- a. Sponsors issue a CofU for Civilian-Owned RPA⁸.
- b. Nomination of Competent organizations to operate the RPA⁹.

52. RPS are not registered on the UK MAR. As an element of the RPAS, a RPS may be allocated to a number of different RPAS. The administration and identification of RPS are to be locally controlled and managed.

53. **Registration Markings.** Guidance for RPA registration markings can be taken from DAP 119A-0601-0B Chapter 9¹² and CAP 523¹³. Where RPA are either too small to physically accommodate registration markings or are unable to have them applied in the standard positions, guidance can be taken from UK CAA guidance on labelling drones and model Aircraft. When Operational considerations are required for applying registration markings the Camouflage Working Group needs to be consulted¹⁴.

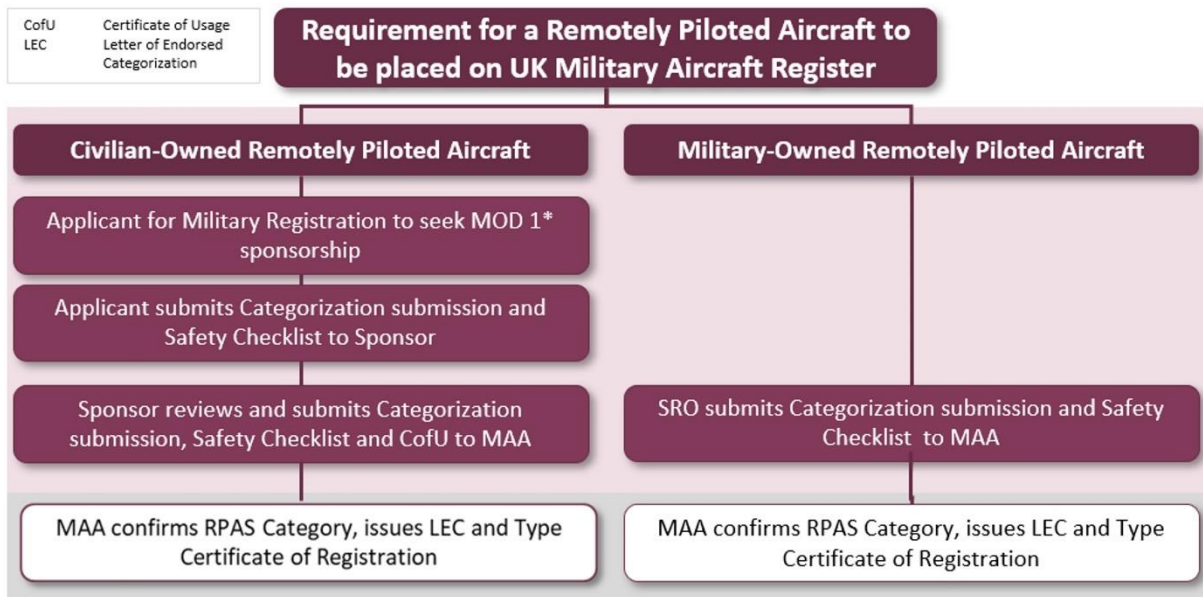
54. **Non-applicability for registration on the UK MAR.** RA 1240¹⁶, offers Defence the ability to contract for the utilization of civilian registration and thus these RPA do not need to be registered on the UK MAR.

Annex A

Figure 1: Military Aircraft Registration Flow Chart²⁴

²⁴ Before registration on the UK MAR, the Sponsor / SRO **should** provide proof of de-registration for Aircraft transferring from another register.

Annex B

Figure 2: Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category RPA Military Aircraft Registration Flowchart²⁴

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RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems

Rationale

To provide Defence with the required flexibility over how new capabilities are introduced, the aviation industry may be required to operate UK military registered Air Systems. However, without a clear understanding of the governance framework for this activity, there is a Risk that key Air Safety responsibilities may be diluted or neglected entirely, with the result that the Risks associated with operation of the Air System are not adequately managed. This RA details the Air Safety governance arrangements for Defence Contractor Flying Organizations (DCFO) operating under the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) that are operating in MOD Interest; such activities are conducted within the Civilian Operated (Development) or (In-Service) Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Categories¹.

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Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1162(1) The Sponsor **shall** confirm appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place for the operation and Airworthiness of UK military registered Air Systems in the Civilian Operated (Development) or Civilian Operated (In-Service) DAE Operating Categories.

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Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1. The Sponsor **should** confirm:
 - a. That the operating organization is approved under the CFAOS.
 - b. That an appropriate Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) is appointed².
 - c. That the AM(MF) is supported for the management of Type Airworthiness (TAW)³:
 - (1) For UK MOD-Owned Air Systems, by a Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) Operating Centre Director (OCD) appointed Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA).
 - (2) For Not UK MOD-Owned Air Systems, by a TAA and TAW Manager (TAM). The MAA have mandated four areas of non-delegable TAW Responsibilities, detailed at Table 1, that the Sponsor **should** ensure remain the responsibility of a TAA. For all other TAW tasks, the Sponsor **should** decide upon an appropriate TAW management model (eg which tasks will be conducted by the TAA, which will be delegated to a MAA approved TAM through a Letter of Appointment⁴) which depends upon the complexity of the activity. The Sponsor **should** inform the AM(MF) of their chosen construct for managing TAW.

¹ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

² Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

³ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁴ Refer to RA 1003(3): Delegation of Airworthiness Authority within a Design Organization holding Type Airworthiness Management responsibilities.

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Table 1. Non-Delegable TAw responsibilities

TAw Functions	Applicable RAs	Non-Delegable responsibilities
Type Design and Aircraft Repairs	RA 5820 ⁵ RA 5865 ⁶	- Approval of initial Type Design, - Approval of Major Changes to Type Design and Repairs, - Signing to Accept the initial Certificate of Design (CofD), - Signing to Accept the CofD for Major Changes to Type Design and Repairs.
Military Type Certificate (MTC)	RA 5810 ⁷	Responsibility to hold an MTC
Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)	RA 1305 ⁸ RA 5880 ⁹	- Approve the initial issue of the MPTF (Development), - Certify the initial issue of MPTF (In-Service) Recommendations, - Review TAM proposed amendments to MPTF (In-Service), - Approve the issue of the MPTF (Single Task).
Air System Document Set (ADS) and Technical Information	RA 1310 ¹⁰ RA 5405 ¹¹ RA 5815 ¹² RA 5010 ¹³	- Approve the initial issue of the ADS, - Review Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins, and approve the related Special Instruction (Technical)s (SI(T)), - Evaluate and approve changes to Master Maintenance Schedule. - Prepare the TAw Strategy.

d. That the AM(MF) is supported for the management of CAw by an MAA approved Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO)¹⁴.

e. The AM(MF) is supported by Competent organizations¹⁵.

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2. If the Sponsor is not in DE&S, the agreement of a DE&S OCD¹⁶ will be required to appoint an appropriate TAA.
3. The Sponsor determined model for the management of TAw could be either:
 - a. The appointment of a TAA who is fully accountable for ensuring TAw and complying with all TAw Regulations, or
 - b. The appointment of a TAA and TAM, where the:
 - (1) TAA, as a minimum, is accountable for the MAA mandated non-delegable TAw responsibilities, and
 - (2) MAA approved TAM, within a Design Organization operating under the Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS) holding a TAw Management Supplement, is accountable for ensuring the remaining TAw responsibilities as detailed by the Sponsor.

⁵ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D).

⁶ Refer to RA 5865 – Repairs (MRP Part 21 Subpart M).

⁷ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

⁸ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

⁹ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1310 – Air System Document Set.

¹¹ Refer to RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical).

¹² Refer to RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness.

¹³ Refer to RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director - Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

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4. Operation of an Air System in MOD Interest, for which there is in force a Certificate of Usage issued on behalf of the Secretary of State for Defence (SofS), creates a duty on the SofS to ensure safe use of the Air System. Whilst Responsibility for this liability can be appropriately discharged to non-Crown Servants, dependent on the particular operating context, the MAA has determined a set of non-delegable regulatory TAw responsibilities that have to be retained by a Crown Servant TAA iaw the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) principle that organizations do not regulate themselves in Airworthiness matters¹⁷. These responsibilities are identified as 'TAA non-delegable responsibilities'.

5. Prior to endorsing the responsibilities to which the Sponsor will delegate to the TAM, it is recommended they consult an appropriate DE&S OCD 2* and where necessary an appropriate TAA for advice. The TAM's responsibilities, once formalized by the Sponsor in writing to the TAM, copied to the AM(MF), will be detailed in the respective TAw management supplement of the DAOS exposition.

6. Where a TAM invokes Design Organization privilege, the TAM will inform the TAA¹⁸.

**Regulation
1162(2)**

Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1162(2) The Sponsor **shall** confirm appropriate Assurance of the Air Safety arrangements is conducted for the operation and Airworthiness of UK military registered Air Systems in the Civilian Operated DAE Operating Category.

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Compliance
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Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

7. The Sponsor **should** confirm that appropriate Assurance is conducted of:

- a. Flying operations,
- b. CAw management,
- c. TAw management:
 - (1) For the elements for which the TAA is accountable, the DE&S OCD conducts appropriate Assurance of the TAA.
 - (2) For the elements for which a TAM is accountable, appropriate Assurance of the TAM is conducted.
- d. Maintenance of the Air System,
- e. The management of RtL within an Air Safety Management System (ASMS), and
- f. The management of the Live Air System Safety Case within the ASMS.

8. When assessing the level of activity required to assure that the Air Safety arrangements are appropriate, the Sponsor **should** consider the operating context in which the activity will be undertaken, the potential for conflict of loyalties and the level of risk exposure.

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Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

9. The Sponsor will take a RtL based approach in determining the appropriate oversight applied to the operating arrangements, which could be done by MOD organizations (eg Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), "Safety, Training Assurance and Regulatory" (STAR) teams, Central Flying School (CFS), Standards units, or the Delivery Team if it retains Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP)), or by suitably Competent and experienced civilian organizations.

10. When undertaking Assurance of Air System operations, it is important to assure that, as a minimum:

¹⁷ For information this is derived from ICAO Doc 9760 Chapter 4 – Airworthiness organization.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

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- a. The MAA issued CFAOS schedule continues to cover the scope of the intended activity, and
- b. The Air System continues to be operated within the flight conditions as defined and permitted by the MPTF (Development), MPTF (In-Service), or Release To Service.

11. The Sponsor will confirm that the AM(MF) has sought appropriate advice on the operating aspects of the Air Safety arrangements from appropriate SQEP. The complexity of the arrangements and the activity being assured (novel and complex or inherently military in style) will dictate the level of SQEP. Particular attention may be necessary for those activities which are not normally within the capability of the flying organization and where SQEP external to the organization is being utilized.

12. The AM(MF) will provide the Sponsor with a copy of their annual Safety Statement¹⁹.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

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RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems

Rationale

UK military registration may be granted to a Civilian-Owned or foreign Military-Owned Air System that is not operated in MOD Interest and is not eligible for Civil registration, if it is deemed to be in the interests of the wider UK Government; their operation is categorized as Special Case Flying. However, without a clear understanding of the governance framework for this activity, there is a Risk that key Air Safety responsibilities may be diluted or neglected entirely, with the result that the Risks associated with operation of the Air System are not adequately managed. This RA details the Air Safety governance arrangements for the Special Case Flying of UK military registered Air Systems; such activities are conducted within the Special Case Flying Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Category¹.

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Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1163(1) The Sponsor **shall** confirm appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place for the operation and Airworthiness of UK military registered Air Systems in the Special Case Flying DAE Operating Category.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1163(1)

Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1. The Sponsor **should** confirm:
 - a. That the operating organization is approved under the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS).
 - b. That an appropriate Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) is appointed².
 - c. That the AM(MF) is supported for the management of Type Airworthiness (TAW) by an MAA approved Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM)³ through a Letter of Appointment⁴.
 - d. The AM(MF) is supported for the management of Continuing Airworthiness (CAW) by an MAA approved Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO)⁵.
 - e. The AM(MF) is supported by Competent organizations⁶.

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Air Safety Governance Arrangements

2. For Special Case Flying, there are no non-delegable TAW responsibilities (as is the case for Air Systems in the Civilian Operated (Development) and Civilian Operated (In-Service) DAE Operating Categories)⁷.

¹ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

² Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

³ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management.

⁴ Refer to RA 1003(3): Delegation of Airworthiness Authority within a Design Organization holding Type Airworthiness management responsibilities.

⁵ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

⁶ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

⁷ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems.

Regulation 1163(2)

Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

1163(2) The Sponsor **shall** confirm appropriate Assurance of the Air Safety arrangements is conducted for the operation and Airworthiness of UK military registered Air Systems in the Special Case Flying DAE Operating Category.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1163(2)

Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

3. The Sponsor **should** confirm that appropriate Assurance is conducted of:
 - a. Flying operations,
 - b. CAw management,
 - c. TAw management,
 - d. Maintenance of the Air System,
 - e. The management of RtL within an Air Safety Management System (ASMS), and
 - f. The management of the Live Air System Safety Case within the ASMS.
4. When assessing the level of activity required to assure that the Air Safety arrangements are appropriate, the Sponsor **should** consider the operating context in which the activity will be undertaken, the potential for conflict of loyalties and the level of Risk exposure.

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Assurance of the Air Safety Governance Arrangements

5. The Sponsor will take a RtL based approach in determining the appropriate oversight applied to the operating arrangements. The level of Assurance required is dependent upon the nature, number and / or significance of changes in Type Design, frequency and location of flying operations. The Sponsor determines the level of Assurance required of the Air Safety arrangements, and the decision-making activity that is being undertaken to support those arrangements, as appropriate for the activity.
6. When undertaking Assurance of Air System operations, it is important to assure that, as a minimum;
 - a. The MAA issued CFAOS schedule continues to cover the scope of the intended activity, and
 - b. The Air System continues to be operated within the flight conditions as defined and permitted by the Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (Special Case Flying) or MPTF (Development).
 - c. Where the Air System is undertaking developmental activity, under the MPTF (Development), Assurance will be appropriate to enable oversight of the TAM's Authorization process and not re-occurring Assurance of every MPTF (Development) event.
7. The Sponsor will confirm that the AM(MF) has sought appropriate advice on the operating aspects of the Air Safety arrangements from appropriate Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP). The complexity of the arrangements and the activity being assured (novel and complex or inherently military in style) will dictate the level of SQEP. Particular attention may be necessary for those activities which are not normally within the capability of the flying organization and where SQEP external to the organization is being utilized.
8. The AM(MF) will provide the Sponsor with a copy of their annual Safety Statement⁸.

⁸ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

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RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems

Rationale

Air System transfers, occurring either by Allotment or Allocation, provide Defence with the flexibility to effectively manage an Air System Fleet and maximise Operational Capability. However, without a clear framework for the continued ownership of Air Safety governance arrangements, there is a Risk that the management of Air Safety responsibilities may be ineffective or neglected entirely, with the result that the Risks associated with operation of the Air System are not adequately managed. This RA details the required oversight of Air Safety governance arrangements for all Air System transfers.

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Permanent Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems

1164(1) When an Air System on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) is permanently transferred via Allotment, the receiving Operating Duty Holder (ODH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF))¹ **shall** ensure that appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place.

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Permanent Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems

1. To ensure ODHs / AM(MF)s are aware of the Accountability and Responsibility for the governance of the Air System's Air Safety arrangements of allotted Air Systems, ODHs / AM(MF)s **should** record all Air Systems allotted to them.
2. The permanent transfer of an Air System by Allotment **should** transfer Accountability to the receiving organization for the:
 - a. Management of Risk to Life (RtL) and ownership of an Air System Safety Case (ASSC).
 - b. Governance of flying operations through the utilization of the receiving organization's Operating Orders, Authorizations and Supervision processes.
 - c. Management of Continuing Airworthiness (CAw)² and Maintenance of the Air System.
3. Where the Accountability of Type Airworthiness (TAW) changes, the receiving Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)³ **should** ensure that they fully understand the Configuration of the Air System⁴.
4. For Civilian-Owned or Civilian Operated Air Systems, the Sponsor, once notified of a pending Air System Allotment, **should** review the Air Safety governance

¹ For Open and Specific S1 categorized Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS), see the RA1600 Series.

² Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

³ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, TAW management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁴ Refer to RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management.

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arrangements, any change in Operating Category⁵ and update the Certificate of Usage (CofU) where relevant / appropriate.

5. The Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) **should** produce Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures to detail the process for the transfer of CAw arrangements and general conditions of transfer. These **should** explicitly require:
 - a. The dispatching organization to be responsible for compliance with the directed conditions of transfer.
 - b. The receiving organization to report where an Air System is received in an unsatisfactory condition⁶.
 - c. The transfer to be documented using the Allotment Order template hosted on the MAA's websites.

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6. Guidance for Mil CAMs for the production of Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures is detailed at Annex A.

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Temporary Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems

- 1164(2) When an Air System on the UK MAR is temporarily transferred via Allotment, the receiving ODH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure that appropriate Air Safety arrangements are in place.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1164(2)

Temporary Allotment of UK Military Registered Air Systems

7. To ensure ODHs / AM(MF)s are aware of the Accountability and Responsibility for the governance of the Air System's Air Safety arrangements of allotted Air Systems, ODHs / AM(MF)s **should** record all Air Systems allotted to them.
8. The temporary transfer of an Air System by Allotment **should** transfer Accountability to the receiving organization for the:
 - a. Management of RtL and ownership of an ASSC.
 - b. Governance of flying operations through the utilization of the receiving organization's Operating Orders, Authorizations and Supervision processes.
9. Accountability for TAw **should** remain with the nominated TAA, dependent upon the Sponsor's endorsed model for TAw management.
10. For Civilian-Owned or Civilian Operated Air Systems, the Sponsor, once notified of a pending Air System Allotment, **should** review the Air Safety Governance arrangements, any change in Operating Category and update the CofU where relevant / appropriate.
11. Responsibility for CAw **should** remain with the Air System's nominated Mil CAM. The Mil CAM **should**:
 - a. Produce Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures to detail the CAw arrangements and general conditions of transfer.
 - b. Ensure the transfer is documented using the Allotment Order template hosted on the MAA's websites.
12. Temporary Allotment of Air Systems **should** be supported by a formal documented agreement / Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between ODHs / AM(MF)s, which explicitly addresses the following:
 - a. The governance arrangements under which flying operations will be undertaken; including flying orders, Authorizations and Supervision processes, stating the relevant MAA Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) Approval where applicable.

⁵ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁶ Refer to RA 4815 – Maintenance Procedures and Safety and Quality Policy (MRP 145.A.65).

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- b. The principles for agreeing, and subsequently resolving, any activity on the Air System that would make the Air System potentially unfit for return to the original ODH / AM(MF).
 - c. The governance arrangements and Responsibility for TAw management, noting any TAw management model when detailed by a Sponsor.
 - d. The governance arrangements and Responsibility for the management of CAw, stating the relevant MAA Continuing Airworthiness Management Organizations (CAMO) Approval where applicable.
 - e. Agree the conditions of transfer, including receipt and dispatch, that are not detailed within Mil CAM Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures.
 - f. Any support required by the receiving organization.
13. When an Air System is temporarily allotted to an AM(MF), for which a valid Release To Service (RTS) exists, the activity may be conducted in accordance with (iaw) the relevant RTS in lieu of an MPTF (In-Service). Where this condition is invoked:
- a. The Sponsor **should**:
 - (1) Approve the use of the RTS as the flight release and limitations document.
 - (2) Stipulate any elements of the RTS which are not applicable, including (as a minimum) Operational Emergency Clearances.
 - (3) Define the bounds of the activity which may be conducted under the RTS.
 - (4) Be satisfied that all RtL has been identified and brought to the attention of the AM(MF), who has made a Safety Statement to the effect that the RtL has been reduced to As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable.
 - b. The AM(MF) **should** ensure the use of the RTS is appropriately considered within their ASSC.
14. For Air Systems being allotted on a Chock-to-Chock basis, for each sortie, the Authorization Record **should** be annotated with: the organization that the Air System has been allotted to; which orders are being followed; and the Delivery Duty Holder / AM(MF) for the activity.

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15. Guidance for Mil CAMs for the production of Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures is detailed at Annex A.
16. The Sponsor may elect to approve the use of an RTS (where one exists) in lieu of an MPTF (In-Service) where Air Systems are temporarily Allotted to a Defence Contractor Flying Organization (DCFO) for the conduct of activity that would ordinarily fall within the scope of an In-Service ODH to conduct. This may include (but is not limited to):
- a. Post Maintenance Flight Test iaw Topic 5M or equivalent.
 - b. Ferry / positioning flights.
 - c. Crew currency flying.
17. In approving the use of an RTS, the Sponsor will consider the operating context of the DCFO in relation to that of the ODH and satisfy themselves that the RTS is appropriate for use within the bounds of the approved activity (with any additional limitations), noting that the Release To Service Authority will not have considered the AM(MF) or DCFO's operating context when fulfilling their responsibilities under RA 1021⁷.

⁷ Refer to RA 1021 – Release To Service Authorities – Roles and Responsibilities.

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Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems by Allocation

1164(3) When an Air System on the UK MAR is transferred by Allocation, the ODH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure that appropriate Air Safety arrangements remain in place.

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18. Transfer by Allocation **should** only occur for the purpose of specific tasking, storage, or arrangements to satisfy a fleet management plan.

19. Where the transfer by Allocation is for Test and Evaluation⁸ purposes, the conditions of RA 1164(2) **should** be applied in principle, and the ODH / AM(MF) **should** issue a directive to meet the requirements of paragraphs 12.a, 12.c, 12.d, 12.e, and 12.f.

20. Accountability for the management of RtL, ownership of an ASSC, and supervision of flying operations, **should** remain with the ODH / AM(MF).

21. Accountability for TAw **should** remain with the nominated TAA.

22. Responsibility for CAw **should** remain with the Air System's nominated Mil CAM. They **should**:

- a. Produce Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures to detail the process and general conditions of transfer.
- b. Maintain management of CAw for Air Systems transferred into storage.

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23. Guidance for Mil CAMs for the production of Aviation Engineering Orders / local Procedures is detailed at Annex A.

⁸ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

Annex A**Guidance Material for Mil CAM in the production of Aviation Engineering Orders / Local Procedures for Allotment / Allocation****Standard of Transfer**

1. The Air System will be transferred in a Serviceable condition unless agreed by all stakeholders, or a Concession has been granted by the TAA or delegated authority.
2. Consideration will be given to the following during the production of the standard of transfer:
 - a. Preventive Maintenance forecast⁹.
 - b. Outstanding and embodied Modifications¹⁰.
 - c. Outstanding and completed Special Instructions (Technical)¹¹.
 - d. Current MOD Form 703 and MOD Form 704 (or Technical Log equivalent) entries.
 - e. The remaining life of components.
 - f. Role equipment.
 - g. Baseline Airworthiness Review Certificate and Military Airworthiness Review Certificate requirements¹².
 - h. Certificate of Airworthiness (where applicable).

Transfer of Air Systems between Forward / Line and Depth / Base

3. When an Air System is transferred between Forward / Line and Depth / Base for Maintenance or storage, a Statement of Work (SOW) will be raised. The SOW will incorporate, as a minimum, the following information / requirements:
 - a. Air System details:
 - (1) Custodian.
 - (2) Air System type / mark / serial number.
 - (3) Current airframe hours / life used.
 - b. Transfer details:
 - (1) Date task to commence.
 - (2) Maintenance organization.
 - c. Maintenance requirements (examples):
 - (1) Preventive Maintenance requirements.
 - (2) Component replacements.
 - (3) Modifications to be embodied, including those issued during the Maintenance period.
 - (4) Special Instructions (Technical) to be satisfied, including those issued during the maintenance period / Storage requirement.
 - (5) MOD Form 703, MOD Form 704 and variants, rectification, Repairs and other Corrective Maintenance.
 - (6) Surface finish.
 - (7) Aircraft weigh.
 - (8) Compass swing.
 - (9) Maintenance Test Flight requirements.
 - (10) The requirement for a period of Maintenance-free operation on dispatch to new unit / organization.

⁹ Refer to RA 4961 – Aircraft Maintenance Programme and Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Responsibilities for Air System Release - MRP Part M Sub Part C.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 4963 – Modifications and Repairs - MRP Part M Sub Part C.

¹¹ Refer to RA 4962 – Special Instructions (Technical) - MRP Part M Sub Part C.

¹² Refer to RAs 4970 to 4974: Airworthiness Review (AR) Regulation.

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RA 1165 – UK Civil Aviation Authority Oversight of UK Military Registered ► Aircraft◄

Rationale

There may be a requirement to use common spares with civilian operators and have the requirement to transition an ► Aircraft◄ back to the UK Civil Aircraft Register. As the UK Civil Aviation Authority (UK CAA) have no regulatory authority for ► Aircraft◄ on the UK Military Aircraft Register (UK MAR), not having the oversight arrangements in place may incur Configuration Control issues, impact Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) arrangement, contravene national agreements and impact the ability of the ► Aircraft◄ to return to the UK Civil Aircraft Register. This RA sets out the minimum oversight arrangements required if ►◄ CAA oversight of a UK Military Registered ► Aircraft is invoked. ◄

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1165(1) The ► Type Airworthiness (TAW) and CAw◄ arrangements for UK military registered ► Aircraft◄ subject to UK CAA oversight **shall** comply with the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) and follow the policy and principles detailed in the UK CAA Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 562¹ Leaflet B-40.

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1. The Type Airworthiness Authority² (TAA) **should** ensure that an assessment of the intended operation of the Air System has been undertaken, and that the TAW and CAw arrangements in particular reflect the difference in Configuration, environment and usage compared to operating the Air System in a civil environment. The TAA **should** make this assessment available to the UK CAA.
2. In consultation with the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) or Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) and Release To Service Authority or Sponsor, the TAA **should** endorse a draft Minimum Equipment List (MEL). The MEL **should** be based on the Master MEL (MMEL) and any UK CAA or European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) MMEL policy documents that reflect the Air System equipment Configurations and intended usage. The TAA **should** forward this to the UK CAA who will carry out an assessment to establish if it satisfies the civil requirements before Approval by the TAA.
3. The TAA ►◄ **should** assess the applicability of all civil mandatory, advisory and deferred instructions (eg Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins). A record of the assessment for applicability **should** be kept as an Airworthiness record.
4. The TAA ►◄, **should** ensure that all Modifications are certified►^{3,4}◄ and all Repairs are certified ►◄⁵.
5. The TAA ►◄ **should** ensure the management of TAW activity is detailed in the ► TAW◄ Strategy⁶ and conducted by Competent organizations⁷. This **should** include up-to-date lists of those with Civil Type Certificate Holder (CTCH) or Civil

¹ Refer to CAP 562 – Civil Aircraft Airworthiness Information and Procedures (CAAIP).

² ►Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 - Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 - Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA. ◄

³ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP 21 Subpart B).

⁴ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP 21 Subpart D).

⁵ Refer to RA 5865 – Repairs (MRP 21 Subpart M).

⁶ Refer to ► RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy. ◄

⁷ Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

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Supplemental Type Certificate Holder (CSTCH) obligations and records of engagement during any transfer of such obligations⁸ in the event of the cessation of trading of a CTCH or CSTCH.

6. The TAA ►► **should** undertake a Training Needs Analysis in relation to the differences between the civil-type course requirements for the issue of an EASA Part 66 type rating and the need for additional training for the equipment fitted in order to undertake military operations.
7. The Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) **should** ensure, on behalf of the ADH / AM(MF), that the training derived from the requirement at paragraph 6 is completed, prior to the issuance of certifying privileges by the Approved Maintenance Organization.
8. The Mil CAM **should** ensure that the CAw arrangements⁹ comply with the MRP. The Mil CAM **should** ensure there is an exchange of Exposition and sharing of information with the EASA Part M Subpart G Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO) and, upon request, with the UK CAA¹⁰.
9. The Mil CAM **should** assure the Delivery Duty Holder or AM(MF) that all Maintenance is carried out by organizations that hold current EASA Part 145 Approvals for the scope of work undertaken, in addition to MRP Part 145 Approvals achieved through the supplement route.
10. The Mil CAM **should** ►► **agree**◄◄ the initial Rectification Interval Extension (RIE) and apply to the MAA for any further RIE requests ►► **as detailed in Annex A.**◄◄
11. The TAA ►►► **should** ensure that contracts placed for the conduct of EASA Part M and EASA Part 145 activity includes ►► **the need for**◄◄ UK CAA Audit reports ►► **to be**◄◄ forwarded to the appropriate MAA CAw Desk Officer within 10 working days of receipt.
12. ►► **Where an urgent operational or exceptional Airworthiness need arises which requires deviation from conformity with the approved Air System Document Set (ADS), the ADH or senior Operational Commander¹¹ present **should** personally authorize the deviation and ensure the MAA are informed at the earliest opportunity, that being a maximum of 7 calendar days after the exception has been authorized¹².**◄◄

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13. The UK CAA has agreed to support the MOD in providing oversight of civil-type military Air Systems. This support is covered under the joint UK CAA / MAA policy and principles for UK CAA oversight of UK military registered ►► **Aircraft**◄◄ described in CAP 562 Leaflet B-40¹⁰ and the detailed arrangements are set down in contracts between the UK CAA and relevant MOD Delivery Team.
14. When the TAw and CAw of UK military registered ►► **Aircraft**◄◄ are subject to oversight by the UK CAA, the following ►► **will**◄◄ be considered:
 - a. The TAA ►► **will**◄◄ consider the implications of any deviations between the intended full standard Statement of Operating Intent and Usage and the Design Usage Spectrum assumed in the civil Type Certification Basis. Any deviations are to be quantified through liaison with the UK CAA, and the CTCH or CSTCH. In consultation with the Mil CAM, the TAA ►► **will**◄◄ also consider any implications of the deviations for the TAw and CAw arrangements. The implications of operating outside the limitations and assumptions applied by the CTCH or the CSTCH and / or the State of Design ►► **will**◄◄ always be fully discussed with the CAA and CTCH or CSTCH as soon as possible. Any implications for CAw ►► **will**◄◄ be discussed with the ADH through the Mil CAM.

⁸ As defined in EASA Part 21 B, D or E: specifically, those obligations detailed within 21.A.44, 21.A.109 or 21.A.118 respectively.

⁹ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

¹⁰ CAP 562 Leaflet B-40 paragraph 3.3.1.d details the information expected to be within the Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition for CAA oversight arrangements that **should** be shared with the Civil CAMO and, upon request, the ►► **UK**◄◄ CAA.

¹¹ ►► Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder – Roles and Responsibilities, paragraph 14.

¹² The 7 calendar day requirement is equal to that within which the civil CAM is required to notify the CAA iaw CAP562 leaflet B-40.◄◄

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b. Whilst the MOD retains the right to vary the limitations within which these UK military registered ►Aircraft◄ are operated without the agreement of the UK CAA, the TAA ►will◄ take into account that such deviations may have an effect on the right to use common spares and the ultimate return of the ►Aircraft◄ to the UK Civil Aircraft Register.

c. Where a Design Organization is ►◄ employed to modify the Air System, the TAA ►will◄ ensure full liaison between the organization approved to meet the requirements of EASA Part 21 Subpart J and the UK CAA. CAP 562 Leaflet B-40 requires that for Air System operating under UK CAA oversight, any Modifications ►are◄ approved by EASA or reviewed by the UK CAA following the ►UK CAA Statement of Technical Satisfaction◄ process.

d. EASA manages all Civil Type Certificates and Civil Supplementary Type Certificates. When entering the construct of UK CAA oversight of a UK military registered ►Aircraft◄, the UK CAA does not provide oversight of the TAW of ►Design Changes◄ provided with a ►UK CAA Statement of Technical Satisfaction◄. It is for the TAA ►◄ to ensure that suitable instructions for CAW are in place and being updated (by contract if required).

15. In order to give the UK CAA confidence to permit the use of common spares with civilian operators, and to allow smooth transition of the ►Aircraft◄ back to the UK Civil Aircraft Register, the TAA ►will◄ afford the UK CAA:

a. Full visibility of the type of flying, and the details of Repair, overhaul, Maintenance and Modification of each Air System.

b. The opportunity to evaluate and decide if the Air System remains a candidate for an International Civil Aviation Organization compliant Certificate of Airworthiness.

c. The opportunity to Audit as required.

16. If during any work carried out to assess and validate MOD clearances¹³, the TAA identifies any anomalies, contradictions or abnormal Risks in the civil clearances, they are to draw them to the attention of the UK CAA for guidance and action. If the UK CAA decides to take no action, the TAA ►will◄ consider whether the Risks are such that MOD specific action is necessary.

17. Basic Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 applies as law in the UK and allows Air Systems to be released under ►UK CAA Part 145 /◄ EASA Part 145 (and other Parts as appropriate). This law (and associated Implementing Rules) does not apply to UK military registered ►Aircraft◄ as they are 'State Aircraft'. The treatment of State Aircraft has been clarified by EASA in its note: Cologne/Jan/kgu/R(4)2013(D) 51397 dated 20 Mar 13 – Rulemaking interpretation on "Maintenance release of aircraft not covered by the Basic Regulation". Accordingly, CAP 562 Leaflet B-40 obliges Maintenance providers to hold an ►UK CAA Part 145 /◄ EASA Part 145 Approval to ensure that the organization meets the ►UK CAA Part 145 /◄ EASA Part 145 standards and enables access to civil spares, but does not authorize them to release the Air System to service using this Approval for the reasons described above. The MAA accepts the release statement made in accordance with (iaw) CAP 562 Leaflet B-40. In order for the Air System to remain subject to UK CAA oversight iaw CAP 562 Leaflet B-40, it will be necessary for the Contractors to continue to hold ►UK CAA Part 145 /◄ EASA Part 145 and / or EASA Part M Subpart G with Subpart I privilege Approvals. In addition, the MAA requires ►UK CAA Part 145 /◄ EASA Part 145 organizations to hold an MRP Part 145 Approval achieved through the supplement route.

18. For Air Systems subject to CAP 562 Leaflet B-40 arrangements the Military Airworthiness Review Certificate (MARC) ►¹⁴◄ includes the civil Airworthiness Review (AR), undertaken by an EASA Part M Subpart G with Subpart I privileges. The civil AR certificate cannot be released, as the EASA Regulation does not apply to State Aircraft, as described above. The civil AR is undertaken to meet the requirements of providing evidence to the Mil CAM that the Air System has remained within the civil "controlled environment" for the previous 12 months. In order to remain within the

¹³ MOD clearances refer to MOD Modifications / Repairs (non-civil approved) or limitations.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 4971 – Military Airworthiness Review and Certification - MRP Part M Sub Part I.

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limits of the civil framework, such that the Air System does not fall out of civil oversight, the MARC extensions of up to 90 calendar days ►◄¹⁴ are not to be applied to Air Systems subject to this RA.

19. ►◄

Guidance on MEL

20. MELs are a necessary component of the fixed Risk Management construct operated by the civil Airworthiness system, providing operators and maintainers authoritative guidance, as Approved Data, on the Fault tolerance limits¹⁵ of the Air System. Air Systems operated under this Regulation will require MELs to provide operational flexibility to the users within the Service Environment. In addition to the MEL derived from the MMEL for the civilian type certified Air System, the MOD may wish to provide a MEL Military Supplement (MELMS) for those items used for military purposes not already specified (such as military communications equipment). All MELMSs ►will◄ follow the style and layout of the UK CAA assessed MEL and ►will◄ be derived from a documented assessment of the impact on safe operation of the Air System in the event of one or multiple failures. It ►will◄ also specify that, if deferred, the items contained within the MELMSs pose no Hazard to the overall Airworthiness of the Air System.

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21. Latitudes for extending the deferral of items listed within the MEL are known within the civil system as RIE. An RIE is a single 100% extension to the rectification interval for the acceptance of Faults to the item or system as specified within the MEL. As an example, an item that has been deferred for 3 days iaw the MEL rectification interval may only be granted a maximum deferral of 3 further days using the RIE process. ►A deferred Fault may not be reviewed and re-deferred outside of this process (ie it is not acceptable for the licenced engineer to review a deferred Fault and continually defer it outside of the RIE process).◄ A further extension ►◄ may only be granted by the MAA, in consultation with the UK CAA, and ►be made iaw RA 1165 Annex A. Further extension◄ of RIE ►will◄ be agreed by the Mil CAM ►and processed by the Mil CAMO on behalf of the Civil CAM. This does not remove the ability for the Leaflet-B-40 exceptions process¹⁶ to be used if deemed appropriate.

22. If a deviation from the civil approved ADS is approved, details to be communicated to the MAA, as a minimum, include:

- a. Clear definition of the approved exception.
- b. Risk Assessment including any associated mitigation.
- c. Proposed action to bring the Air System back within the civil oversight framework.

23. Communications with the MAA regarding exceptions to the civil approved ADS may be sent direct to the relevant MAA OpAssure CAW Desk Officer or CAW Head of Branch (HOB) CAMO¹⁷.◄

¹⁵ Such as Tolerable avionic failures or redundancy of multiple Systems.

¹⁶ ►Refer to the Exceptions paragraph detailed in Leaflet B-40 (<https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/cap-562-sa-b-40/>).

¹⁷ Via DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.◄

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Initial contact needs to be made to the relevant MAA OpAssure CAw Desk Officer or CAw HOB CAMO^{17, 18} with the following:

1. Contact details for Regulated Entity (ie the person to contact if the further extension request is approved).
2. Summary of why the initial RIE is required.
3. MEL Defect Information:
 - a. Initial RIE reference number (unit generated).
 - b. Aircraft registration.
 - c. Aircraft Type.
 - d. Date of defect.
 - e. Rectification Interval Category.
 - f. MEL Reference.
 - g. Expiry date of Rectification Interval.
 - h. Detail of the defect.
4. Deferred History:
 - a. Date and details of the initial and / or subsequent RIE requests associated with this application.
 - b. Date Civil CAMO consulted.
5. Further RIE extension:
 - a. Justification for further deferral, including the reason for non-rectification (ie where has the process fallen down that means this further RIE extension is required).

Note:

This does not remove the requirement for the unit to submit a Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report (DASOR) if it is deemed appropriate.
 - b. Is there an Airworthiness and / or Operational impact? If so, detail the planned mitigation.
 - c. Proposed date of further RIE extension expiry. ◀

¹⁸ ► If the relevant MAA Desk Officer is not available, then the MAA Duty Officer can be contacted (via 07799 772101). ◀

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RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized ►and Piloted◄ by the Ministry of Defence

Rationale

The Military Aviation Authority (MAA) certifies, regulates and assures Air Systems that are military registered and therefore governed by the MAA's Regulatory Publications (MRP). However, there may be occasions where the Ministry of Defence (MOD) wish to utilize ►and pilot◄ UK civil-registered Aircraft, contracted to the MOD, to achieve its task without placing them on the Military Aircraft Register (MAR). In such situations, the regulatory responsibilities of the MAA and UK Civilian Aviation Authority (CAA) require unambiguous and defined boundaries to ensure the provision of appropriate regulatory oversight and prevent the development of complicated and confusing regulatory structures. The MOD User►◄ and Contractor also require clarity of the regulatory and Assurance framework they will adhere to and which Regulations they are expected to comply with. This Regulatory Article (RA) therefore outlines the process by which the MAA and CAA will agree a regulatory framework for the utilization ►and piloting◄ of civil-registered Aircraft for MOD tasks or activity.

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1166(1) The regulatory framework to be applied when a UK civil-registered Aircraft is utilized ►and piloted◄ by the MOD **shall** be agreed by the MAA and CAA and adhered to by the MOD User and Contractor.

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1. Before entering into any contractual agreement, MOD organizations planning to use UK civil-registered Aircraft for MOD tasks / activities **should** contact the MAA² to discuss the requirement for a joint MAA / CAA regulatory framework.
2. When requested to by the MAA and CAA, the MOD User and Contractor **should** submit a joint submission to the MAA detailing the planned use of the civil-registered Aircraft and any other information required by the MAA and CAA.
3. The MOD User and Contractor **should** provide representation at a joint MAA / CAA working group to determine the applicable regulatory and Assurance framework for the task / activity.
4. When the regulatory framework is agreed by the CAA and MAA, it **should** be formalized in a document and issued to the MOD User and the Contractor. In response, and prior to start of flying activity, the MOD User and Contractor **should** provide the MAA and CAA with a joint exposition that describes as a minimum:
 - a. ► The individual(s) assigned to hold accountability for operating Risk to Life (RtL); ◄
 - b. The application of agreed responsibilities to the task / activity, particularly at the boundaries between the MAA and CAA Regulations;
 - c. The application of the agreed regulatory framework to the task / activity;
 - d. Any remaining areas of the task / activity that require regulatory clarity, and;

¹ ► The MOD User requirement will be endorsed by an individual at 2* level or above, with appropriate air competence and air experience. ◄

² Initial contact **should** be made by email to DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

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- e. Provision of 1st and 2nd party Assurance to the task / activity.
5. ▶ Based on the provided exposition the MAA and CAA will jointly issue a final Approval and associated Air Navigation Order (ANO) exemption. ◀ The MOD User and Contractor **should** abide by the ▶ provisions of the Approval and ANO exemption.
6. For continued oversight and interim Assurance of the operation, the CAA and MAA **should** carry out an annual review of the Approval and associated ANO exemption. The outcome **should** be formally communicated to the MOD User and Contractor.
7. With a view to renewing and in advance of the expiry date of the Approval and ANO exemption, a review of the operation **should** be instigated by the MAA and CAA. This review will be biennial following initial Approval and triennial thereafter. The MOD User and Contractor **should** engage with this process to ensure the operation remains fit for purpose, appropriately Assured and regulated. ◀

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8. The term 'MOD User' refers to the organization within the MOD that wishes to utilize a civil-registered Aircraft to achieve its task or conduct an activity. As the applicable regulatory framework is developed, the terminology used will become more specific ▶ during the exposition process.
9. This RA is not intended to apply to operations conducted under an organization's Air Operator Certificates (AOC) or civil Approved Training Organization's (ATO) Approvals. ◀
10. The term 'Contractor' refers to the organization that is providing the Aircraft and supporting services under contract to the MOD.
11. This Regulation applies to the utilization of civil-registered Aircraft by the MOD where the Aircraft is not brought onto the MAR. For such situations, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) ▶³◀ has been established between the MAA and CAA that details the process by which a regulatory framework is developed to ensure the activity is regulated and Assured appropriately, responsibilities are understood and RtL associated with the activity remains As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable.
12. To ensure the MAA and CAA properly understand the proposed activity, the MOD User and Contractor will be required to provide a joint submission that details how the Aircraft will be employed. In response, and following a joint working group ▶ (if required), ◀ the MAA and CAA will provide the MOD User and Contractor with a regulatory framework document that details the agreed regulatory and Assurance arrangements.
13. ▶ At this point ◀ the MOD User and Contractor will be expected to provide an exposition that details how the agreed framework and responsibilities will be applied to the task or activity. The exposition will include specific detail of any mitigations to be applied at the boundaries of interaction between CAA and MAA Regulations to avoid ambiguity.
14. ▶ ◀
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 - b. ▶ ◀
 - c. ▶ ◀
15. ▶ The final Approval and ANO exemption will be issued jointly by the MAA and CAA and will detail the specific circumstances of the operation in respect of Assurance and Regulation. This action concludes the initial RA 1166 process.
16. Prior to the 2 year point following initial Approval or the 3 year point thereafter, a review will be instigated by either the CAA or the MAA to confirm that the operating

³ ▶ Annex A to MoU made between the Military Aviation Authority and the Civil Aviation Authority Safety and Airspace Regulation Group, Version 4.0, dated September 2022. ◀

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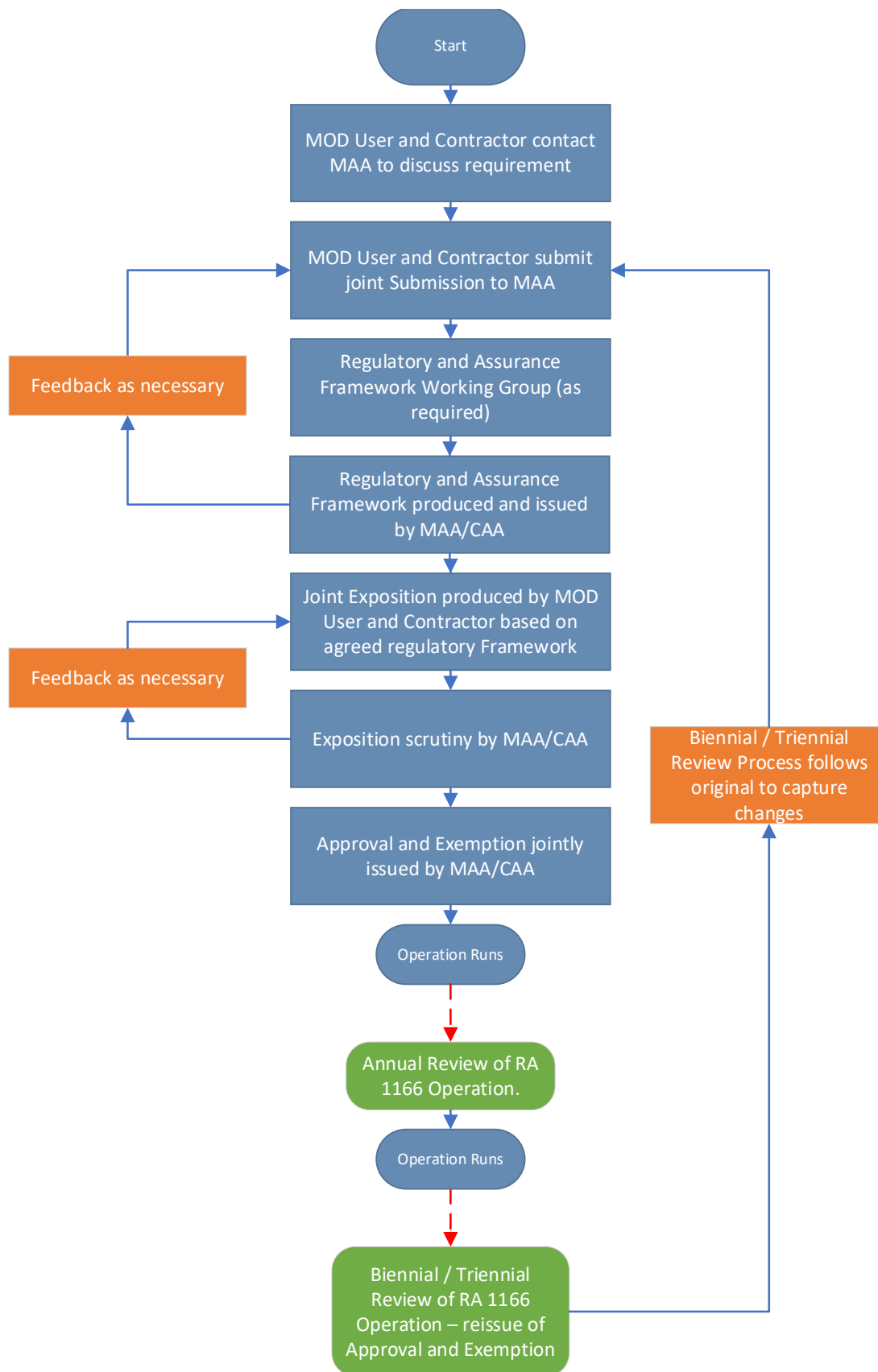
premise has not changed, or that any changes have been captured, and that the regulatory and Assurance framework ultimately remains valid. The initial Approval process is repeated, albeit in an expedited manner, and a renewed Approval and ANO exemption will be issued.

17. MOD Users and Contractors can refer to Annex A for a pictorial representation of the RA 1166 process. ◀

► This Annex is new; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read Annex A in its entirety ◀

Annex A

Figure 1 – RA 1166 Process



RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes

Rationale

The UK Ministry of Defence (MOD) has a requirement to contract civil-registered Air Systems. In such situations the UK MOD has a Duty of Care (DoC) to ensure that appropriate Safety Assurances are met with respect to Risk to Life (RtL) (including any person who may be affected by the activity). Having such Assurances in place supports the operational capability of the UK MOD and reduces the potential exposure of individuals to harm; therefore, a full understanding of the Risks involved, through the completion of a suitable and proportionate Safety Assessment, with appropriate acceptance is required to ensure the Safety of all affected personnel.

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1. Activities that are inside the scope of this RA include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Passengers and escorted freight,
 - b. Parachuting related activities and equipment (including Aerial Delivery Equipment and Airborne Forces Equipment)¹,
 - c. Test and Evaluation² (including trials, testing, and training).
2. The following activities are outside the scope of this RA:
 - a. The purchase of individual seats or group bookings on normal commercial carriers³,
 - b. Unescorted freight,
 - c. Aircraft Contracted by the QinetiQ Civil Flying Organization to enable Empire Test Pilots' School course delivery,
 - d. UK civil-registered Air System utilized and piloted by the UK MOD in accordance with (iaw) RA 1166⁴,
 - e. UK MOD personnel flying with the militaries of other nations.

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Person Responsible for the Contracting Activity

1167(1) The person responsible for the contracting activity **shall** provide appropriate Safety Assurances to the Approving Officer for Approval of the contracting of civil-registered Air Systems.

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3. The person responsible for the contracting activity **should**:
 - a. Provide justification for the circumstances of the contract to, and any additional requirements as required by, the Approving Officer.
 - b. Confirm that the carrier / contractor, and the Contracted airframe, are not on the European Union (EU) Air Safety List Annex A⁵, the UK Civil Aviation Authority Air Safety List, or the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) International Aviation Safety Assessment (IASA) Program list as Category 2.
 - c. Prepare a coherent and proportionate Safety Assessment, for Approving Officer consideration and Approval, which as a minimum confirms that the

¹ Refer to the RA 1700 Series – Airborne Equipment.

² Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

³ "Normal commercial carriers" is defined as scheduled commercial flights (eg British Airways flights, MOD US fare (Trooper) flights).

⁴ Refer to RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized and Piloted by the Ministry of Defence.

⁵ For the avoidance of doubt, EU Regulations do not permit any flight over EU territory by any Air System belonging to an air carrier which is on the EU banned list.

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carrier holds all the following International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and National Airworthiness Authority (NAA) requirements:

- (1) Air Operator Certificate and Operating Licence, or Regulatory Approval iaw the tasking.
 - (2) Certificate of Airworthiness, valid Airworthiness Review Certificate, or Certificate of Clearance for the relevant Air System.
 - (3) Certificate of Registration for the relevant Air System.
 - (4) Certificate of Insurance for the relevant Air System.
 - (5) If carrying dangerous cargo; comply with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations, or the Defence Safety Authority (DSA) Movement and Transport Safety Regulator Regulations, specifically regarding the carriage of Dangerous Goods outside IATA Regulations⁶.
- d. If the carrier is unable to provide the approved certificates required at paragraph 3.c above; prepare a coherent and proportionate Safety Assessment, for Approving Officer consideration and Approval, that details why paragraph 3.c cannot be met and what mitigations are in place, which as a minimum:
- (1) Confirms that the Air System has been certified by an NAA on the FAA IASA Program list as Category 1 (meets ICAO standards).
 - (2) Determines the competence of the Contracted organization, including their ability to manage any sub-contractors.
 - (3) Determines the material state of the Contracted Air System, associated Safety, emergency, and any other Role Equipment is safe to operate in the context and environment.
 - (4) Provides Assurance to themselves that appropriate procedures are in place to ensure that the Air System is maintained in a serviceable and airworthy condition iaw with the approved Maintenance data and is certified as fit for flight by the Air System operator.
- e. Retain a record of all contracting activity⁷.
- f. For contracts in place for at least 12-months, support the Approving Officer in conducting an annual review of the contract.

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4. When constructing the Safety Assessment and ascertaining the appropriate Safety Assurances, consideration may be given to information provided by aviation Safety Assurance websites:
- a. EU Air Safety List Annex A (banned list) – https://transport.ec.europa.eu/news-events/news/aviation-safety-commission-adopts-new-eu-air-safety-list-2021-06-02_en.
 - b. UK Air Safety List – <https://www.caa.co.uk/media/5fwf4d4s/uk-air-safety-list-31-may-2023.pdf>.
 - c. FAA IASA Program list as Category 2 (banned list) – <https://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/iasa>.
 - d. The EASA Safety Assessment Of Foreign Aircraft (SAFA Programme) – <http://easa.europa.eu/node/15629>.
 - e. Aviation Safety Network – <http://aviation-safety.net>.

⁶ Refer to DSA03 DLSR – Movement and Transport Safety Regulations – Dangerous Goods Manual (DGM); and DSA 03.OME Part 2 (Formerly JSP 482) – Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) for In-Service and Operational Safety Management of OME. Examples include, but are not limited to: Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

⁷ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

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- f. Air Safety Information Management System (ASIMS) –
<https://asims.ice.mod.gov.uk/MODCas/login>.

5. Queries regarding the contracting of civil-registered Air Systems for military purposes, initially may be directed towards the Defence Support Chain Operations and Movements (DSCOM) organization⁸, who are Subject Matter Experts with considerable Air System contracting experience.

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Approving Officer

1167(2) The Approving Officer **shall** approve the contracting of civil-registered Air Systems.

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Approving Officer

6. The Approving Officer **should** be:

a. The individual with responsibility for exercising the UK MOD's DoC related to the contract.

b. For the contract of crewed Air Systems, and Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS); the appropriate 2* (eg Operating Duty Holders such as Air Officer Commanding 1 Group) or Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

c. For the contract of Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category RPAS; the person with Responsibility for exercising the UK MOD's DoC related to the contract **should** lie with an appropriately nominated individual. The rank / level of the nominated individual **should** be equivalent to that of the RPAS Responsible Officer as defined in the RA 1600 series.

7. The Approving Officer **should** seek appropriate Air Safety and air engineering advice from Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons.

8. The Approving Officer, who is exercising the UK MOD's DoC for the contract, **should** satisfy themselves that:

a. The Safety Assessment is proportionate, robust, and fully recorded.

b. The carrier is a competent organization with robust Safety Management processes in place with respect to RtL.

9. For contracts in place for over 12-months, the Approving Officer **should** conduct an annual review of the contract.

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Approving Officer

10. Nil.

⁸ Via UKSTRATCOM-DefSp-DSCOM-AirChart@mod.gov.uk.

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RA 1200 - Air Safety Management

Rationale

Effective Air Safety Management (ASM) enhances operational capability. Complex systems in the Defence Air Environment present foreseeable and credible Risk to Life (RtL) and therefore require a rigorous and systematic management approach to avoid personnel being exposed to unnecessarily high Risk. An effective Air Safety Management System (ASMS), in conjunction with an Air System Safety Case (ASSC), will ensure that RtL is mitigated to As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable. The ASMS comprises the entirety of all documented and undocumented processes, procedures, tools and methodologies that exist to manage Air Safety. It is underpinned by Leadership, Assurance, and an Engaged Air Safety Culture.

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1200(1) All Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Accountable Managers (AM)¹, Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations² and Heads of Establishment (HoE) involved in Defence Aviation **shall** establish and maintain an effective ASMS.

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1. ADH and AM(MF) ASMSs **should** manage their respective ASSC(s) to ensure that the Safety claims, arguments, and their supporting evidence are routinely reviewed and challenged for continued validity, in order to ensure associated RtL remain ALARP and Tolerable.
2. The ASMS of ADH-Facing Organizations, AMs and HoEs supporting Defence Aviation **should** enable those organizations to actively support ADH and AM(MF) in their management of Air Safety and respective ASSC(s). It **should** identify any decision, activity or change in circumstances that has the potential to introduce or modify RtL in ADH and AM(MF) operations, or which could undermine the ALARP and Tolerable status.
3. Where organizations employ a holistic or 'Total Safety' approach to managing Safety (potentially encompassing health and Safety, environmental Safety, functional Safety, and Air Safety) as a single system, these systems **should** address and document the approach to complying with this regulation.
4. Each organization **should** demonstrate an appropriate level of separation between Assurance and delivery such that its activities are not unreasonably influenced by operating or commercial pressures.
5. An ASMS **should** be proportional to the size, complexity and activities of the organization and consider the Hazards and associated Risks. It **should** comprise the 4 key pillars:
 - a. **Safety Policy and Objectives.**
 - b. **Safety Risk Management.**
 - c. **Safety Assurance.**

¹ Those AMs within: ADH-Facing Organizations, Contractor Flying Approved Organizations, Maintenance Approved Organizations, Air Traffic Management Equipment Approved Organizations, and Design Approved Organizations.

² Examples are 'Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations' include Type Airworthiness Authorities (TAA), Commodity Chief Engineers, Type Airworthiness Managers (TAM), Commodity Delivery Team Leaders, Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs). for definition of ADH-Facing (Refer to RA1020(4): Responsibilities of Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations).

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- d. **Safety Promotion.**
6. Utilizing the 4 key pillars as a framework, an ASMS **should**, as a minimum:
 - a. **Safety Policy and Objectives**
 - (1) **Leadership, Commitment, Accountabilities and Responsibilities.** Clearly define lines of responsibility and accountability throughout the organization including the direct Safety accountability of the ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs and ADH-Facing Organizations and make a clear commitment to the adequate resourcing of Air Safety.
 - (2) **Engaged Air Safety Culture.** Clearly articulate how the organization engenders a positive Safety culture and assesses its ongoing effectiveness and ensure that a set of enduring values and attitudes regarding Air Safety is shared by every member of an organization.
 - (3) **Air Safety Priority, Objectives and Targets.** Clearly articulate the leadership's Air Safety priorities, set the targets to be achieved and define the objectives that will deliver them.
 - (4) **Organization, Key Safety Personnel, Air Safety Competencies.** Describe the Safety organization and be structured in a way that is easily communicated, such that it is clearly understood throughout the organization.
 - (5) **Defined Interfaces with Adjacent Safety Management System.** Identify all interactions between adjacent organizations' management systems, describe the information flows across them and how they will be managed.
 - (6) **Emergency Response Planning.** Detail contingency plans that clearly document the actions to be taken following emergencies to limit the initial impact, control the situation and enable return to normality at the earliest practicable opportunity.
 - (7) **ASMS Documentation.** Produce appropriate documentation which describes required processes, procedures, tools, and methodologies, that will facilitate effective performance of the ASMS.
 - b. **Safety Risk Management**
 - (1) **Reporting and Investigation.** Detail processes and resources to enable the effective reporting and investigation of Occurrences.
 - (2) **Hazard Identification.** Detail processes and resources to enable effective Hazard Identification, which will include causal and consequence analysis.
 - (3) **Safety Risk Assessment and Mitigation.** Detail processes and resources to analyze and control or mitigate the associated Safety Risks within an organization, and ensure the effectiveness of these actions have been verified.
 - c. **Safety Assurance**
 - (1) **Compliance Monitoring and Safety Performance Measurement.**
 - (a) Detail the process and resources to provide Assurance that the organization is compliant with relevant requirements³ (see para 7 for further detail).
 - (b) Include suitable Safety Performance Indicators (SPI) to measure performance against the defined Air Safety Objectives and Targets and ensure their routine review.

³ MAA regulatory publications, legislation, internal process.

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(2) **Management of Change.** Detail a proactive approach to change management that assesses proposed changes before implementation such that undesirable consequences can be avoided or mitigated.

(3) **Continuous Improvement of the ASMS.** Include processes to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the ASMS and act upon findings to facilitate continuous improvement.

(4) **Retention, Evaluation and Feedback of Information.** Provide an auditable information trail that can be used to review, revise and justify the Risk management and associated decision-making processes.

d. Safety Promotion

(1) **Training and Education.** Have processes in place that identify how the organization trains and educates people in the ASMS, including competence assessment and continuation training.

(2) **Safety Communication.** Have processes in place that identify how communication of Safety information is conducted, and the effectiveness is assured.

Safety Assurance

7. The ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs and ADH-Facing Organizations **should**:

a. Ensure that the ASMS operates a comprehensive and documented Safety Assurance⁴ programme covering the entirety of the organization's own activities and, where appropriate, those of interfacing organizations⁵. The programme **should** be routinely reviewed to ensure an appropriate focus is maintained.

b. Ensure that when responsible for conducting 2nd Party Assurance (2PA) on subordinate organizations, the requirements detailed in MAA01⁶ are met.

c. Nominate an individual to have overall responsibility for compliance monitoring management. Where the same individual fulfils the role of both Safety and Compliance Manager, the ASMS **should** clearly define how independence is maintained between the roles.

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8. The Air Safety Management Assessment Tool (ASMAT) is an optional tool that has been produced to facilitate the Assurance of ASMS by 1st, 2nd, and 3rd party organizations⁷. The ASMAT and the associated report form are available for download from the MAA website⁸.

Safety Policy and Objectives.

9. An effective ASMS may be a hierarchy of connected ASMSs for parent, subordinate and supporting organizations which integrate effectively via defined interfaces to support relevant ASSCs. ADH-Facing Organizations have a significant role in enabling the ADH and AM(MF) to manage RtL by communicating effectively via interfaces and stakeholders.

10. The Air Safety Targets and SPIs can be expressed in quantitative or qualitative terms and will help facilitate the measurement of ASMS effectiveness.

11. Organizational arrangements will include the ASMS scope, the roles, and responsibilities of the organization with a focus on Air Safety, and the structure, composition and aim of Air Safety meetings, working groups and decision-making

⁴ Safety Assurance encompasses both the functions of detailed compliance monitoring and Safety Audits (see MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary). Whilst performance of the ASMS needs to be constantly monitored, periodic discrete Assurance activities **should** be planned based on perceived Risk.

⁵ Where an organization is reliant upon another one for delivery of a product or service to enable effective operation or delivery of their ASSC element, appropriate Assurance arrangements **should** be made. This may be via direct Assurance, or by reviewing Assurance reports from other trusted agencies; ASMS documentation **should** describe how such assurance reports are exploited.

⁶ MAA01: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Principles, Chapter 2 – How the MAA Regulates, Para 8.

⁷ Refer to MAA02 for definition of 1st, 2nd, 3rd Party Assurance.

⁸ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-military-aviation-authority-air-safety-management-performance-matrix-mapm>.

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forums. The role of the Safety Manager will be clearly nominated along with the appointment of other key Air Safety personnel who require Terms of Reference, including unambiguous channels of communication and levels of authority.

12. Defined interfaces with adjacent Safety Management Systems will capture detail on who, what, when, why and where the interfaces are, and ensure they are reviewed regularly. Interfaces are to include all those that support an ASSC.

13. With Emergency Response Planning it is important to note that Emergency Response Planning is not only Post Crash Management or Business Continuity but assessing the Air Safety impact of any potential emergency or non-standard operating procedure and transition back to normal ops.

14. ASMS documentation is dependent on the organization's Safety management structure but needs to be auditable, controlled, accurate and current.

Safety Risk Management

15. Hazard Identification will be periodically revisited, to ensure that the assumptions remain valid and identify any new Hazards.

Safety Assurance

16. The principles of ISO 9001 are recommended for assessing the requirements for process development, Assurance⁹ and continuous improvement.

17. The compliance monitoring function will be appropriate to the size and complexity of the organization and include a feedback system of findings to the ADH, AM(MF), AM or ADH-Facing Organizations to ensure the effective implementation of corrective actions as necessary.

18. Change Management will manage both large scale change (Aircraft types, Operating Locations etc.) and small scale (minor modifications or MAA Regulatory Publications updates etc.) and will be pan Defence Lines of Development.

Further Guidance

19. The Manual of Air Safety contains further guidance material applicable for establishing, maintaining, and assuring the effectiveness of the ASMS, Risk Management and developing an Engaged Air Safety Culture.

⁹ The compliance monitoring function may already fall within the Quality Management System (QMS) within some organizations; Approved Organization QMS requirements are detailed in RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

RA 1202 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety

Rationale

Cyber vulnerabilities in Air Systems represent a significant threat to Type and Continuing Airworthiness and Air Safety. Cyber Security for Airworthiness (CSA) measures are required to identify and mitigate against inadvertent or malicious introduction of such cyber vulnerabilities, to maintain Airworthiness. This RA sets out the CSA operational requirements for management of cyber threats throughout the life of an Air System.

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Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety

1202(1) Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF))¹ and Senior Responsible Owners (SRO) **shall** ensure that cyber security threats to Air Safety and Airworthiness are identified, suitably mitigated, and managed through life, appropriate to the level required by the intended use of the Programmable Elements (PE)².

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Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety

1. To mitigate the cyber security threats to Airworthiness and Air Safety during operation and Maintenance of an Air System, ADHs / AM(MF)s and SROs **should** provide direction to operators. This **should** use recognized cyber security guidance aligned to the principles of the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework³. ADHs / AM(MF)s / SROs **should** follow:
 - a. Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics (RTCA) DO-355A / EUROCAE ED-204A^{4, 5}.
 - b. JSP 440⁶.
2. The ongoing CSA activity **should** contribute to the development and management of the Air System Safety Case⁷.

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3. To harmonise the approach taken to address Risks to CSA, detailed in RTCA DO-355A / EUROCAE ED 204A, this RA captures the operational considerations for the management of cyber security threats throughout the life of an Air System.

Note:

RA 5890⁸ captures the CSA considerations for Air System Type Design and Changes / Repairs to Type Design.

4. Threat of intentional unauthorized electronic interaction will be systematically addressed throughout the life of an Air System. The introduction of changes through advances in computing technology, coupled with developments in tools and techniques, may increase the Risk associated with existing vulnerabilities or expose new ones. The periodicity and work conducted is commensurate with the potential Safety impact associated with the Air System. This RA gives guidance on actions to

¹ Refer to RA 1024 – Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

² Note – scope of activity is not confined to PE, but a whole Air System / operations focus, for the management of cyber security threats and vulnerabilities.

³ A copy of the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework should be requested from the contracting organization.

⁴ Refer to RTCA DO-355A / EUROCAE ED-204A – Information Security Guidance for Continuing Airworthiness (note that DO-355A is titled 'Continued Airworthiness', DO-355A still refers to Continuing Airworthiness throughout the standard despite title of document).

⁵ DO-355A is a companion to RTCA DO-326A but written for information security In-Service, as opposed to design. The need for such provision is consistent with Defence Standard (Def Stan) 00-970 Guidance Material (Parts 1, 3, 5 and 7).

⁶ Refer to JSP 440 – The Defence Manual of Security.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁸ Refer to RA 5890 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety – Type Design and Changes / Repairs to Type Design.

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ADHs / AM(MF)s and SROs responsible for all in-service Air Systems, including Legacy Air Systems⁹, on understanding what level of vulnerability they may be subject to from cyber threats. Design Change will always be the preference to address cyber vulnerabilities, however it is accepted that action taken in line with this RA may be more feasible to achieve by justified procedural means.

5. **Cyber Compliance.** Management of cyber security for Air Systems In-Service must be consistent with the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework³, with a specific focus on Air Safety. The framework can be aligned to relevant aspects of DO-355A⁴ for Continuing Airworthiness and JSP 440¹⁰. The framework is based on the requirements of the US National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework, namely Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond and Recover, which must be followed and maintained through the life of Air Systems. This guidance is applicable to PE, Aircraft components, Aircraft network access points, Aircraft weapon systems, Aircraft intelligence systems, Ground Support Equipment, any associated Ground Support Information Systems, and the associated operators. The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC)¹¹ also provides guidance on a Cyber Assessment Framework (CAF) that shares the principles of the NIST Framework.

6. **Identify.** The first step, and foundational for effective application of the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework³, is understanding cyber security Risk in the operational context of any Air System. Risk Assessments, Risk Management strategies, governance, supply chains and asset management are examples of outcomes within this function. DO-355A⁴ and JSP 440⁶ provide guidance on these aspects, which are key in identifying cyber threats and vulnerabilities that have the potential to impact Air Safety, along with associated operators' responsibilities.

7. **Protect.** Once cyber threats have been identified, the next step is the development and implementation of appropriate safeguards to ensure safe operation of an Air System, by limiting or containing the impact of a potential cyber Incident on Air Safety. Examples of outcomes include access management, storage, transport, training and awareness, Maintenance, protective technology, and Information Management (IM). DO-355A⁴ and JSP 440⁶ provide guidance on implementation of these processes.

8. Further information for the Assurance of the supply chain may be found in Def Stan 05-138¹² and Def Stan 05-135¹³ (eg, counterfeit materiel may not meet the original manufacturer specifications, undermining protection assumptions, and compromised materiel could deliberately introduce vulnerabilities). The NCSC also provides guidance on Assurance of supply chains.

9. **Detect.** Upon introducing protective safeguards, the detect function will be introduced to enable timely detection of cyber security Incidents that may impact Air Safety, such as continuous monitoring and security log files. By understanding the normal behaviour of relevant Air Systems, anomalies can be identified as potential cyber threats to Air Safety. DO-355A⁴ and JSP 440⁶ provide guidance on the importance of monitoring and detection systems and processes. Guidance on the management of security events that affects aviation Safety can be found in DO-392¹⁴.

10. **Respond.** Once a cyber incident affecting Air Safety has occurred, the level of response is key in supporting the ability to contain the impact, this includes the need for business continuity plans and associated response plans, Occurrence reporting¹⁵, cyber threat analysis, and Continuous Improvement (CI). The MOD requirement for cyber management controls and Cyber Incident response is detailed in JSP 440⁶. Further guidance can be sought through the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework³ and the NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework¹¹. Guidance on the management of security events that affects aviation safety can be found in DO-392¹⁴.

⁹ Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary

¹⁰ JSP 440 focuses on generic cyber security.

¹¹ www.ncsc.gov.uk.

¹² Refer to Def Stan 05-138 – Cyber Security for Defence Suppliers.

¹³ Refer to Def Stan 05-135 – Avoidance of Counterfeit Materiel.

¹⁴ Refer to DO-392 / EUROCAE ED-206 – Guidance for Security Event Management.

¹⁵ Refer to MOD Cyber Incident Reporting – [Security Incident Reporting Form](#) and RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

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11. **Recover.** Directly linked to cyber incident response, recovery is essential in maintaining resilience and restoring operational capability. This function minimizes the impact of a cyber incident through timely recovery via recovery planning and CI. Communication and co-ordination with all stakeholders is required to ensure recovery activities are managed and lessons are identified for future improvements, as per guidance in JSP 440⁶. Further guidance can be sought through DO-392¹⁴, the MOD Cyber Compliance Framework³ and NCSC Cyber Assessment Framework¹¹.

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RA 1205 - Air System Safety Cases

Rationale

Military Air Systems are complex and often have unique and emerging capabilities that present complicated developmental challenges; moreover, the operation of Military Air Systems presents a foreseeable and credible Risk to Life (RtL). A simple Risk assessment will not be sufficient to assess the potential impact of these RtL, whereas the use of a Safety Case provides the ability to understand the cumulative and / or interrelated Risks from the use of the complex system. This Regulatory Article (RA) requires that all Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) have a robust Air System Safety Case (ASSC) that will demonstrate that the Air System is, or will be capable of being, safe to operate and operated safely for a given application in a given operating environment.

This RA is supported by the Manual of Air System Safety Cases (MASSC) which provides comprehensive Guidance Material regarding ASSCs.

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Applicability

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3. All Air Systems on, ▶or destined for,◀ the UK MAR▶¹◀.
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5. All Senior Responsible Owners (SROs) responsible for the introduction, development or modification of Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK MAR.
6. All Operating Duty Holders (ODH) / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) responsible for the operation of Air Systems on the UK MAR.

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The Air System Safety Case and Air System Safety Case Report(s)

- 1205(1) An ASSC **shall** be produced for Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK MAR. The ASSC **shall** be articulated via an ASSC Report.

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The Air System Safety Case and Air System Safety Case Report(s)

The ASSC

7. The ASSC **should** consist of a claim (or number of claims), a structured and explicit argument, and a supporting body of evidence, that together provide a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that an Air System is safe to operate and being operated safely within a clearly defined context².

¹ ▶ Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) do not require an ASSC. Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category RPAS require an ASSC. Refer to RA 1600 Series – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.◀

² That is, for a given application(s) in a given operating environment(s).

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8. Development of the ASSC **should** begin at the concept stage³, with Safety arguments considered during capability design and selection, and be managed through to ►(and including)◄ disposal.
9. Development of the Air System's Safety requirements and context of use **should** be influenced by the current, or intended, operators and maintainers of the Air System. For a unique and emerging technology, with no end-user expertise, an appropriate Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) stakeholder group **should** be established.
10. The ASSC **should** be managed via an Air Safety Management System (ASMS) established and maintained in accordance with (iaw) RA 1200⁴.
11. The ASSC **should** explicitly address the Human Factors aspects associated with the operation and Maintenance of the Air System.
12. The ASSC **should** explicitly address the inclusion, or justified exclusion, of Safety-enhancing technologies and techniques from across the aviation industry, both during the initial development of the capability and once In-Service⁵ through periodic review of the ASSC ►◄.
13. ►Where a Flight Simulator Training Device⁶ is procured or utilized in support of the Air System then the ASSC owner **should** ensure that it is appropriately captured in the ASSC.◄
14. The ASSC **should** address all operations being, or intended to be, conducted with the Air System. The ASSC **should** explicitly address any higher-technical merit and / or higher-Risk activities and present a coherent and convincing Safety argument backed up by valid supporting evidence, which might be bespoke to these capabilities ►◄.
15. As the ASSC develops, it **should** enable the following:
 - a. Provision of an 'ASSC Strategy' which ►begins to mature the ASSC Claim-Argument-Evidence construct that is endorsed by the end-user ODH / AM(MF). This effectively provides a summary of the programme activity that substantiates the claims and arguments◄ that the capability has the potential to be managed safely across all Defence Lines of Development (DLoD)►⁷◄ through its lifecycle.
 - b. Provision of an 'ASSC Acquisition Basis' which ►continues to mature an ASSC Claim-Argument-Evidence construct, begins to summarize argument substantiation evidence, continues to effectively summarize the programme activity that is substantiating the claims and arguments, and demonstrates that operating Risks have influenced capability design / selection and Pan-DLoD Safety requirements.◄
 - c. Provision of a 'Live ASSC' which demonstrates, through claim, explicit argument and appropriately cited evidence, that the Air System is safe to operate and operated safely across all DLoDs and that all RtL is both As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable within a clearly defined context⁸.

The ASSC Report(s)

16. An ASSC Report **should** be one document which captures the key components of the ASSC at a point in time. It **should** articulate the Safety claim and the Safety argument and summarize the supporting evidence in a clear and concise format.
 - a. The ASSC Strategy Report (for ►the Outline Business Case (OBC)◄) **should** demonstrate that the proposed Air System and the associated

³ The first stage of the CADMID cycle (Concept, Assessment, Demonstration, Manufacture, In-service, Disposal).

⁴ Refer to RA 1200 – ►◄ Air Safety Management.

⁵ The term 'service', when used in the context of an Air System being 'In-Service' or 'introduced into service', refers to the phase where the Air System has completed development and is now being used to deliver the capability for which it was intended, be that training or operations. It does not refer to use of the Air System by one of the branches of HM Armed Forces (ie the Services – Navy, Land or Air).

⁶ ►Refer to RA 2375 – Qualification, Approval and Use of Flight Simulator Training Devices.

⁷ Refer to MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.◄

⁸ Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

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processes and measures described are likely to support effective ALARP and Tolerable judgments. ► The Report **should** capture a consistent Claim-Argument-Evidence construct alongside a summary of the programme activity being undertaken to substantiate the claims and arguments. ◀

b. The ASSC Acquisition Basis Report (for ► the Full Business Case (FBC) ◀ **should** demonstrate that the processes and their artefacts have influenced capability design / selection ► or, ◀ where this has not been achieved, ► ◀ demonstrate the additional mitigation measures which are required to be implemented, eg Training Needs Analysis. ► The Report **should** capture a consistent Claim-Argument-Evidence construct alongside a summary of the on-going programme activity being undertaken to substantiate the claims and arguments. ◀

c. The ASSC Report(s) associated with the Live ASSC (for either ► Development or In-Service) ◀, **should** demonstrate that the processes are supporting effective ALARP and Tolerable judgements within a clearly defined context. A Live ASSC Report **should** be produced ► as part of the Application for Approval in Principle to register an Air System on the UK MAR⁹, ◀ prior to activation of the Air System on the UK MAR, and following review of the Live ASSC as required at para ► 27 ◀.

17. To ensure the ASSC Report presents a clear and compelling case, evidence **should** be referenced and only directly transposed into the ASSC Report where critical to the meaning or strength of an argument.

18. Legacy versions of ASSC Reports **should** be considered significant Air Safety related documents and retained iaw RA 1225¹⁰.

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The Air System Safety Case and Air System Safety Case Report(s)

19. **Safety Case Regime.** The Safety Case regime places the onus on the operator, who understands the Air System and how it will be, or is, employed to identify and manage the Risks associated with their activity, rather than simply relying on prescriptive regulation alone. To assist the regulated community, the MAA has produced the MASSC which provides guidance material for the development and management of the ASSC and of the associated ASSC Report(s).

20. **Primacy of the ASSC argument.** As described in the MASSC, an argument without supporting evidence is unfounded, whilst evidence without argument is unexplained and therefore meaningless, regardless of the quality or quantity of that evidence. The overwhelming academic view revolves around the primacy of the Safety argument; however, in practice this is often neglected with the emphasis being incorrectly placed on evidence and leaving the connection between the evidence and the argument unexplained. Within an ASSC, it is the Safety argument that has primacy, underpinned and supported by evidence.

21. **Safety-Enhancing Technologies and Techniques.** The principle behind para 12 is the requirement to consider good practice as part of any ALARP argument¹¹. As such, the design and selection of the Air System has to consider extant Safety-enhancing technologies and techniques from across the aviation industry which are applicable to the intended context, with decision(s) captured within the developing ASSC. The consideration of emerging Safety-enhancing technologies and techniques will depend on the anticipated Safety benefit, and the maturity of those technologies and techniques against the programme timeline. Once the Air System is In-Service, the periodic review of the Live ASSC (In-Service) will need to confirm that arguments based on the adoption of good practice are still valid, cognisant of any changes in context or adoption of new technologies and techniques across the aviation industry. ► Examples of such technologies¹² and techniques include collision warning systems, terrain awareness and warning systems, cockpit voice / flight data

⁹ ► Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment. ◀

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life), Annex B for more details.

¹² ► Noting that some safety-enhancing technologies (ie Cockpit Voice / Flight Data Recorder) are mandatory equipment for the Air System to achieve Type Certification iaw RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP 21 Sub Part B). ◀

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recorders, windshear alerting systems, wire-strike protection systems and flight data monitoring programmes.

22. **Higher-technical merit and / or higher-Risk activities.** Such operations include: Night Vision Device operations, air-to-air refuelling, embarked operations, degraded visual environment operations, training for contested airspace operations, the use of equipment and / or procedures cleared under an Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) and operations with reduced Safety margins¹³.

23. It is essential that development and management of an ASSC covers all DLoDs within its Claim-Argument-Evidence hierarchy. Approaching the development of an ASSC through a 'Pan-DLoD lens' can also assist in delivering an effective Claim-Argument-Evidence construct; the MASSC offers further guidance. ◀

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Ownership of the Air System Safety Case

1205(2) The SRO or ODH / AM(MF) **shall** develop, manage and own the ASSC subject to the following:

- a. An ASSC **shall** have a single owner at any one time.
- b. For new capabilities, the SRO **shall** own the ASSC from Concept until transfer of the ASSC to the end-user ODH / AM(MF).
- c. The end-user ODH / AM(MF) **shall** take ownership of the ASSC before any RtL is incurred through In-Service operation of the Air System.
- d. Where ▶ **Development**¹⁴ ◀ flying is to be conducted, the ODH / AM(MF) for the ▶ **Development** ◀ flying **shall** own a separate ASSC specific to the context of the ▶ **Development** ◀ flying.

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Ownership of the Air System Safety Case

Roles and Responsibilities of the ASSC Owner - SRO

24. From nomination as a project SRO ▶¹⁵ ◀ and on ownership of the project mandate¹⁶, until transfer of the ASSC to the end-user ODH / AM(MF), the SRO **should**:
- a. Manage the development of the ASSC argument and its associated evidence requirements.
 - b. Ensure delivery of the evidence through Integrated Test, Evaluation and Acceptance (ITEA), or equivalent, which provides the relevant role-relation and independent test and / or evaluation.
 - c. Ensure that Air Safety considerations are founded in capability requirement design and selection, securing end-user engagement through the Requirements Manager.
 - d. Ensure appropriate operator, maintainer and ITEA stakeholder engagement during development of the ASSC Strategy and ASSC Acquisition Basis.

¹³ ▶ For example, tasks utilizing approved Reduced Operating Standard or Military Operating Standard take-off and landing performance.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹⁵ For civil-initiated procurement of Civilian-Owned / Civilian Operated Air Systems which do not have a SRO, the programme manager responsible for planning, governing and overseeing the successful delivery of the programme's output / product owns and manages the ASSC until the Air System is activated on the UK MAR and the ASSC handed over to the AM(MF). ◀

¹⁶ Or whatever mechanism is equivalent in ▶ **civilian** ◀ industry / operators that confers budgetary authority to a nominated programme manager at the start of a programme involving development / procurement of an Air System.

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- e. Ensure that a statement of endorsement from the end-user ODH / AM(MF)¹⁷ is available with the ►OBC◄ and ►FBC◄ Investment Appraisal Committee (IAC) submission¹⁸.
- f. Secure ►an◄ MAA scrutiny statement of the ASSC Strategy Report and ASSC Acquisition Basis Report iaw RA 1205(5) paras ►47◄ and ►48◄.
- g. Ensure that decisions that have the potential to impact on the Safety argument underpinning the subsequent Live ASSC are endorsed by the end-user ODH / AM(MF)¹⁷.
- h. Where ►Development◄ flying is required ►◄, support the ODH / AM(MF) responsible for conducting the ►Development◄ flying to generate the Live ASSC (►Development◄) specific to the context of the ►Development◄ flying.
- i. ►Secure an MAA review of an appropriately mature ASSC Report when applying to register an Air System on to the UK MAR⁹ as part of the Application for Approval in Principle (AIP).◄
- j. Secure ►an◄ MAA review of a fully-substantiated Live ASSC, articulated through a Live ASSC Report ►(Development / In-Service), when requesting activation of an Air System on to the UK MAR⁹.◄
- k. Manage the development of the ASSC argument, and its associated evidence requirements, when an Air System returns to the developmental domain due to major modification or upgrade project¹⁹.

Roles and Responsibilities of the ASSC Owner – ODH / AM(MF)

- 25. ►Development◄ Flying. Prior to accepting any RtL associated with the operation of an Air System for ►Development◄ activity conducted during initial capability development or modification, the ODH / AM(MF) responsible for the ►Development◄ flying **should**:
 - a. Own and manage a Live ASSC (►Development◄) which delivers a substantiated argument for safe ►Development◄ flying.
 - b. Engage with the SRO and / or end-user ODH / AM(MF) to ensure that the ►Development◄ evidence requirements are clearly understood and that any role-relatable ►Development◄ activity is aligned to the intended In-Service operating context.
- 26. In-Service Flying. Prior to accepting any RtL associated with the operation of an Air System in their Area of Responsibility (AoR), the end-user ODH / AM(MF) **should**:
 - a. Implement procedures to review the ASSC as part of the endorsement(s) required by the SRO during ASSC development.
 - b. Assume ownership and management of the Live ASSC (In-Service) following a review of the ASSC.
 - c. Ensure the ASMS has been updated to include ASSC management.
- 27. Periodic Review. ►The◄ ODH / AM(MF) ►◄ **should** ►formally review their Live ASSC (Development / In-Service) as Chair of a pan-DLoD Air System Safety Working Group (ASSWG)²⁰, at least once every 12 months and as part of ODH / AM(MF) succession²¹. Through this review, the ODH / AM(MF) **should** scrutinise the validity of their Live ASSC (Development / In-Service) argument and supporting evidence to produce a Live ASSC Report and Safety Statement.◄
 - a. ►◄

¹⁷ Where the end-user ODH / AM(MF) has not yet been identified or appointed, endorsement is to be sought from a suitably empowered representative.

¹⁸ Or equivalent Approving Authority depending on the category case (A-D) of the project.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes; and RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP 21 Subpart D).

²⁰ ►◄ Or AM(MF) equivalent.

²¹ ►Where ASSWGs cannot be completed ahead of assumption of ODH / AM(MF) responsibilities, these **should** be completed as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter.◄

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b. ▶◀

▶Other occasions to◀ Review ▶◀ an ASSC

28. In addition to the periodic review of the Live ASSC required at para ▶27◀, there ▶are likely to◀ be occasions when changes to either the Air System itself, the operating context for the Air System, or elements of the argumentation supporting the ASSC require a review of the ASSC to be initiated. The requirement to undertake a review of the ASSC **should** be determined by the appropriate ASSC owner, in consultation with the ODH / AM(MF), SRO and Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) ▶/ Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) or Commodity Chief Engineer (CE)²²◀ as appropriate. Changes which **should** initiate a review of the ASSC include:

- a. A change in the operating context of the Air System.
- b. In-Service Design Changes▶²³◀.
- c. Changes arising from any DLoD requiring change to the Release To Service (RTS) ▶or Military Permit to Fly (Development), (In-Service) or (Special Case Flying).◀
- d. Changes leading to the issue of a new certificate of registration on the UK MAR.
- e. ▶Permanent◀ transfer of the Air System to a different ▶Aircraft◀ Operating Authority▶²⁴◀, or as part of ODH / AM(MF) succession.
- f. ▶A◀ material change to the Safety argument.
- g. ▶A◀ major change to Statement of Operating Intent and Usage.
- h. A significant Continuing Airworthiness concern.
- i. Post an accident, major incident or prior to return to flying.
- j. Recognition of a new condition of higher-technical merit and / or higher-Risk activity.
- k. Adoption of a new Safety-enhancing technology and / or technique as good practice by the wider aviation industry.
- l. ▶When considering◀ any change to the planned Out of Service Date of the Air System.

ASSC Ownership Transfer

29. Transfer of ASSC ownership **should** be captured during a formal pan-DLoD review to ensure continued validity of the ASSC argument and supporting evidence in relation to ▶the◀ Air System's ▶◀ context of use. The transferring owner **should** notify the MAA²⁵ of the ASSC transfer.

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30. Having a single owner of an ASSC does not limit an Air System type to have a single ASSC; a single In-Service Air System type may be operated by multiple Aircraft Operating Authorities with differing context of use, thus requiring each ODH / AM(MF) operating that type to own and manage a separate ASSC.

31. The principle outlined in para ▶30◀ will include those circumstances where an In-Service Air System is transferred to a CFAOS organization²⁶ for Maintenance Test Flying (MTF). The end-user ODH / AM(MF) will own and manage the ASSC (In-Service) aligned to the full context of in-service flying, whereas the AM(MF) for the CFAOS organization conducting the MTF will own and manage a separate Live ASSC for the specific context of the MTF conducted by that organization. Much of the argument and evidence supporting each ASSC will be common; indeed, the ASSC for

²² ▶Commodity CE for changes that do not form part of the Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (Report).

²³ Primarily Major In-Service Design Changes iaw RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes; and as defined in RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP 21 Subpart D).

²⁴ Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer to UK Military Registered Air Systems.◀

²⁵ Email DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

²⁶ That is an organization approved by the MAA to operate military-registered Air Systems; Refer to RA 2501 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme.

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the MTF activity may rely heavily on the end-user's Live ASSC (In-Service), but with a much narrower context and a focus on the conduct of the MTF activity. Similarly, the end-user's Live ASSC (In-Service) will include claims relating to the Maintenance activity being conducted by the MTF organization. In both cases, a clear articulation of the interface between the organizations, the evidence on which each ASSCs is dependent, and a robust line of communication to highlight any weaknesses will be a fundamental part of the argumentation within each ASSC.

32. Where an Air System is undergoing ►Development◄ flying as part of initial development or modification, the ODH / AM(MF) responsible for the ►Development◄ flying will be required to own and manage a separate Live ASSC (►Development◄) specific to the context of the ►Development◄ flying. The Live ASSC (►Development◄) will therefore exist in parallel to the Live ASSC (In-Service), with the latter being either owned and developed by the SRO or owned and managed by the end-user ODH / AM(MF). Whilst some elements of the Live ASSC (►Development◄) and the Live ASSC (In-Service) are likely to be common, the context for each will be different and the overall claim is likely to require a different argument strategy. For example, the argument strategy for the Live ASSC (In-Service) might include reliance on a fully-substantiated equipment Safety Assessment and RTS to support world-wide operations in poor weather with the Air System flown by any qualified front line crew, regardless of experience. Conversely, the context for the Live ASSC (►Development) may be focused on◄ testing and / or evaluating new capabilities; the argument strategy may therefore focus on the organizational aspects such as the specific competencies of trials personnel, the highly-controlled environment and the specific trials approval / Risk assessment processes in place.

33. Amplifying guidance regarding the through life applicability of the ASSC, its influence on the development of a 'Safety capable' Air System, the lifespan of ASSC ownership and the changing roles and responsibilities for its management, can be found in the MASSC Chapter 4.

34. The SRO or ODH / AM(MF) may consider the utility of appointing an ASSC manager to provide consistent oversight of the ASSC.

35. An effective Safety Case regime recognizes that a system is unsafe until it is proven to be safe, and sets primacy in challenging all claims, arguments, evidence and evidence owners to enable the ASSC owner to state that all RtL are both ALARP and Tolerable.

Regulation 1205(3)

The Safety Statement

1205(3) ODH / AM(MF)s **shall** make a Safety Statement as a formal declaration that all RtL associated with an Air System are both ALARP and Tolerable within a clearly defined context.

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The Safety Statement

36. ►The◄ ODH / AM(MF) **should** issue a Safety Statement that includes:

- a. A formal declaration that all current or foreseeable RtL are both ALARP and Tolerable within a clearly defined context.
- b. Supplementary information outlining areas of concern with the ASSC or management of RtL.

37. Additionally, ►the◄ ODH **should** note in their Safety Statement any RtL that has been escalated for higher-level ownership.

38. ►The◄ ODH / AM(MF) **should** review their Safety Statement:

- a. At least annually, following review of the ASSC.
- b. Prior to implementing a significant change to an Air System in any DLoD, including change in use or operating context.
- c. Following any other change that the ODH / AM(MF) judges to impact on the validity of the extant Safety Statement.

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- d. As a formal element of ASSC ownership transfer.

39. ► **The** ◀ ODH **should** present their Safety Statement to their Senior Duty Holder. ► **The** ◀ AM(MF) **should** present their Safety Statement to ► **their Sponsor.** ◀

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The Safety Statement

40. The Safety Statement is a formal, personal confirmation that the Rtl for an Air System is both ALARP and Tolerable within a clearly defined context and is supported by an auditable record of key Air Safety related assumptions, decisions and arguments within the ASSC. The Safety Statement may also document a summary of the key issues arising from the ASSC, the understanding and management of which will have enabled the ODH / AM(MF) to sign the Safety Statement.

41. A suggested format for the Safety Statement is provided on the MAA websites.

Regulation 1205(4)

Responsibilities of Organizations Supporting the Air System Safety Case

1205(4) SROs and ODH / AM(MF)s **shall** ensure that heads of organizations²⁷ delivering elements of the ASSC, understand their roles and responsibilities in supporting the ASSC.

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Responsibilities of Organizations Supporting the Air System Safety Case

42. ► **The** ◀ SRO and ODH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that heads of organizations supporting, or delivering elements of, the ASSC:

- Are responsible for the performance, Safety and integrity of those ASSC elements for which they are responsible and / or the services that they provide.
- Deliver those elements of an ASSC for which they are responsible.
- Inform the relevant SRO or ODH / AM(MF) of any deviations or deficiencies that might affect the associated ASSC.

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Responsibilities of Organizations Supporting the Air System Safety Case

43. Some of the pan-DLoD elements of an ASSC may be delivered by external organizations outside the direct control of the ASSC owner, such as Release To Service Authorities (RTSAs), Delivery Teams, infrastructure providers, airfield service providers etc. The onus is on the ASSC owner (SRO or ODH / AM(MF) as appropriate) to clearly articulate the responsibilities of such organizations, and the relevance of those responsibilities within the context of the ASSC, to the head of each organization and to ensure they are being delivered.

44. With clearly articulated responsibilities, heads of organizations supporting the ASSC will understand the consequences of failing to deliver in respect of an ASSC. ► **Activities to discharge relevant responsibilities will be managed day to day via the associated ASMS²⁸.** ◀

²⁷ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holders and Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities.

²⁸ ► **RA 1200 (Air Safety Management) details ASMS requirements to manage hazards and communicate effective interfaces.** ◀

Regulation 1205(5)

Assurance, Endorsement and Scrutiny of the Air System Safety Case

- 1205(5) The ASSC **shall** be subject to independent ► **Assurance prior to activation on the UK MAR and annual Assurance whilst active on the UK MAR.** ◀ Additionally, the ASSC **shall** be subject to endorsement and scrutiny at defined points of development.

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Assurance, Endorsement and Scrutiny of the Air System Safety Case

Assurance

45. ► **The** ◀ SRO **should** obtain independent Assurance of ► :
- **Their ASSC Strategy as part of the OBC IAC submission.**
 - **Their ASSC Acquisition Basis as part of the FBC IAC submission.**
 - **The ASSC (In-Service) immediately prior to entry into service and transfer of responsibility for the ASSC to the ODH / AM(MF).** ◀
46. ► **The** ◀ ODH / AM(MF) **should** ► **conduct** ◀ annual ► ◀ Assurance of their Live ASSC ► (Development) and / or (In-Service) by verifying the effectiveness of their (and any interfacing) ASMS in substantiating the ASSC claim(s), validated via the ASSWG²⁰. ◀

Endorsement and MAA Scrutiny

47. For Air Systems subject to MOD ► **IAC** ◀ approval, the ASSCs **should** be endorsed by the end-user and scrutinised by the MAA at the following points:
- **Outline Business Case.** ◀ As part of the ► **OBC** ◀ submission, the SRO **should** prepare an ASSC Strategy Report capturing the ASSC Strategy. ► **This** ◀ Report **should** be endorsed by the end-user ODH / AM(MF)¹⁷ and copied to the MAA²⁵ for provision of their scrutiny statement.
 - **Full Business Case.** ◀ As part of the ► **FBC** ◀ submission, the SRO **should** prepare an ASSC Acquisition Basis Report. ► **This** ◀ Report **should** be endorsed by the end-user ODH / AM(MF)¹⁷ and copied to the MAA²⁵ for provision of their scrutiny statement.
 - **Application for Approval in Principle.** The SRO or Sponsor **should** submit the associated ASSC-R when applying to register an Air System on to the UK MAR⁹ as part of the Application for Approval in Principle (AAIP). ◀
 - **Activation on the UK MAR.** The SRO **should** submit the Live ASSC Report (► **Development / In-Service** ◀) to the MAA for review prior to activation on the UK MAR as either a Development or In-Service Air System.
48. For ► **civilian** ◀ initiated procurement of ► **a Civilian-Owned Air System which is not subject to MOD IAC** ◀ approval, the following ASSC endorsement schedule **should** be used:
- The company **should** submit the ► **ASSC-R (Development / In-Service)** ◀ to the MAA²⁵ for review ► **when applying to register an Air System on to the UK MAR⁹ as part of the** ◀ Application for Approval in Principle (AAIP) ► ◀.
 - ◀
 - The AM(MF) **should** submit the Live ► **ASSC-R (Development / In-Service)** ◀ to the MAA²⁵ for review prior to activation on the UK MAR (on which issue of Certificate of Usage would be contingent).

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Assurance, Endorsement and Scrutiny of the Air System Safety Case

49. Those responsible for the development and management of the ASSC may determine the most appropriate means of independent Assurance of the ASSC ►◄ by ► **considering** ◄ factors such as the stage of ASSC development and the overall context / complexity of the ASSC. Options ►◄ include ► **(but are not limited to)** ◄ a suitable Independent Safety Auditor, RTSA, ► **Sponsor**, ◄ Safety Centre, or the Air Safety Team or Safety Case Manager from another Group or Service, providing that the individual or organization is ► **demonstrably SQEP and is** ◄ not unduly influenced by commercial, peer or rank / status pressures.

50. ► Following initial independent Assurance of the ASSC (as detailed at para 45.c), ongoing annual Assurance will be conducted by the ODH / AM(MF), primarily via the ASSWG. It will confirm that the management of the ASSC (via the ASMS) is appropriate for the Air System and its operating context. It must affirm (and reaffirm annually / at least once every 12 months) that:

- a. The claims are correct,
- b. The arguments and evidence effectively substantiate the claims being made, and
- c. The ownership of the ASSC is effectively understood across the AoR and supports Air Safety decision making.

51. Evidence is the tangible output of an ASMS and is, therefore, subject to 1st / 2nd / 3rd Party Assurance under the compliance monitoring function of the ASMS. Day-to-day management of issues which could impact ASSC validity will be via the ASMS of relevant organization(s), including:

- a. The identification of new and evolving hazards,
- b. The setting and monitoring of appropriate objectives,
- c. Effective communication across interfaces in a timely manner, and
- d. Correctly scoped Safety Assurance.

52. If the context of the ASSC changes then it is highly likely the argument(s) will be affected and generate a revised 'demand signal' for evidence; thus, a review and update of any associated ASMS(s) will be required. The ODH / AM(MF) must strongly consider further independent Assurance at this point, to re-establish their confidence in the ASSC and reset the basis of their ongoing annual Assurance. Additional guidance material can be found in the MASSC and the Manual of Air Safety. ◄

RA 1207 - Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation

Rationale

Demonstrating that an Air System▶◀ is safe to operate and being operated safely, chiefly through the Air System Safety Case¹ (ASSC), relies upon the effective management of Air Safety▶◀ data as part of an Air Safety Management System² (ASMS). Without a coherent approach to the management and exploitation of this data to routinely validate the continued veracity of ASSC claims, sustaining and delivering improvements in Air Safety may not be achieved and Safety may be compromised with an associated increase in Risk to Life▶◀ and loss of capability. This RA requires ASMS owners to introduce and maintain a coherent approach to the management of Air Safety data for each Air System, including collection, exploitation, Assurance and Configuration Management.

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Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategy

1207(1) Operating Duty Holders (ODH) / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) **shall** ensure an Air Safety data exploitation strategy is developed and implemented for each Air System type within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).

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Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategy

1. The strategy **should** detail how defined Air Safety data is collected, analyzed, validated and exploited in support of continually assuring the validity of associated ASSC claims and arguments, ▶and outline opportunities to use Air Safety data to enhance Safety outcomes.◀
2. The strategy **should** embed Air Safety data exploitation as an essential element of ODH / AM(MF) and subordinate ASMSs, requiring that responsibilities for data collection, analysis and Validation are clearly defined in appropriate documentation▶◀.
3. The strategy **should** apply the requisite principles of data governance for managing ▶and exploiting◀ data as defined in ▶both◀ JSP 441³ ▶and JSP 453⁴,◀ ensuring that Quality management arrangements are included within Assurance processes.
4. The strategy **should** require that appropriate contractual agreements are in place to secure access to the necessary data and services from industry and external organizations to enable delivery of the strategy's intent.

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Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategy

5. The following is a pertinent description encapsulating the intent of this Regulation▶◀:

“Data is simply raw facts and figures, alone it tells you nothing. The goal of any organization is to turn data into trustworthy information. Data becomes information when it is presented in a context so that it can answer a question or support decision-making and it is when this information can be combined with a manager's knowledge that stronger decisions can be made.”▶5◀

ODH / AM(MF) Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategies

6. The ▶◀ Air Safety data exploitation strategy ▶will detail◀ specific aims and objectives ▶◀. It will describe the type of Air Safety data to be assembled and managed to meet these aims and objectives, identify the roles responsible within the

¹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

² Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

³ Refer to JSP 441 – Information, Knowledge, Digital and Data in Defence. External organizations without direct access ▶need◀ to follow the UK's Data Protection Legislation and relevant contractual conditions.

⁴ ▶JSP 453 – Digital Policies and Standards for Defence - Chapter 3 Exploitable by Design. External organizations requiring guidance from MOD documents produced outside the MAA can gain access through their relevant MOD Sponsor.◀

⁵ Extracted from 2020 edition of JSP 441: Data management.

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appropriate subordinate supporting organizations, and outline the Assurance processes employed to assess compliance with the strategy. It will contribute to the establishment and sustainment of an organizational culture that recognizes the value of effectively exploiting Air Safety data as part of an ASMS in support of the ASSC.

Air Safety Data Exploitation Strategy Contents

7. A strategy will, as a minimum, cover the following topics:
 - a. **Objectives.** Set out the Air Safety data exploitation objectives and the activities needed to support them. ►Consider◄ the full range of personnel across the AoR who contribute to Air Safety ►whilst◄ developing data requirements including: operations, Maintenance, battlespace management and support staff, to ensure that all facets of the ASSC are adequately addressed. In addition to direct support of an ASSC as part of an ASMS, exploitation objectives could also include wider aspects such as increasing operational effectiveness or efficiency. The Manual of Air System Safety Cases (MASSC)⁶ provides some examples of data exploited in support of ASSC claims.
 - b. **ASMS Integration.** The strategy in addressing the full ASSC will span multiple organizations and their ASMSs. Therefore, the strategy will require that interfaces between the systems and organizations involved in delivery are adequately considered, including industry, Defence Equipment and Support (DE&S) and other Aviation Duty Holder (ADH)-Facing organizations. Formal commercial arrangements may be necessary to secure access to required technical detail or specialist services.
 - c. **Assurance.** Ensure that appropriate requirements are met for effective data management, including data Quality, integrity and availability, such that confidence in the data can be assured ►3,4◄.
 - d. **Roles and Responsibilities.** Identify the required roles in the relevant procedures to ensure Accountability and clear boundaries of Responsibility for Air Safety data management and exploitation, including:
 - (1) Ownership.
 - (2) Collection.
 - (3) Analysis.
 - (4) Validation.
 - (5) Exploitation.
 - (6) Assurance.
 - (7) Configuration Management and retention.

Examples of individuals and organizations involved in exploiting Air Safety data are shown at Annex A which outlines the broad categories of data and potential uses.

8. It is not the intent of the strategy to require unnecessary replication of existing MRP requirements, but to ensure signposts are in place to highlight the relevant dependencies⁷.

Multiple Air Systems and Operators

9. Where one type of UK military registered Air System is operated by more than one ODH / AM(MF), the ODHs / AM(MF)s concerned will need to agree and document arrangements for their roles in defining and implementing coherency in the Strategies, with appropriate links to their respective ASMS. Similarly, where ODHs / AM(MF)s are using Types operated by other civil or international users, they ►will◄ endeavour to participate in shared Air Safety data exploitation activities as far as practicable to facilitate enterprise reporting and provide a baseline for common interpretation.

⁶ The MASSC supports RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁷ For instance; RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management, RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management, RA 2401 – Documents and Records, RA 4814 – Occurrence Reporting (MRP 145.A.60), RA 4961(3): Reliability Programme, and RA 5726 – Integrity Management; all relate in some degree to data management and exploitation.

Regulation 1207(2)

Air Safety Data Exploitation Procedures

1207(2) ASMS owners⁸ **shall** develop, publish and implement Air Safety data exploitation procedures that support the requirements of the Air System data exploitation strategies within their AoR.

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Air Safety Data Exploitation Procedures

10. ASMS owners **should**:
- Critically review relevant Air Safety data exploitation strategies to identify their requirements⁹ for data to be collected, analyzed, validated and exploited.
 - Develop data exploitation procedures that define the roles, responsibilities and activities for data management.
 - Ensure that Assurance of compliance with exploitation procedures is included within their Management System¹⁰.
 - Ensure that exploitation procedures are routinely reviewed as part of their continuous improvement process.
 - Ensure compliance with data governance requirements in JSP 441³, **JSP 453⁴** and any relevant security requirements from JSP 440¹¹.

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Air Safety Data Exploitation Procedures

11. **▶▶**
12. **▶ Automated systems are expected to provide the primary method for data collection and reporting, with manual arrangements used where automation is not practicable. ◀**
13. **▶▶** Data exploitation procedures **▶▶** need to be clearly identifiable and auditable within the ASMS. For instance, appropriate requirements could be included within the **▶ Type ◀** Airworthiness strategy¹² for the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) and / or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM)¹³, the Exposition¹⁴ for approved organizations, **▶ Aviation ◀** Engineering Standing Orders¹⁵ for a Military Maintenance Organization, or the Air Safety management plan¹⁶ for an ADH.
14. Data governance requirements include the span of activities including data Quality, integrity, availability and disposal. Therefore, the procedures need to include arrangements for both internal management and Maintenance of data integrity across organization / system boundaries, as well as aspects such as legal requirements regarding data disposal. RA 1225¹⁷ relates to documentation which includes data, so its intent **▶ will ◀** be followed in terms of retaining appropriate Airworthiness data for the mandated period.

⁸ An ODH's / AM(MF)'s ASMS will include numerous interfacing and interconnected ASMSs from subordinate and supporting organizations; all ASMS owners are required to support data exploitation.

⁹ ASMS owners may also identify their own requirements for data exploitation to support local conditions.

¹⁰ The term 'Management System' is used to recognize that Safety, Quality, business and environmental etc are all valid Management Systems that may be in use.

¹¹ Refer to JSP 440 – Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity. Organizations external to the MOD will need to comply with current legislation and relevant contractual conditions.

¹² Refer to **▶ RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy. ◀**

¹³ Refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed split of Type Airworthiness (TAw) responsibilities, TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 4943 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition (MRP Part M Sub Part G); RA 4816 - Maintenance Organization Exposition (MRP 145.A.70); **▶ RA 1028(4) ◀**: Contractor Flying Organization Exposition; RA 5850(4): Design Organization Exposition; RA 3100(3): Air Traffic Management Equipment Organization Exposition.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 4009 – Aviation Engineering Orders and Procedures.

¹⁶ Refer to the Manual of Air Safety.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

Annex A

Examples of Air Safety Data Categories

1. The examples of data categories listed below are not exhaustive but aim to illustrate the types of data that ADH, AM(MF), DE&S teams and other ADH-Facing support organizations, Maintenance Organizations (MO)¹⁸, Design Organizations (DO)¹⁹ and Production Organizations (PO)²⁰ ►could◄ consider exploiting as part of their ►ASMS.◄
2. The level and type of data exploitation will depend upon the perspective of the user: ODH and DE&S operating centre director staff conducting second party Assurance (2PA) may be reviewing trends across Air System types and fleets, whereas at the Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) and TAA level, staff managing activities or conducting first party Assurance (1PA) will be more focused on performance and trends within and between individual units / squadrons. The key issue is ►ensuring◄ that ASMSs are clearly focused on delivering the intent of the relevant exploitation strategy in support of ASSCs.

Table 1. Examples of Air Safety Data Categories

Category	Regulation►◄	Who
Operations and Flight Safety Data. Data arising from Occurrence reports, including Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report (DASOR) or InForms and local equivalents. This forms a rich source of data which can be exploited to identify specific issues or trends and understand the reasons²¹, both over time and against the wider Regulated Community. A ►◄ list of potential themes includes: • Use of local mitigations (vice recommendations); • Number of recommendations and time to implement; • Time to raise and close reports; • Dominant causal factors; • Correlation of evidence with bow tie barrier claims; These all relate to the ASSC claim that the Air System is operating safely.	RA 1410 RA 4814 RA 5825	All
Safety Management System (SMS)²² Data. Data contained in Hazard²³ logs, Risk Registers and bow tie models. Hazard and Risk ►will◄ be regularly reviewed to ensure correct ownership and active management, and to ensure there are no broader trends developing which undermine ASSC claims. <u>Note:</u> The RA 1200²⁴ ASMS facet of Safety performance measurement is also likely to contain metrics drawn from several of the sections in this Annex.	RA 1200 RA 1210 ►RA 5011◄	All
Aircrew training, Competence and Currency Data. Data contained in logbooks, training records, STARS, TMIS²⁵ and similar IT tools. Exploitation of such data would potentially allow early identification of issues or trends with crew availability that would impact delivery of capability. It would also facilitate improved management of the flying Authorization and supervision processes and ensure best utilization of resources by enabling optimization of the flying programme.	RA 2401 RA 2305 RA 2306	ADH / AM(MF)

¹⁸ Refer to RA 4800 – General Requirements (MRP Part 145).

¹⁹ Refer to RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organizations (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

²⁰ Refer to RA 5835 – Military Production Organizations (MRP Part 21 Subpart G).

²¹ Identification of trends and 'outliers' is not necessarily an indication of 'bad', but merely a means to highlight the need to investigate further.

²² The term 'SMS' is used to cater for the broad range of supporting organizations, some of whom may include Total Safety rather than just having an ASMS (Refer to ►JSP 815 – Defence Safety Management System◄).

²³ 'Hazard log' is a generic term for the document that records factors which may contribute to a Risk.

²⁴ RA 1200 – Air Safety Management mandates 16 facets.

²⁵ STARS and TMIS are IT systems used to plan, authorize and manage flying / training programmes, and to record and track Aircrew competencies, currencies and qualifications.

Category	Regulation ▶◀	Who
Flight Data. ▶ Flight data recording Systems continuously acquire and record a significant amount of parametric data. Once acquired, this data is highly suited to exploitation for a variety of activities. An example is Flight Data Monitoring, used to monitor deviations from Standard Operating Procedures in order to improve Air Safety. Further examples include Airworthiness activity such as Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOIU) Validation, integrity management programmes and efficiency projects. ◀	▶ RA 1208 ◀ RA 5726	▶ All ◀
Design Data and Type Airworthiness ▶◀ (TAW). Airworthiness Dynamic Data (ADD)²⁶ contained in Maintenance documentation systems²⁷, plus ageing Air System and Airworthiness review survey reports, system monitoring equipment²⁸ and Fault reports. Exploitation of Maintenance records and Fault reports will identify whether Systems and components are performing as intended and meeting their planned reliability targets, and hence whether Air System Modification or changes to the Maintenance schedule are required. Similarly, analysis of survey reports and system monitoring data will identify the need for Modification, amendment to the SOIU or Maintenance schedules, or ultimately re-living of the Air System. Close attention to the harvesting and exploitation of assured performance data through life will also facilitate a more effective justification of any required life extension programme or extension to the Out of Service Date if required. Exploitation of ADD against design data will support the ASSC claim of being safe to operate.	RA 1015 RA 1223 RA 1230 RA 4973 RA 5825 RA 5850 RA 5723 RA 5724 RA 5725 RA 5726	TAA DO Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO) Chief Air Engineer (CAE)²⁹
Continuing Airworthiness ▶◀ (CAw). The data sources are largely as listed above under TAW but will be exploited differently. Additional sources may include training / Competence records or local databases produced for specific purposes such as facility defect logs. Exploitation of ADD will enable optimization of the Aircraft Maintenance programme and will enable effective engagement with the TAA to seek action where Corrective Maintenance or ▶ Limitation / Acceptable Deferred Fault ◀³⁰ trends indicate inadequate performance. Similarly, working closely with TAAs, analysis of Preventive Maintenance data will enable improvements to the Maintenance schedule using reliability centred Maintenance techniques. Ensuring the effectiveness of CAw activities is fundamental to supporting the ASSC claim of being safe to operate because the safe Air System design is predicated on there being effective Maintenance.	▶ RA 5012 ◀ RA 1223 RA 4805 RA 4806 RA 4811 RA 4813 RA 4947 RA 4951 RA 4961 RA 4964	TAA Mil CAMO CAE

²⁶ ADD is the data which changes with system operation, such as component lifing, Configuration and Maintenance activity; refer to RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management.

²⁷ ▶ Maintenance documentation systems ◀ include GOLDesp, LITS, ALIS / ODIN, ESS, MDS and the paper MOD Form 700 series.

²⁸ Monitoring systems include Fatigue Meters, Health and Usage Monitoring Systems and Operational Loads Monitoring.

²⁹ The CAE may be at the Senior, Operating or Delivery Duty Holder level.

³⁰ Excessive use of Limitations or Acceptable Deferred Faults may indicate an inadequate Support Policy.

Category	Regulation▶◀	Who
Quality Management and Assurance Findings. Data contained within Quality Occurrence Reports, Audit findings tracking tools and similar Assurance records. Effective exploitation of Assurance findings, their root Cause, and the time to close will enable identification of underlying trends such as training, resources, or issues with policy and procedures. It will also facilitate more effective planning of Risk-based Assurance.	RA 1005 RA 1015 ▶ RA 1028(2) RA 5011 ◀ RA 4951 RA 5835 RA 5850	All
Service Inquiry (SI) findings. SI reports are made widely available. For those directly affected, reviewing progress against extant SI recommendations provides a useful insight into the wider performance of the relevant organizations involved and can prompt follow-up as required. SI reports also provide a rich source of detailed analysis which invariably will have broader applicability to the wider community and be pertinent to many other operating situations. Hence, they are worth reviewing to identify any wider lessons that can be learned.	RA 1420	All



RA 1208 - Flight Data Monitoring

Rationale

*Flight data obtained from onboard flight recorders provides a valuable source of information which can be used to provide Assurance that an Air System¹ is being operated safely¹. Without a coherent approach to the management and exploitation of this data within a Flight Data Monitoring Programme (FDMP), assuring Air Safety² and delivering improvements will be less effective and **operating** Safety may be compromised with the associated increase in Risk to Life. This Regulation requires Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) to introduce and maintain an FDMP which is integrated with their Air Safety Management System² (ASMS) for the exploitation of flight data from capable Air Systems.*

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Definitions

Definitions relevant to this RA

1. **Flight Data Monitoring (FDM)** is the systematic, pro-active use of flight data to enhance the delivery of operational capability by improving Air Safety through effective integration with ASMSs² within an intrinsically just Air Safety culture.
2. **FDMP Programme (FDMP)**: The FDMP includes the people, processes, tools and documentation which form a coherent system for delivering the required outputs from FDM. **An FDMP allows an ADH / AM(MF) to compare their Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) with those actually achieved in everyday flights, identify areas of Risk and measure current Safety margins; more mature programmes can also enable improved Maintenance and operating efficiencies.**
3. **Flight Data Recorder (FDR)**: FDR refers to the crash-protected recording device which is mandated for all new Air Systems³.

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The Flight Data Monitoring Programme

- 1208(1) Operating Duty Holders (ODH) and AM(MF) **shall** implement an FDMP⁴ for all Air Systems fitted with an FDR⁵.

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The Flight Data Monitoring Programme

Programme Objectives and Outcomes

4.
5. ADH / AM(MF) **should** specify the objectives⁶ required from the FDMP and the intended **Air Safety benefits and** outcomes. When an ODH / AM(MF) is temporarily allotted an Air System for a specific purpose⁷, they **should** support the owning ODH's FDMP.

¹ Safe operation includes compliance with Release To Service (RTS) limits, meeting Statement of Operating Intent profiles, and following specific operating procedures.

² Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management and the Manual of Air Safety (MAS).

³ Colloquially termed the 'black box', FDR requirements are **contained in the relevant Parts of** Defence Standard 00-970 Design and Airworthiness Requirements for Service Aircraft.

⁴ Consideration is required to determine whether the most efficient option would be an FDMP per Air System, or per larger grouping.

⁵ For **Specific S2 sub-category or for Certified category** Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS), the ODH / AM(MF) are to justify within the Air System Safety Case (ASSC) how recorded flight data (either from onboard or the ground station) is exploited to meet the intent of this Regulation. **There is no requirement to develop an FDMP for Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category RPAS.**

⁶ Objectives are to consider the operating Risk and monitoring of required Safety margins as a minimum so that **Aircrew** procedures and training can be optimized as a key element of an ADH's / AM(MF)'s ASMS; further detail is at paragraph **25**. Throughout this Regulation the ODH is used when the context is ownership of the FDMP; ADH is used when the context is the specific aspect of detailed FDMP management and integration with ASMSs.

⁷ Such as post-Maintenance test flying or trials evaluation. Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

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6. ► When no FDR is fitted, the ODH / AM(MF) **should** include an argument within the ASSC⁸ either justifying non-fitment or referencing a Modification plan.
7. When an FDR is fitted but there is not currently a workable method to download or exploit the flight data, the ODH / AM(MF) **should** include an argument within the ASSC either justifying why implementation of the capability is not reasonable, or referencing a Modification plan. ◀
8. If the Air System monitored by an FDMP has a single recording device that is shared with the Accident investigation download, consideration **should** be given to fitting a separate data recorder to remove the Risk of compromising Accident investigation capability⁹.
9. ► In addition to Air System Modification requirements, ODH / AM(MF) planning for implementation of an FDM capability **should** include development of the required off-board processing, analysis and exploitation capability. ◀
10. ODH / AM(MF), supported by the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA¹⁰), **should** ensure that the necessary usage rights and technical detail of the recorded data are available to permit its exploitation.

Process Control Tools and Procedures

11. The FDMP **should** have effective means of tracking the data downloaded from the Air System to detect data losses and delays in transmission.
12. Failures in sensors and onboard recording equipment detected by the FDMP **should** be reported via established defect reporting channels for resolution.
13. The FDMP **should** employ software tools with the capabilities to:
 - a. Convert the downloaded binary data into usable engineering units.
 - b. Automatically analyze the data to generate “measurements” and “events”.
 - c. Generate various forms of visualisation of the data for interactive analysis.
 - d. Integrate flight data with external data sources.
14. The FDMP **should** employ effective methods and techniques to assess the quality of the data and derived information and take corrective actions as required.
15. The information exchanged with the ► Aircrew ◀ during the investigation of flights **should** be stored in a system that enables efficient retrospective analysis.

Communication

16. The FDMP **should** establish an effective communications plan, tailored to the type of information being delivered and the target audience.
17. Where appropriate, lessons learned **should** be shared with the wider Regulated Community ►◀.

FDM Documentation

18. All the manuals and documentation necessary for the correct interpretation of the data and configuration of the analysis software **should** be readily available.
19. ADH / AM(MF) **should** develop procedures to ensure effective operation of the FDMP and document them in ► appropriate ◀ orders; the following **should** be included as a minimum:

⁸ ► Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Case; this requires FDR and FDM to be explicitly addressed. ◀

⁹ Consideration of any Modification requirement is expected to include a cost / benefit analysis; paragraph ► 21 ◀ provides more detail of system requirements.

¹⁰ ► Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA. ◀

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- a. **Data Recovery Targets:** Minimum targets for the percentage of data recovery and the download frequency.
- b. **Data Management and Security:** Data access and security policies which **should** be compliant with UK data protection law and UK military data management requirements, defining as a minimum:
 - (1) The retention period for data and derived information.
 - (2) Levels of access to authorized personnel.
 - (3) The process to establish contact with ► **Aircrew** ◄.
 - (4) The process and conditions for withdrawing confidentiality.
- c. **Roles and Responsibilities:** Define the various roles, responsibilities and Authorization requirements for downloading, processing, transferring, storing, analyzing and assuring the data, and responsibilities for ensuring effective integration with the ASMS.

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► Development Flying Activity

20. Due to the nature of the flying activities, there is no requirement to implement an FDMP for Air Systems being operated within the Military Operated (Development) or Civilian Operated (Development) Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Categories¹¹. Similarly, there is no FDMP requirement for those undertaking Development activity within the Special Case Flying DAE Operating Category. However, this does not preclude the ODH / AM(MF) choosing to do so where they see benefit in such a programme. ◄

Airborne Recording Systems

21. It is possible to use data downloaded from the crash protected FDR to support the FDMP. However, repeated use of the FDR may cause a degradation of its serviceability which means the FDR might not be available in case of an Accident. Modern FDRs store data in solid state memory units and are very resilient but the installation of onboard Quick Access Recorders (QAR) or equivalent technology is recommended for FDM purposes; these devices connect to the same data acquisition unit as the FDR ► ◄. A QAR will also generally have a longer record time which would allow greater flexibility of data download frequency before FDR data is overwritten, so the required cost / benefit analysis will need to consider such broader issues¹².

22. The suitability of a data recording system for FDM purposes is primarily dependent on two aspects:

- a. The quality and quantity of recorder flight parameters.
- b. The practicality of the process of extracting data from the Air System.

23. There will be a link between the objectives desired from an FDMP and the parameters available for recording since what is not recorded cannot be monitored. Therefore, any Modification action to enhance the list of recorded parameters will require appropriate cost / benefit assessment¹³. ► Whilst it is the existence (or not) of an FDR that drives the context for an appropriate FDMP argument within the ASSC, an ODH / AM(MF) may choose to argue for implementing an acceptable FDMP that delivers the Regulatory intent using alternate data sources if no FDR exists and the required cost versus benefit Safety argument can be made. ◄

24. The detailed format of the FDR binary data stream is required to enable its processing and exploitation. This 'Data Frame Layout' is an important document which contains the necessary information to convert the binary data downloaded from the Aircraft into engineering units which is required for the proper configuration of the FDM software. This information is generally the same as that used in the processing of the

¹¹ ► Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Framework. ◄

¹² ODH / AM(MF) need to ensure that the TAA's Air System Support Policy Statement (SPS) includes adequate requirements for the management of recorded data to support the FDMP. ► Refer to RA 5407 – Support Policy Statement. ◄

¹³ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) [Civil Aviation Publication \(CAP\) 1394](#) provides details for potential simple FDM solutions.

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annual FDR downloads which is an Air Navigation Order (ANO) requirement¹⁴. It is also necessary to ensure that there are no Intellectual Property Rights issues with the recorder manufacturer which would prevent data exploitation within the FDMP.

Process Control Tools and Procedures

25. In order to meet the desired objectives set for the FDMP, the software needs to be configured to capture the relevant events and / or measurements. All FDM software tools can be configured to raise “events” for conditions where parameters exceed certain threshold limits in a given flight. For example, a “Velocity, Maximum Operating (VMO) Exceeded” event can be raised whenever the Indicated Airspeed (IAS) parameter exceeds the VMO envelope¹⁵. In addition to “events”, FDM software tools can be configured to generate “measurements” for every flight, such as “Maximum IAS”. Events are only created for flights which exceed pre-determined thresholds while measurements can be created for all flights whether or not events have also been detected.

26. Events¹⁶ are useful means of prioritizing attention to specific flights where unusual situations have occurred, while measurements provide a more complete representation of the entire operational envelope. Not every flight will have events, therefore events are exceptional and represent only the “tip of the iceberg”. Measurements on the other hand are abundant not only because they will exist for every flight but also because it is common to have hundreds of different measurements generated for each flight.

27. Flight data records what happened on a given flight but not why it happened. To understand causal factors, it is often necessary to augment the recorded flight data with external data such as flight logs, Flight Plans, Electronic Flight Bag (EFB)¹⁷ data and weather data. This level of integration invariably requires IT development efforts to facilitate communication between systems in an automated manner. Flight manuals, operations manuals, Maintenance manuals, approach charts, Aerodrome charts, terrain maps, etc are also normally necessary to contextualize and interpret the flight data and derived information.

28. It is essential that data quality is routinely checked for accuracy and completeness so suitable arrangements are to be included as part of local management systems.

29. A system is required to manage ► **Aircrew** ◄ contacts so that it can be carefully monitored and linked with the related flight data. This capture of ► **Aircrew** ◄ perspectives regarding the events and their insights about related Safety issues will enable a richer source of information and identify potential trends etc.

Communication

30. Analysis of the flight data can identify a range of finding categories¹⁸ which will necessitate different communication approaches, so the required communication channels and procedures need to be pre-established to ensure they work effectively and efficiently; this is particularly important in the cases when error management and data protection principles need to be observed. Adequate management of the communication between the FDMP and other stakeholders is fundamental to promote and maintain the reputation and trust in the programme; MAS chapter 3 provides further guidance on managing the required Air Safety culture.

FDM Documentation

31. FDM ► ◄ orders need to be produced to address the following aspects as a minimum:

¹⁴ There is an ANO requirement for all Aircraft to maintain a reference sample from their FDR to support potential Accident investigations; whilst this requirement is not directly applicable to military Air Systems, it is to be included in the SPS.

¹⁵ European Aviation Safety Agency Regulations ORO.AOC.130 (fixed wing) and SPA.HOFO.145 (rotary wing) contain examples of potential FDM events.

¹⁶ Development of the correct events to monitor Safety and Airworthiness issues is key to FDMP effectiveness; TAA input will be required.

¹⁷ European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) AMC 20-25 provides further detail on EFB requirements.

¹⁸ Categories range from individual Airworthiness events or isolated handling anomalies, through to events which may affect most or all ► **Aircrew** ◄ due to systemic operating issues.

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a. **Data Recovery Targets:** The data recovery target is normally expressed as the percentage of flights captured in the FDM programme versus the total amount of flights flown by the Air System. It will be set to a value that enables capturing a statistically representative sample of the operation. For high-volume operations where flights tend to occur over the same standard routes (such as the case of standard air transport routes) a relatively low data capture rate is sufficient¹⁹. Operations where each flight is unique and exposed to novel threats require a higher data capture rate.

b. **Download Frequency:** The download frequency needs to be high enough to facilitate the recall of the flight by ► **Aircrew** ◀ members in case of ► **an Aircrew** ◀ contact and to improve the response time for Airworthiness events detected in the data (which may have not been reported by other means). There is a link between download frequency, data recovery targets, recorder capacity and operating necessity so careful consideration is required.

c. **Data Management and Security:** There are detailed requirements specified for generic data governance²⁰ as well as specific General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) legislation on protecting personal data, all of which must be considered. There are also security requirements²¹ for handling classified or sensitive data which need to be considered, particularly in operational scenarios. MAA Regulatory Publication (MRP) requirements for retaining significant Air Safety related documents²² also apply. The governance and retention rules need to be adapted to the characteristics of the various types of data used and created by the FDMP²³.

d. **Roles and Responsibilities:** These will detail both specific FDM roles and how effective integration is achieved with the ASMS, including recommended training requirements. ► **The additional sources of guidance as Para 33 provide** ◀ explanation of potential roles including ► **Aircrew** ◀ liaison and technical / operating data interpreters.

Implementation

32. Developing an effective FDMP requires consideration of a broad range of technical and procedural issues relating to both the Air System and off-platform infrastructure. Given the similar nature of FDMP requirements across the DAE, it is likely that there will be synergies and economies of scale to be realised by sharing resources.

► Further Sources of FDM Guidance

33. Further guidance on implementing an FDM programme is available at the following sources:

- a. EASA: GM1, GM2 and GM3 to ORO.AOC.130
- b. UK CAA: CAP 739
- c. Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority: Advisory Circular 119-04 ◀

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Flight Data Monitoring Effectiveness

1208(2) ODH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure that the FDMP exploits available data to enhance operating effectiveness by providing actionable Safety intelligence that supports the ASMS, and ultimately the ASSC.

¹⁹ Consideration needs to be given to the number of ► **Aircrew** ◀ flying the same routes to ensure a representative sample of performance is obtained.

²⁰ Refer to Joint Service Publication (JSP) 441: Information, Knowledge, Digital and Data in Defence. Organizations external to the MOD will need to comply with current legislation and relevant contractual conditions.

²¹ Refer to JSP 440: Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity. Organizations external to the MOD will need to comply with current legislation and relevant contractual conditions.

²² Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

²³ This relates to aspects such as raw FDM data versus processed data etc, and requirements for data anonymisation.

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Flight Data Monitoring Effectiveness

Integration with the ASMS

34. ADH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that the FDMP is integrated with their ASMS to support the following areas:

- a. Hazard Identification.
- b. Risk Assessment.
- c. Safety Assurance.
- d. Proactive management of change.

35. ODH / AM(MF) **should** be responsible for the effectiveness of the FDMP in meeting the specified objectives.

Continuous Improvement

36. ODH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that the FDMP continuously improves its capacity to generate data and actionable Safety intelligence to further enhance the ASMS.

Assurance

37. ODH / AM(MF) **should** implement an Assurance framework for FDM to monitor FDMP effectiveness.

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Flight Data Monitoring Effectiveness

Integration with the ASMS

38. An FDMP can be an important element of the data exploitation strategy²⁴ of an ODH / AM(MF) since flight data can be used for multiple purposes²⁵. However, for the purposes of this Regulatory Article the focus is on integration with the ASMS and ultimately with supporting the ASSC.

39. An FDMP can be seen as one of the various sources of data and information feeding the ASMS to support the elements detailed below. The categories of FDM findings which may undermine Safety claims and require corrective action²⁶ were discussed in paragraph ►30◄.

- a. **Hazard Identification:** In contrast with Occurrence Reports²⁷ submitted by ►Aircrew,◄ flight data is not biased by the perception of the reporter nor the reporting culture of the organization. Flight data therefore offers a potential to identify Safety Hazards that is not possible with other data sources but the FDMP is not intended nor designed to manage the Hazards that it identifies. Instead, such Hazards will be identified in the pre-set 'events' and communicated to the parent ASMS to be appropriately managed; figure 1 below provides a schematic representation of the process.

²⁴ Refer to RA 1207 – Air Safety Data Exploitation.

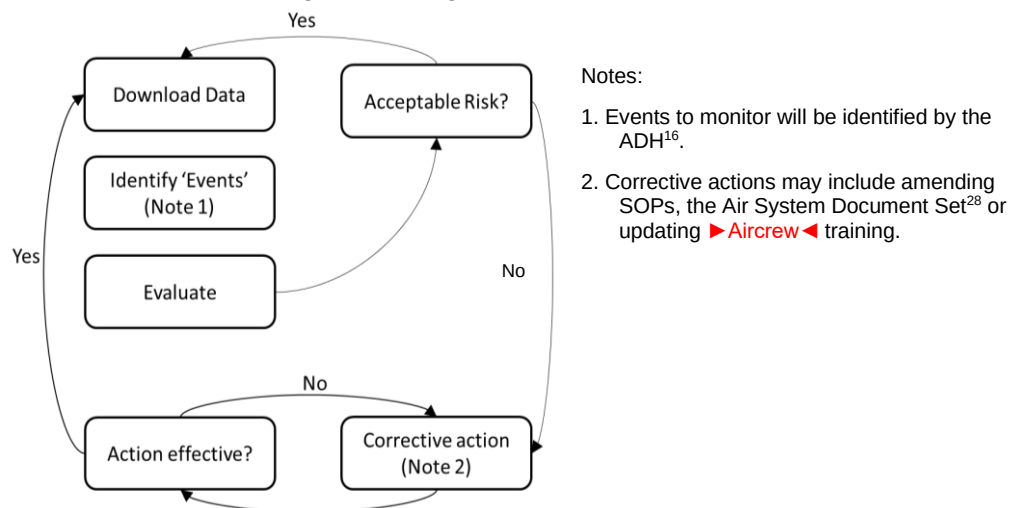
²⁵ An FDMP can be used to enhance Maintenance and operating efficiency by identifying trends which fall below standard thresholds, but that can require more complex and sophisticated exploitation which will be developed in the future as knowledge and experience mature.

²⁶ Corrective actions could include individual training, amendment of a training syllabus, new SOP or system modification.

²⁷ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

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Figure 1 - Integration of FDM within an ASMS



b. **Risk Assessment:** whether a Safety Hazard has been identified by the FDMP or not, in many cases the FDMP can provide useful data to quantify its frequency and severity in support of Safety Risk Assessments conducted at the ASMS level.

c. **Safety Assurance:** The FDMP can provide data to assess the effectiveness of safety barriers and operational performance over time, in the form of Safety Performance Indicators (SPI). Those SPIs can apply to barriers that already exist or to new barriers just created in response to threats identified by the FDMP or the ASMS. In this context, the FDMP can be a useful tool to support the claims of the ASSC, such as effectiveness of training and ►Aircrew◄ Competence, compliance with SOP and operating within RTS limits.

d. **Proactive Management of Change:** Whenever Safety critical processes and procedures change²⁹, that change needs to be managed from a Safety perspective. An important part of that management involves establishing a baseline of the Safety performance of the process being changed (via dedicated SPIs). The continuous monitoring of the SPIs before and after the change will enable an operator to assess the impact of the change on the Safety performance of the process. The FDMP can play a role in management of change similar to that in Safety Assurance.

40. Clear lines of Accountability and Responsibility are essential for effectively managing the FDMP and its integration with the ASMS.

Continuous Improvement

41. The implementation of an FDMP can be progressive, focusing first on basic functionality such as detection of Airworthiness events and compliance with some SOPs. This will be enough to quickly identify any issues and generate simple but useful deliverables for the ASMS to develop the credibility of FDM as a powerful tool for Safety Management. However, once such 'low hanging fruit' has been addressed, the lack of identified issues can present the illusion of 'Safety' but an FDMP can only answer the questions it has been programmed to 'ask'. This apparent lack of useful outputs from the FDMP can be seen as a form of stagnation and is one of the reasons why Continuous Improvement (CI) activity is so critical. When applied to FDM, CI needs to focus on three main areas to ensure that the FDMP continues to generate actionable Safety intelligence:

a. **Process Optimisation:** Tasks which are very time-consuming and laborious need to be enhanced or automated to free time that can be invested elsewhere.

²⁸ Refer to RA 1310 – Air System Document Set.

²⁹ Changes may include to planning systems, SOPs, orders or training.

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- b. **FDM Software Configuration:** Update the questions being asked to match the existing and evolving Safety Risks of the organization.
- c. **Staff skills:** The skills of the staff need to evolve to match the maturity of the programme and the more sophisticated questions needing to be asked.

42. Therefore, a robust evaluation framework needs to be implemented to regularly assess the ongoing effectiveness of the FDMP and prompt corrective action as necessary.

Assurance

43. An example describing a possible FDMP Assurance framework is within Annex A.

44. The schematic in figure 1 above illustrates how the Hazards identified by the ADH / AM(MF) and added to the FDM software as events are exploited within the ASMS to ensure Risks are actively managed; the Assurance process will assure the effectiveness of this system.

ANNEX A

EXAMPLE FDM ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

Question	Positive Indicators	Negative Indicators
What new Safety Intelligence has your FDM programme produced since the last audit?	• Various types of findings, including systemic Safety issues. • Findings arise from both isolated Occurrences and broader management activities. • Findings include original discoveries and confirmation of known problems. • Good rate of discovery.	• “No findings because we’re already very safe”. • Findings are mainly related to Airworthiness events, personal readiness or noise. • Systemic issues, if any, are mainly discovered from isolated Occurrences (reactive micro-management). • Findings are mainly confirmation of problems already highlighted by other sources. • Poor rate of discovery suggesting stagnation.
How are the outputs of FDM communicated?	• Adequate range of channels, appropriate to each type of finding. • FDM review meetings are presented with actionable information about well-defined problems. • FDM review meetings are conclusive, decisions are tracked at ASMS level. • Safety issues are included in Hazard Log. • ‘Group think’ is adequately managed.	• Over reliance on general newsletters etc. to ► Aircrew ◄ members as means to mitigate Risk. • FDM review meetings are largely used to interpret the meaning of data and statistics published in scheduled reports. • Actions and decisions agreed at FDM review meetings are managed in parallel to ASMS processes. • Actions and decisions agreed at FDM review meetings suggest effects of ‘group think’ and peer pressure. • FDM reports include mostly data and facts but little actionable information.
How is FDM used in Management of Change?	• Outputs from the FDM programme are employed in proactive Safety Risk Assessments. • The FDM programme feeds SPI which are project-specific and can be interpreted with little or no additional context (eg “rate of unstable approaches at XYZ”, vs “overall rate of unstable approaches”).	• No link between FDM and change management. • No exploitation of FDM in SPIs.
Does the event set capture all areas of Risk of the operation?	• Evolving FDM software configuration is driven by reactive (internal ASMS Hazards and Incidents, changing SOPs) and proactive sources of ideas (industry Incidents, third party best practices, brainstorming). • Opportunities for improvement are tracked in a log, with acceptable progress shown.	• Static FDM software configuration (“we follow OEM recommendations”). • Purely reactive evolution, in response to internal Incidents. • Internal ASMS Hazards and Incidents not adequately covered. • Excessive dependency on the service provider for managing FDM software configuration.

Question	Positive Indicators	Negative Indicators
How are trends discovered and investigated?	• Data analysis includes regular review of all flight Measurements. • Systematic efforts are in place to identify trends and clusters (systemic issues). • ► Aircrew ◀ contacts investigated beyond basic 'stick & rudder' handling causes and are collectively used to build a broader 'view of the forest'.	• Trends limited to analysis of Events (tip of iceberg) over time. • Comparison of current period data against previous period (normalization of deviance). • Limited drill-down to detect hidden clusters (eg 'hard landings by Runway'). • Interpretation of trends relies on review meetings.
Are there enough qualified and experienced personnel?	• Routine and tedious tasks are largely automated (primarily in reporting and data auditing). • Multidisciplinary team covering all necessary areas of expertise: Aircraft operations, data management, data mining, FDM software configuration, Human Factors, project management. • Gaps are identified and plans are in place to ramp up skills and / or staffing levels.	• Little automation so time wasted on processing and not analyzing. • Too much multi-hatting preventing development of expertise. • No effective training or staffing plans.

RA 1210 - Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life)

Rationale

Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)s) have a personal Duty of Care for parties affected by their operations. Failure to ensure a suitable and sufficient Risk Assessment is conducted and the findings acted upon accordingly, will potentially expose individuals to Risks that are neither As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) nor Tolerable. This RA supports ADHs / AM(MF)s in the ownership and management of Risks to Life (RtL) and to ensure such Risks are ALARP and Tolerable.

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Regulation 1210(1)

Risk Ownership

1210(1) As the Risk owners, ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** always remain Accountable for operating RtL¹ within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).

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Risk Ownership

ADH Risk Ownership

1. ADHs **should** use the Defence Aviation Hazard Risk Matrix (HRM) and clearly document their Risk ownership, (detailed at Annex A), and referral / escalation protocols in their Air Safety Management System (ASMS).
2. If a RtL is identified that ADHs consider to be of potential Societal Concern², this **should** be held at a level no lower than Senior Duty Holder (SDH). Secretary of State (SofS) **should** be informed for consideration of the wider implications before SDHs accept such a Risk.
3. Director General Defence Safety Authority (DG DSA) **should** be informed in parallel when Risks are referred up to SDHs or the SofS.
4. As a formal element of ADH succession activities, all existing Hazards and Risks that present a credible RtL **should** be reviewed by incoming ADHs to ensure they are personally content that all RtL are ALARP and Tolerable considering the effectiveness of any extant mitigation measures.

AM(MF) Risk Ownership

5. AM(MF)s **should** clearly document the HRM and Risk Management processes (detailed in Annex A paras 6 and 7), and that all operating RtL is owned by the AM(MF), within their ASMS.
6. If a RtL is identified that AM(MF)s consider to be of potential Societal Concern², the SofS **should** be informed (via the relevant MOD Sponsor) for consideration of the wider implications before AM(MF)s accept such a Risk.
7. MOD Sponsors **should** inform DG DSA in parallel when Risks are referred up to the SofS.
8. As a formal element of AM(MF) succession activities, all existing Hazards and Risks that present a credible RtL **should** be reviewed by incoming AM(MF)s to ensure they are personally content that all RtL are ALARP and Tolerable considering the effectiveness of any extant mitigation measures.

¹ The MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary provides definitions for RtL, Hazard and Risk which are to be used in conjunction with this RA.

² Reducing Risks, Protecting People (R2P2) – ISBN 0 7176 2151 0, Published 2001 offers assistance to understanding this field.

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Risk Ownership

9. ADHs / AM(MF)s Accountable for the RtL of a given activity will be fully engaged in the Risk decision process. In the execution of their specific Responsibilities, ADHs are personally Accountable to the SofS via their superior ADH chain; AM(MF)s are directly Accountable to the SofS.

Societal Concern

10. Societal concerns are the Risks or threats from Hazards which impact on society and which, if realised, could have adverse repercussions for the institutions responsible for putting in place the provisions and arrangements for protecting people, eg Parliament or the Government of the day. This type of concern is often associated with Hazards that give rise to Risks which, were they to materialise, could provoke a socio-political response, eg Risk of events causing widespread or large scale detriment or the Occurrence of multiple fatalities in a single event.

Regulation 1210(2)

Risk Management

1210(2) ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** ensure that RtL that they hold are both ALARP and Tolerable.

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Risk Management

11. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** be able to demonstrate that RtL has been reduced to ALARP.

12. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** be able to satisfy themselves that the Risk exposure is Tolerable, such that people are only exposed where some defined benefit is expected, where the Risk exposure is proportional to the expected benefit and where the Risks are adequately controlled.

13. Operating Duty Holders (ODHs) / AM(MF)s **should** record and justify an argument that Risks are ALARP and Tolerable in their Air System's annual Safety Statements, which support the appropriate Live Air System Safety Case (ASSC) and Latest ASSC Report³.

14. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** understand both single Risks and the overall Risk⁴ exposure.

15. ALARP and Tolerable arguments **should** be revisited periodically and on any occasion which suggests a change in associated assumptions or analysis as part of the ADH's / AM(MF)'s Risk review process, to ensure that it remains valid⁵.

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Risk Management

16. ADHs / AM(MF)s need to consider and address any RtL to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Parties⁶.

17. Guidance Material on the standardized approach to ALARP and Tolerable decision making is contained in Annex B.

18. A Risk can be said to be reduced to a level that is ALARP when the sacrifice is "grossly disproportionate" to the decrease in Risk that would be achieved (see Annex B); ADHs / AM(MF)s need to be able to show that this is the case when the decision not to incorporate a recognized Risk reduction measure is made. The balance needs

³ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁴ Overall Risk is sometimes referred to as 'Aggregated Risk'. Aggregated Risk is defined within the International Organization for Standardization Risk Management vocabulary as: "the process of combining individual Risks to obtain a more complete understanding of Risk". The purpose of Risk aggregation is to provide a more complete picture of the Risks posed by a system, or Risks faced by an individual or group of people, than is given by considering possible Risk outcomes one at a time.

⁵ This Risk review process is expected to be stipulated in the ASMS (see RA 1200 – Air Safety Management) and reflected in the ASSC (see RA 1205 – Air Safety System Cases).

⁶ For crewed Aircraft, 1st Parties are Aircrew and Supernumerary Crew, 2nd Parties are other personnel working on Air Systems, or as ground crew, Supernumerary Support Crew or duty Passengers (this excludes Passengers not on duty (eg ministers)) and 3rd Parties are the general public and personnel who do not fall within the categories of 1st or 2nd Parties; ► **Uncrewed Air System (UAS)** ◄ Remote Pilots, Aircrew and Supernumerary Crew are considered to be 2nd Party.

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to be weighted in favour of Safety, with a greater “disproportion factor” for higher levels of Risk⁷.

19. Once a Risk has been reduced to ALARP, ADHs / AM(MF)s will balance the residual Risk against the expected benefit to determine whether the Risk is Tolerable. ADHs need to be aware of how much Risk they can accept and when to elevate Risk decisions to a higher level.

20. The validity of an ALARP and Tolerable argument can only be decided definitively by the courts in the event of an Accident or Incident.

21. Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations⁸ need to be cognisant of their Responsibilities in the delivery of their outputs and dependencies of their respective ADHs⁹, and to any AM(MF)s that may be similarly influenced / affected, when assessing RtL.

Regulation 1210(3)

Standardized Approach to Risk

1210(3) ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** adopt a standardized approach in managing RtL.

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Standardized Approach to Risk

22. Superior ADHs **should** ensure a coherent and consistent approach to managing RtL, particularly if lower level ADHs have similar Responsibilities or where multiple Air System types operate under a single Delivery Duty Holder (DDH).

23. AM(MF)s **should** ensure a coherent and consistent approach to managing RtL.

24. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** ensure that Risk Assessments are carried out. The following core elements **should** be conducted when carrying out a Risk Assessment:

- a. Hazard identification.
- b. Assessment of the Risk (likelihood, consequence, who is exposed, existing mitigation, and Accountability).
- c. Reduce Risk until ALARP. Ensure residual Risk is Tolerable.
- d. Record significant findings.
- e. Monitor and review.

25. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** maintain clear, unambiguous and auditable records of each of their Risks including details of Risk decisions and periodic Risk reviews. The minimum information requirements and Risk review process is at Annex C which **should** be used by ADHs / AM(MF)s.

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Standardized Approach to Risk

26. Hazard identification, Risk Assessment, reduction, recording, monitoring and review are key elements in managing RtL and need to be maintained and updated to ensure a coherent Risk picture. Annex D provides further detail on the key elements of Risk Management.

27. ADHs / AM(MF)s will be cognisant of the high levels of Risk exposure associated with military aviation and the requirement for more rigorous Risk Management than that typically expected of activities with lower Risk exposure.

28. ►ADH / AM(MF) Responsibilities to mitigate the impacts of high-Risk activities may extend to wider Health and Safety considerations^{10,11}. ◀

⁷ Further guidance on ALARP is available from Risk Management: Expert guidance - ALARP at a glance (www.hse.gov.uk/enforce/expert/alarpglance.htm).

⁸ 'Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations' includes Type Airworthiness Authorities (TAA), Type Airworthiness Managers (TAM), Commodity Delivery Team Leaders, Heads of Establishment (HoE), Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs), etc.

⁹ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities.

¹⁰ ►Refer to JSP 375 Volume 1 Chapter 8 details specialist Safety Risk Assessment processes including those for noise, vibration, COSHH, and manual handling, for further guidance.

¹¹ Organizations external to the MOD will need to comply with current legislation and relevant contractual conditions. ◀

**Regulation
1210(4)****Emerging Hazards and Risks**

1210(4) ADHs / AM(MF)s **shall** be involved in the understanding and management of emerging Hazards and Risks.

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29. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** identify, record and manage emerging Hazards that undermine RtL mitigations, within the relevant ASSC.

30. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** ensure that emerging Safety Risks derived from current and future Air System types, Systems, Type Design Changes, technologies, environments and activities¹² are managed in accordance with (iaw) this RA.

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31. Emerging Risks may be best managed through an early, pan-Defence Lines of Development (pan-DLoD) focus on the ASSC while the System or Type Design Change is still in Development. Emerging Risks may also arise post Development, for example from changes in the operating context.

¹² Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

Annex A

Risk Ownership, Referral and Defence Aviation Hazard Risk Matrix

Service Organizations

1. Risk Ownership.

a. To ensure single Risks are owned at the appropriate level of authority, the following graduated scale **should** be used:

- (1) Very High (VH) Risks - **SDH**.
- (2) High (H) and Medium (M) Risks – **ODH**.
- (3) Low (L) Risks – **DDH**.

b. All operating Risks **should** have an ADH owner and this **should** be indicated in the Risk Register or suitable alternative¹³. ADHs can delegate the management of Risks to other Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) as and when appropriate. However, as the Risk owners, ADHs **should** always remain Accountable for RtL within their AoR.

2. **Defence Aviation HRM.** The HRM at Table 1 enables Risk classification according to each Single Risk's assessed severity and likelihood. It is designed to assist with assessing the Hazards on a like-for-like basis and to determine the appropriate levels of ADH Risk ownership. The position of a Risk in a HRM is not an indication of its ALARP or Tolerable status. A simple, common 4 x 4 HRM is used across the Defence Air Environment¹⁴ to encourage intelligent assessment over subjective and prescriptive numerical assessments¹⁵.

3. Risk Referral.

a. The process for referring Risks classified using the HRM to superior ADHs is outlined below. However, the purpose of referring a Single Risk is not limited to transferring ownership. It also informs a superior ADH's assessment of RtL across the related activity and wider AoR, the importance of the activity being undertaken, and re-evaluation of whether the RtL remains demonstrably ALARP and Tolerable¹⁶.

b. **Key Principles of Risk Referral.** SDHs **should** ensure:

- (1) Risks are owned at the lowest acceptable level, by ADHs with the appropriate level of authority and resources.
- (2) Positive control of all Risks at the appropriate level through the escalation process.
 - (a) The decision over who is best placed to manage a Risk is separate from Risk ownership.
 - (b) Once escalated, superior ADHs **should** provide formal feedback to the lower level ADHs on the treatment and outcome of the subject Risk. It is the Responsibility of the accepting ADH to ensure that the Risk Register or suitable alternative is annotated accordingly and to establish a review process to monitor the Risk and associated mitigating action.

4. **Risk Severity.** The severity of a Single Risk is an assessment of the worst credible outcome¹⁷ that may result from the Hazard. The severity categories listed below **should** be used by ADHs.

a. Catastrophic. Three or more fatalities of MOD employees¹⁸ engaged in the activity in question¹⁹ or a single fatality of a member of the public.

b. Critical. One or two fatalities of MOD employees engaged in the activity in question. A large number of specified injuries²⁰ **should** also be included in this category.

¹³ Any suitable alternative **should** enable a record to be kept which meets the minimum requirements detailed within Annex C.

¹⁴ Annex A, Para 7 provides further guidance on CFAOS organisations who may use a different HRM.

¹⁵ The Nimrod Review (Recommendation 21.E.7) recommended that the Regulator lay down a HRM which is no more than a 4 x 4 matrix grid.

¹⁶ JSP 892 Part 2 Leaflet 4C provides further guidance on considerations to make when transferring Risk.

¹⁷ Although the HRM is calibrated on worst credible outcome, care **should** be taken to ensure that ADHs are aware of the full range of outcomes when considering appropriate mitigations.

¹⁸ Including MOD Contractors engaged in MOD-supervised activity.

¹⁹ "MOD employees engaged in the activity in question" refer to the 1st and 2nd Parties who are involved in the activity (including Air System operation, pre-op preparation and post-op wrap up).

²⁰ Specified injuries are defined on the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/>.

- c. Major. Specified injuries to any person. A large number of reportable injuries²¹ **should** also be included in this category.
- d. Minor. Reportable injuries to any person.

5. **Risk Likelihood**. Likelihood is assessed with respect to the probability of a specific undesirable consequence occurring. The appropriate category listed below **should** be used by ADHs:

- a. Frequent. Likely to occur at least several times a year.
- b. Occasional. Likely to occur one or more times per year.
- c. Remote. Likely to occur one or more times in 10 years.
- d. Improbable. Unlikely to occur in 10 years.

Table 1. The Defence Aviation HRM.

		Severity			
		Minor	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Frequent	M	H	VH	VH
	Occasional	L	M	H	VH
	Remote	L	L	M	H
	Improbable	L	L	L	M

Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) Organizations

6. **Risk Ownership**. For CFAOS organizations all operating RtL are owned by the AM(MF). The decision over who is best placed to manage a Risk is separate from Risk ownership, and AM(MF)s can delegate the management of Risks to other SQEP as and when appropriate. The AM(MF) **should**:

- a. Ensure that the Risk Register or suitable alternative articulates that all operating RtL are owned by the AM(MF), and clearly shows individual Risk managers.
- b. Establish a review process to monitor Risks and associated mitigating actions.

7. Hazard Risk Matrix (HRM) and Risk Management.

- a. AM(MF)s **should** apply the principles of paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 above ensuring that:
 - (1) An HRM appropriate to the organization is employed that enables Risk classification according to each single Risk's assessed severity and likelihood.
 - (2) Risk Severity categories are clearly defined.
 - (3) Risk Likelihood categories are clearly defined.
- b. The position of a Risk in an HRM is not an indication of its ALARP or Tolerable status.

²¹ Injuries that result in a worker being away from work or unable to perform their normal work duties for more than seven consecutive days (not counting the day of the Accident). See HSE guidance: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg453.pdf>.

Annex B

ALARP and Tolerable

1. Regulation 1210(2) mandates ADH / AM(MF) to ensure that the RtL they hold are ALARP and Tolerable. A Risk can be said to be reduced to a level that is ALARP when the sacrifice of further reduction is “grossly disproportionate” to the decrease in Risk that would be achieved. An ALARP argument will balance the “sacrifice” (in time, money or trouble) of possible further Risk reduction measures against their expected Safety benefit (incremental reduction in Risk exposure).
2. In their Safety Statements³, ODHs / AM(MF)s are required to make an argument that Risks are ALARP and Tolerable; justifying and recording how this conclusion has been reached is an important and vital step in Safety Management. This argument will be revisited periodically in line with ADHs / AM(MF)s Risk review processes or when the operating context has changed to ensure it remains ALARP. The Health and Safety Executive (HSE)²² identifies 2 approaches to supporting an ALARP claim:
 - a. **Good practice justification.** This is based upon the argument that compliance with a recognized code of practice / MAA approved process / guidance / Defence Standard is acceptable. ADHs / AM(MF)s will understand that practices change over time and that “Good Practice” is only the minimum initial standard to achieve.
 - b. **First principles.** This can be further divided into:
 - (1) **Qualitative judgements.** These are founded upon professional and military judgement, common sense and experience from SQEP using the best available evidence.
 - (2) **Quantitative assessment.** This is a systematic Risk analysis approach to quantifying the Risk. A quantitative ALARP argument / judgement will usually consist of a Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA)²³ and a gross disproportion test, the results of which will be used as evidence to support the ALARP claim. A CBA cannot be the sole determinant of an ALARP decision.
3. The approach chosen to support an ALARP claim can be constructed in a number of ways, which may include one or more of the above. The choice of approach is the ADHs / AM(MF)s Responsibility and is informed by the nature of the Risk. ALARP arguments will therefore consider the wider Risk reduction measures which are available for ‘reasonably practicable’ adoption, in both the short and long term. Once an ALARP decision has been reached, Risk owners will assess how the decision would be judged in the event of an Accident.
4. Before exposing an individual to a Risk, a judgement is required of ADHs / AM(MF)s, on whether the Risk is ALARP and the exposure is Tolerable. The HSE defines Tolerable as a “willingness by society as a whole to live with a Risk so as to secure certain benefits and in the confidence that the Risk is one that is worth taking and that it is being properly controlled”²⁴.
5. Given the unique nature of, and unavoidable Hazards associated with Defence Aviation activity, ADHs / AM(MF)s are to ensure that the residual Risk exposure is proportional to the expected benefit. The residual Risk exposure can only be fully understood once the ALARP principle has been applied. It will be noted that what is considered ‘Tolerable’ in one scenario does not necessarily apply to another (eg a residual Risk that, when balanced against an urgent operational need is considered Tolerable, is not necessarily Tolerable when balanced against a need that is less urgent). The HSE highlights that “what is Tolerable may differ in peace or war”²⁵.

²² Risk Management: Expert guidance - ALARP at a glance (<https://www.hse.gov.uk/enforce/expert/alarpglance.htm>)

²³ HSE principles for CBA in support of ALARP decisions are detailed at: Risk Management: Expert guidance – HSE principles for Cost Benefit Analysis in support of ALARP (www.hse.gov.uk/enforce/expert/alarpcba.htm)

²⁴ Reducing Risks, Protecting People (R2P2) page 3 – ISBN 0 7176 2151 0, Published 2001.

²⁵ Reducing Risks, Protecting People (R2P2) page 43 – ISBN 0 7176 2151 0, Published 2001.

Annex C**Risk Recording and Review Process****Risk Recording**

1. ODHs / AM(MF)s are to maintain clear, unambiguous and auditable records of each of their Risks including details of decisions, activities and periodic Risk reviews. For ODHs, all Risks of Catastrophic, Critical and Major severity (definitions at Annex A) **should** be recorded in a Risk Register or suitable alternative^{13, 17}. For AM(MF)s, they **should** apply the same principles iaw Annex A. It is at the discretion of ODHs / AM(MF)s whether to record Minor severity Risks. Table 2 details the minimum information that **should** be recorded to support effective Risk Management.
2. ODHs / AM(MF)s **should** own and hold the aggregated view²⁶ of Risks and review them on a regular basis. There **should** be an aggregated individual Air System view and an aggregated view of all Air Systems operated by ODHs / AM(MF)s within their AoRs, which considers pan-DLoD elements and have a suitably senior and empowered nominated Risk Records Manager (RRM). A suitably empowered individual **should** be nominated for the administration of the Risk Management process but this in no way relieves the managers and owners of individual and collective Risks of their personal Responsibilities.
3. Once a Risk is identified and recorded, it **should not** be removed from records but **should** be closed only once the Risk no longer has any relevance to, or impacts upon, the operating Risk environment or ODHs / AM(MF)s respective AoRs. Effective safeguards **should** be in place to ensure records are protected from unauthorized access and editing. High confidence backups **should** be made to ensure through-life business continuity and that records cannot be corrupted or lost²⁷.

Review Process

4. Air Safety Steering Groups and Air System Safety Working Groups led by ODHs and equivalent meetings led by AM(MF)s **should** include the review of Risk mitigations, the aggregated Risk and ALARP and Tolerable decisions. More frequent reviews may prove beneficial, particularly where there is a change in circumstances to better understand and manage Risk.
5. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** consider the frequency of subordinate working groups and attendance of Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to ensure that sufficient and effective review is achieved, whilst avoiding an unwieldy and unnecessary burden. Minutes or Records of Decisions for the supporting meeting are to be taken, recorded, and relevant activity reported upwards as necessary.

MAA Assurance

6. Artefacts supporting the Risk Management process, including records of Risk decisions, activities and supporting review meetings will be scrutinized during MAA oversight.

²⁶ The aggregated view is a compilation of an ODH / DDH chain's or an AM(MF)'s standardized Risk Registers or suitable alternatives.

²⁷ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

Table 2. Minimum Information Recording Requirements.

Each Risk should have:	Description
A unique identifier (number and / or title)	The unique identifier allows traceability of Risk Management decisions.
Description	A description of the Risk using plain language to provide clarity on the relationship between the specific Hazards and potential consequences.
Current likelihood	Assessed iaw Annex A.
Current severity	Assessed iaw Annex A.
HRM Classification	Assessed iaw Annex A.
Risk owner	Determined iaw Annex A.
Risk manager	The individual managing the Risk as nominated by the ADH / AM(MF).
Existing mitigations	Details the existing mitigations in place (eg barriers (proactive and recovery)). This should refer out to the ASSC and where appropriate high level Safety claims.
Proposed mitigations	Details of the strategies and action plans proposed to mitigate the Risk and any additional strategies or controls required. If known, illustrative costs of proposed mitigations and timescale of action plans should be recorded. Artefacts supporting the Risk Management process, including records of Risk mitigation decisions should be retained.
Target likelihood	Identifies likelihood post implementation of proposed mitigation. Assessed iaw Annex A.
Target severity	Identifies severity post implementation of proposed mitigation. Assessed iaw Annex A.
Target HRM Classification	The severity and likelihood should be recorded using a HRM. Assessed iaw Annex A.
Proposed mitigations status (funded, endorsed, not endorsed (include those rejected as grossly disproportionate))	Details of whether the proposed mitigation is funded, endorsed, not endorsed. Artefacts supporting the Risk Management process, including records of Risk mitigation decisions should be retained. The Rationale for those Risk mitigations rejected as 'grossly disproportionate' should be recorded.
Last review date	Details the date and level of review carried out.
Next review date	Details the date and level of review to be carried out.
Closure date and reference to Risk owner authority to close Risk	Risks should not be removed from records and should only be closed by the Risk owner.

Annex D

Standardized Approach to Risk Management

1. Risk Management is an essential element of an effective ASMS¹². Its implementation is also essential for the higher control and management of Air Safety Risk and will enable Defence resources to be appropriately targeted to that end. The diagram below outlines the key elements and continuous cycle of Risk Management.

Figure 1. Key elements of Risk Management



2. Risk is a measure of exposure to possible loss and it combines the severity of loss (how bad) and the likelihood of suffering that loss (how often). RA 1210 is concerned solely with RtL and so addresses fatality and Injury but excludes damage to assets or the environment where no personal harm results.

3. The following are required as a minimum to manage single Risks:

a. **Hazard Identification.** Hazards may be identified by a variety of different means: previous Occurrences, reporting, checklists, Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOPS), Zonal Hazard (Safety) Analysis²⁸, error trends, monitoring, Systems-Theoretic Accident Model and Processes (STAMP) etc. Whichever techniques are used, sound Hazard identification depends on the engagement of individuals recognized as SQEP for the activity. A combination of techniques could be selected with the aim of providing high confidence that all credible Hazards have been identified. Once identified, these are to be recorded iaw Annex C.

b. **Risk Assessment.** A potential harmful outcome of a Hazard is assessed against likelihood and severity. It is the worst credible outcome that is used for classification in the HRM. However, ADHs / AM(MF)s needs to be made aware of the full range of outcomes when considering appropriate mitigations. The assessment may be carried out using a range of approaches, and it is therefore recognized that the results will only be an estimate and subject to uncertainty. Hence, it may also be necessary to consider other more likely outcomes, rather than just the worst credible. The Defence Aviation HRM enables classification according to each Single Risk assessed for severity and likelihood. It is designed to assist ADHs with assessing the Hazards on a like-for-like basis and enable determination of the appropriate levels of ADH Risk ownership (noting that AM(MF)s own all RtL when operating UK military-registered Aircraft). Before exposing an individual to a Risk, a judgement is required whether the Risk is ALARP and the exposure is Tolerable.

²⁸ Refer to ARP 4761: Guidelines and Methods for Conducting the Safety Assessment Process on Civil Airborne Systems and Equipment.

- c. **Risk Reduction.** In order that a single Risk is reduced ALARP, Risk mitigation techniques are to be applied. These may range from eliminating the Hazard altogether, to reducing the severity and / or likelihood.
 - d. **Risk Recording and Escalation.** Once Risk mitigation is applied ADHs / AM(MF)s will assure themselves that the Risk is ALARP and the exposure is Tolerable. Key information regarding Risks decisions and Risk Management activities will be recorded as detailed at Annex C, and communicated across all relevant stakeholders, ie ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and ADH-Facing Organizations. ADHs will be aware of how much Risk they can accept and when to elevate Risk decisions to a higher level.
 - e. **Risk Monitoring and Review.** ADHs / AM(MF)s will routinely monitor identified Risks. Mitigation activity may take time to implement, therefore ADHs / AM(MF)s need to review the timescales and effectiveness of mitigation plans to ensure that Risks remain ALARP and Tolerable.
4. Due to the high levels of Risk exposure associated with Defence Aviation and the potential for Societal Concerns, Risk Management within the Defence Air Environment requires a more rigorous approach than typically expected of activities with lower Risk exposure. Therefore, the requirement for techniques, tools, Assurance, recording, monitoring and SQEP involvement are far greater. Recognized good practice will, where possible, be the minimum level applied to Risk Management processes.

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RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management

Rationale

Effective management of Airworthiness information^{▶◀} is required throughout the life of an Air System to sustain Type Airworthiness (TAW) and contribute to the delivery of Continuing Airworthiness (CAW). Without a systematic^{▶◀}¹ approach to the management of Airworthiness information, **▶the underpinning argument within the Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment² (TASA)◀** will be undermined and Air Safety may be adversely affected. RA 1223 supports effective Air Safety Management³ and data exploitation⁴ by providing the minimum requirements for **▶effective management of Airworthiness information and for the systems used to manage and host it, whether paper-based (eg MOD Form 700 or equivalent), electronic (eg ALIS⁵) or a hybrid combination of the two (eg GOLDesp).◀**

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Definitions

▶ Definitions relevant to this RA

1. **Airworthiness information**, for the purposes of this RA, is defined as information that directly contributes to the day-to-day management of an Air System's TAW and CAW. Airworthiness information is comprised of Airworthiness Static Data (ASD) and Airworthiness Dynamic Data (ADD):
 - a. ASD describes the approved data sourced from the Air System Document Set (ADS) that defines the Type Design and is used to sustain TAW of an Air System, such as providing the approved Configuration and implementing the Maintenance policy.
 - b. ADD describes the Airworthiness data captured and recorded that changes as the Air System is operated or maintained, such as the "as-flown" Configuration, Maintenance records and accumulation of component life. ADD is the main output for data exploitation in accordance with RA 1207⁴.◀

Regulation

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Establishment of Airworthiness Information Management

- 1223(1) The Type Airworthiness Authority^{▶◀}⁶ (TAA) **shall** define the Airworthiness information that is necessary to sustain TAW and the manner in which this information is to be managed.

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- 1223(2) Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)s) **shall** ensure effective AIM, consistent with the TAA's requirements, to sustain and assure the Airworthiness of an Air System within their Area of Responsibility.

¹ ▶ Where the word 'system' is used within this RA, it refers to the management regime for Airworthiness information; it is not to be confused with electronic Information Systems (IS) used in support of Airworthiness Information Management (AIM). Where applicable, requirements for electronic IS will be identified specifically throughout the RA.

² Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.◀

³ Refer to RA 1200 – ▶◀ Air Safety Management.

⁴ ▶ Refer to RA 1207 – Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation.

⁵ ALIS – Lightning II Autonomic Logistics Information System.

⁶ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, TAW management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) **shall** be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM **shall** be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.◀

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 - a. ▶◀
 - b. ▶◀
4. TAAs ▶, supported by Commodity Chief Engineers (CE)◀ **should**:
 - a. Define in the ▶TAW Strategy⁷, the Airworthiness information that is to be managed through life and the management system to be used, referencing appropriate documentation.◀
 - b. Ensure that the system of AIM ▶as a minimum◀ fulfils the generic functional and non-functional requirements specified at Annexes A and B respectively, and those Type specific requirements identified by the TAA. An auditable record of compliance **should** be maintained;
 - c. ▶◀
 - d. Where an electronic IS is employed within AIM, ▶determine the extent to which its functions directly affect the Airworthiness and performance of the Air System; if deemed Safety critical◀ it **should** be certified with the Air System▶⁸◀;
 - e. Specify in the ADS the ▶Critical Parts⁹◀ of the Air System which **should** be individually tracked by AIM;
 - f. Generate and publish in the ADS any AIM constraints or rules that constitute control measures, that support the ▶TASA;◀
 - g. Determine and promulgate Airworthiness information Assurance and retention requirements ▶(in addition to those already mandated elsewhere within MAA Regulatory Publications¹⁰);◀
 - h. Ensure suitable arrangements are in place to validate AIM and its effectiveness in sustaining TAW through life;
 - i. Provide the ADH and / or AM(MF) with instructions explaining how to retrieve the Airworthiness information captured during Maintenance activities¹¹ conducted outside of the AIM control boundary.
 - j. ▶Where more than one method (paper / Electronic IS / hybrid) of managing Airworthiness information is used, specify which approach is mandated for each Airworthiness function. If Airworthiness information is available in more than one format, information primacy **should** be specified by the TAA in the ADS¹².◀
5. ADHs and AM(MF)s **should**, in meeting the intent of the TAA:
 - a. Understand the ▶requirements for◀ Airworthiness information as detailed within the ▶TAW◀ Strategy, ADS and the TAA's Hazard Log and accept any associated Risk(s) and control measures³;
 - b. Implement suitable levels of Assurance to continuously verify that ADD▶◀ is correctly and accurately captured;
 - c. Ensure the applicable Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager (Mil CAM) implements and upholds AIM processes by;

⁷ ▶ Refer to RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy.

⁸ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP 21 Subpart B).

⁹ Refer to RA 5885(4): Identification of Critical Parts (MRP Part 21.A.805).

¹⁰ Eg Manual of Airworthiness Maintenance – Documentation (MAM-D).◀

¹¹ Such as Maintenance being undertaken by industry.

¹² ▶ For example, in a Topic 2(N/A/R)1 leaflet.◀

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- (1) Promulgating the ► aviation engineering orders and / or local procedures ◄ required to implement the TAA published support policy and instructions for effective AIM;
- (2) Specifying any local AIM requirements ►¹³◄;
- (3) Conducting Quality Assurance activity to maintain enduring adherence to AIM support policies, instructions for use, orders and procedures;
- (4) Assuring the Configuration Management, accuracy and availability of all Air System Airworthiness information;
- (5) Assuring that personnel are satisfactorily trained and Competent¹⁴ to undertake AIM;
- (6) Validating the effectiveness of AIM and reporting issues and / or emerging trends to the TAA;
- (7) Reporting any discrepancies in the defined ► ◄ Airworthiness information ► to the TAA. ◄

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6. ► ◄
7. TAAs ► need ◄ to maintain an auditable record of the incorporation of functional and non-functional requirements and ensure it is clearly explained in the ► TASA. ◄
8. When establishing a system for AIM, the Mil CAMs ► need to ◄ provide the ► ADH / AM(MF) ◄ with Assurance that compliance with control measures ► ◄ is being maintained. The ADHs and / or AM(MF)s ► need to ◄ ensure this is conducted throughout the life of an Air System in order to identify any additional requirements to those specified at Annexes A and B.
9. ► ◄
 - a. ► ◄
 - b. ► ◄

Functional Requirements

10. Functional requirements are AIM Activities, which if not conducted satisfactorily, could undermine the Airworthiness of an Air System. The functional requirements are grouped under 3 headings:
 - a. **Maintenance Certification, Recording and Management (MCRM).** This functional requirement group includes the processes and management of information associated with Maintenance Certification¹⁵ and recording. The data being captured and controlled for Maintenance management is ADD.
 - b. **Maintenance Data Management.** This functional requirement group includes the Configuration Control, Audit, archive / retention, exploitation, transfer between Maintenance organizations and quarantine of ADD.
 - c. **Approved Data Management.** Where Approved Data is managed within AIM, changes to the data ► need to ◄ be implemented through a TAA authorized process to enable delegated Authorization of the changes.

Non-functional Requirements

11. Non-functional requirements specify how the system ► (eg paper, Electronic IS, hybrid) ◄ delivers AIM activities.

¹³ ► Examples of 'local AIM requirements' may include information managed in databases, spreadsheets or local forms. ◄

¹⁴ Refer to: RA 1002 – Airworthiness Competent Persons; RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30); and RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements - MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 4812(1): Certification of Air System Release (MRP 145.A.50(a)).

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► Safety ◀ Analysis of AIM functions

12. All functions of AIM require analysis to determine its Safety criticality (ie the integrity of a function managing the Airworthiness information). When constructing the ►TASA, ◀ TAAs ►need to◀ consider how all aspects of AIM, at all levels, contribute to the aggregation ►or reduction◀ of Airworthiness Risks. ►An example would be the analysis of a management information aid (eg Resolve or other tools) for its criticality and effectiveness in managing TAw.◀ The analysis ►needs to◀ include the interfaces and boundaries with other AIM systems.

13. ►The analysis of AIM needs to be reviewed through life as emergent Hazards arise to ensure that AIM remains appropriate. There needs to be a clear Audit trail from the analysis and Hazard Log to the TAw Strategy and AIM to the ADS and Assurance policy.◀

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Airworthiness Information Retention

16. When determining and promulgating Airworthiness information retention requirements, TAAs ►need◀ to consider defining Airworthiness information retention categories to ease storage constraints, whilst ensuring Airworthiness information is retained for periods coherent with Regulatory and Safety requirements.

AIM Implementation and Sustainment

17. Air System TAAs may utilize corporate or Contractor-supplied AIM solutions but they remain accountable for the Safety, suitability, integrity and availability of the solutions implemented. ►In such cases, suitable◀ contractual arrangements ►need to◀ be established to enable effective AIM.

18. The TAA ►needs to◀ ensure suitable interface arrangements are in place with organizations undertaking Maintenance activity¹¹ outside of their AIM control boundary, and the measures required to support the retrieval and Assurance of Airworthiness information upon completion of that activity. The Mil CAM, on behalf of the ADH and AM(MF), remains responsible for retrieving the necessary Airworthiness information captured during such Maintenance activity.

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Annex A to RA 1223

Functional Requirements ▶◀

1. Activities detailed in Annex A as required 'Y' maintain the status of Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC). Activities detailed as required 'N' are to be considered as Guidance Material (GM).

Primary Function	Sub Function / Ser No	Activity	Required
Maintenance Certification, Recording and Management (MCRM)			
	Preventive Maintenance		
	1.	Specify (forecast) preventive / scheduled Maintenance operation due.	Y
	2.	Record and Certify ¹⁶ preventive / scheduled Maintenance activities.	Y
	3.	Specify (forecast) Special Instruction (Technical) (SI(T)) compliance due.	Y
	4.	Record and Certify satisfaction of SI(T)s.	Y
	5.	Specify (forecast) component replacement due.	Y
	6.	Record and Certify component replacement completed.	Y
	7.	Specify (forecast) flight servicing due.	Y
	8.	Record and Certify flight servicing completed.	Y
	9.	Specify (forecast) supplementary flight servicing.	Y
	10.	Record and Certify supplementary flight servicing completed.	Y
	11.	► Where an electronic IS that is utilized for ◀ AIM incorporates a prognostic or health monitoring and reporting system, specify indication disposition procedures.	Y
	12.	Record and Certify miscellaneous activities ¹⁷ .	Y
	Corrective Maintenance		
	13.	Record all arisings ¹⁸ and incorporate a defined process to prevent the Air System being released for flight in an unsafe condition.	Y
	14.	Manage Air System Fault code reporting (Health monitoring).	N
	15.	Record and Certify Corrective Maintenance completed.	Y
	16.	Record and Certify Repairs carried out.	Y
	Maintenance General		
	17.	Record and Certify Maintenance organization check of Technical Information Configuration standard.	Y
	18.	Record and Certify Environmental Damage Prevention and Control (EDPC) activities.	Y
	19.	Record and Certify Maintenance tasks requiring Air System prep (eg pre-wash).	Y
	20.	Record and Certify Independent Inspections.	Y
	21.	Record and Certify Stage Checks.	Y
	22.	Record and Certify vital checks.	Y
	23.	Record and Certify post-Maintenance loose article, tool and panel checks.	Y
	Maintenance Deferment		
	24.	Record and Certify serviceability state - Limitations.	Y
	25.	Record and Certify serviceability state - Acceptable Deferred Faults.	Y
	26.	Record and Certify Waiver of flight servicing.	Y
	27.	Record and Certify pre-flight Faults.	Y
	28.	Record and Certify Aircrew acceptance of Faults.	Y

¹⁶ Refer to RA 4813 – Maintenance Records (MRP 145.A.55) and RA 4812 – Certification of Aircraft and Component Release (MRP 145.A.50).

¹⁷ Miscellaneous Activities – activities that ▶ should ◀ be recorded in AIM but which do not necessarily need to be reported for fault analysis purposes, eg tool control entries, movement of ejection seat Safety pins and manual folding / spreading of helicopter rotor blades.

¹⁸ Arising – an indication of a potential requirement (eg potential Air System fault or exceedance) to perform Maintenance.

	29.	Host a loose article register.	Y
	30.	Host a damage / corrosion register.	Y
	31.	Record and Certify Concessions applied to the Air System.	Y
	Configuration Management		
	32.	Record Air System type and registration mark.	Y
	33.	Record leading particulars.	Y
	34.	Record Air System and asset usage status.	Y
	35.	Record Air System serviceability status.	Y
	36.	Incorporate a log of Maintenance records (eg Aircraft Maintenance Log (AML)).	Y
	37.	Capture component replacement minimum traceability data (eg nomenclature, serial number and, where applicable, lifing data).	Y
	38.	Record the life accumulated on life limited and ► critical Parts. ◀	Y
	39.	Incorporate a process for management of component records and log 'cards', including component 'activity' outside the scope of AIM.	Y
	40.	Calculate Air System weight and moment.	N
	41.	Record Air System weight and moment.	Y
	42.	Calculate, record and monitor the appropriate structural life usage, eg Fatigue Index (FI).	Y
	43.	Record software Configuration.	Y
	44.	Record and Certify role change/weapon Loading.	Y
	45.	Record and Certify refuel / defuel / fuel status.	Y
	46.	Record and Certify mission data load.	Y
	47.	Specify (dis) / embodiment of Modifications.	Y
	48.	Record and Certify (dis) / embodiment of Modifications.	Y
	49.	Record Modification embodiment status.	Y
	50.	Record SI(T) satisfaction status.	Y
	Engineering Operations Management		
	51.	Record Certification of Air System Release.	Y
	52.	Specify and Record Flight Testing.	Y
	53.	Record and Certify Aircrew acceptance of Air System for flight.	Y
	54.	Record and Certify Continuous Charge operations.	Y
	55.	Record aero-engine or Auxiliary Power Unit (APU) ground running.	Y
	56.	Manage Air System usage reporting.	N
	Administrative Functions		
	57.	Enable amendment of Technical Information (eg MOD Form 765).	Y
	58.	Enable Fault reporting (eg MOD Form 760).	Y
	59.	Record working-hours expended on Air System tasks.	Y
	60.	Record Administration Tasks ¹⁹ .	N
	61.	Host Military Airworthiness Review Certificate (MARC).	N
	62.	Host Quality Occurrence reporting and Quality Management functions.	N
	Logistics Functions		
	63.	State authenticity and serviceability of Air System parts (eg Authorized Release Certificate ► ²⁰ ◀, EASA Form 1, Certificate of Conformity).	N
	64.	Record logistics / sustainment metrics (eg working-hours per flying hour, mission capability, Cannibalization).	N
	Maintenance Data Management		
	65.	Retain the 'Programme of Record' prime data for Air System fleet Configuration.	Y

¹⁹ Administration Task – Where a requirement exists to make a 'For recording purposes only' entry to record an administrative task that does not render the Air System unserviceable, once an Air System has been prepared for flight or is on Continuous Charge.

²⁰ ► Refer to RA 4809 – Acceptance of Components (MRP 145.A.42). ◀

	66.	Incorporate a robust data lockdown / quarantine process in case of Air System Accident / Incident, compliant with Defence Accident Investigation Branch requirements.	Y
	67.	Incorporate robust and repeatable access to Airworthiness data for Audit.	Y
	68.	Incorporate a process for the retention and / or archive of ADD. Data storage facilities need to comply with security Regulations and need to be capable of preserving the data for the specified retention period. Authorization requirements for access to archived data need to be considered.	Y
	69.	Incorporate a process for Airworthiness data exploitation / trending. To include the provision of appropriate tools and personnel to access archived data.	Y
	70.	Incorporate a compliant process for transfer of Air System Maintenance records between organizations, including civilian Contracted Maintenance organizations.	Y
	71.	Incorporate a compliant process for transfer of data between IS in the event of IS upgrade.	Y
	72.	Incorporate a compliant ²¹ process for the correction, deletion and subsequent disposal of ADD. Authorization requirements need to be considered.	Y
Approved Data Management			
	73.	Host/suggest Maintenance Approved Data.	N
	74.	Host/suggest Modification Approved Data.	N
	75.	Host definitive / Configuration-controlled approved parts catalogue.	N
	76.	Host definitive / Configuration-controlled approved Maintenance schedule.	N
	77.	Host/suggest Repair data.	N
	78.	Host definitive / Configuration-controlled Minimum Equipment List (MEL).	N
	79.	Host/generate pre-printed expendable work cards.	N

²¹ Including data disposal security requirements published in JSP 440 – The Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity, and JSP 441 – Managing Information in Defence.

Annex B to RA 1223

Non-Functional Requirements ▶◀

1. Activities detailed in Annex B as required 'Y' maintain the status of AMC. Activities detailed as required 'N' are provided as GM. ▶Where they relate solely to Electronic IS, this is stipulated below, either as a section or as an individual activity.◀

Category / Ser No	Requirement	Required
Design / Certification / Acquisition ▶ (Electronic IS) ◀		
1.	Where an electronic IS is used, the IS should be designed by a Competent Organization. The requirements of RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations, should be considered for Safety critical functions.	Y
2.	Electronic IS applications should be developed to a recognized software standard, commensurate with the Safety criticality of the IS outputs. ²²	Y
3.	The 'look and feel' of the system employed should be ▶◀ assessed▶ ²³ ◀ as being clear, unambiguous and logical.	Y
4.	Where an electronic IS is used, it should be tested using operationally representative data (Validated and Verified) before introduction to Service.	Y
Airworthiness Data Integrity ▶ (Electronic IS) ◀		
5.	AIM should have data integrity Validation checks, journaling and associated data auditing to support design integrity requirements that are coherent with the ▶importance◀ of the data. Audit procedures should include explicit checks for the corruption or tampering with ADD.	Y
6.	AIM should incorporate user access control arrangements that place appropriate degrees of control on data entry, manipulation, access and retrieval coherent with the ▶importance◀ of the data and the Maintenance documentation Certification requirements▶ ¹⁶ ◀. Where an electronic IS is used, each terminal should contain programme safeguards against unauthorized alteration of the database and should also have traceability features (eg two factor authentication).	Y
7.	The Maintenance management function should incorporate logical junctures (ie 'Certification points') at which Maintenance Certification of completed activities is recorded (by signature or electronically).	Y
8.	The Maintenance management function should provide an Audit trail of activities carried out and those responsible for the Maintenance activity. The Maintenance Certification of the activity should link the individual responsible to the activity itself. The system should enable the correct authority level to certify the Maintenance activity.	Y
9.	The Maintenance management function should enable a complete reviewable data set to which the Maintenance Certification attests, including any additional certified data on which the Certification is dependent.	Y
10.	Where applicable, AIM should have functionality and/or business processes that minimise likelihood and manage (indicate) the instance of duplicate asset creation ▶◀.	Y
11.	AIM should utilize a single universal time zone for Maintenance Certification and recording.	Y
12.	Where health management algorithms are incorporated in AIM, they should be assured to the satisfaction of the TAA.	Y
Security and Legal		
13.	▶Where an electronic IS is used, the IS◀ should meet the applicable security requirements ²⁴ .	Y

²² When using the requirements of Def Stan 00-055, the means of compliance selected to meet the requirements ▶should◀ be agreed with the authority.

²³ ▶Eg TAA assessment using input from the end user community.◀

²⁴ In accordance with JSP 440 and Air System-specific security requirements (eg International Traffic in Arms Regulations - ITAR).

14.	Where Maintenance Certification is recorded using Electronic Signatures, applicable legislation should be complied with ²⁵ . TAAs should ensure that their Electronic Signature solution will withstand legal scrutiny if matters relating to Airworthiness or culpability of an individual come under investigation ²⁶ .	Y
15.	ADD should be secured and handled in a way that supports investigations and/or legal proceedings in the event of an Incident or Accident.	Y
Configuration Management		
16.	Any ► electronic IS ◄ AIM hardware should be Configuration managed to a level coherent with the Safety criticality of the system's functional outputs.	Y
17.	Any ► electronic IS ◄ AIM software application employed should be Configuration managed to a level coherent with the Safety criticality of the system's functional outputs.	Y
18.	Where an electronic IS is used, initial release of and changes to ASD should be documented as approved by the TAA and implemented by appropriately authorized personnel.	Y
19.	There should be an auditable record (eg journaling, additional Maintenance Work Orders (MWO)) created to reflect changes, corrections, additions or deletions of MCRM data that may be required after initial recording.	Y
20.	MWO ²⁷ , including MAM-D-based formats ²⁸ , Work Cards ²⁹ and any other electronic system-generated formats should be Configuration controlled.	Y
21.	AIM should have defined processes for component record creation, alteration and deletion, which should only be carried out by an appropriately authorized person.	Y
22.	AIM should conform to a Minimum Data Capture List ³⁰ determined by the TAA.	Y
Operation		
23.	AIM should have adequate redundancy / reversionary arrangements. Electronic IS elements should have cyber-attack defence and recovery measures in place as detailed within the platform Risk Management and Accreditation Documentation Set (RMADS).	Y
24.	Where electronic IS are used, they should have off-line processes, which are specified in AIM instructions and the Air System Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plans.	Y
25.	Where appropriate, AIM needs to have a portable capability that is robust and approved. If an electronic IS Maintenance management function is to be used whilst on deployed operations, access to the main IS may not be continuously available; there needs to be a timely and robust method of synchronization during deployment and on subsequent return to the home Stn/Ship/Unit.	N
► 26.	Where an electronic IS is used, consideration needs be given to provision of additional functions such as: a comprehensive problem / discrepancy log that can be exportable, exploitable and searchable; data extraction; and data error monitoring capability, etc.	N ◄
Documentation		
27.	AIM through life management arrangements should be captured in ► appropriate documentation. ◄	Y
28.	AIM should have a current Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery Plan.	Y
29.	AIM should be included in the Air System Support Policy Statement.	Y
30.	AIM should have effective and current processes (for example, change management, AIM instructions/user manual).	Y
Training		
31.	AIM should have a training programme ³¹ for personnel (If an Electronic IS is used this is to include users and administrators).	Y
Safety Management		

²⁵ Guidance on admissibility of Electronic Signatures is contained in the Electronic Communications Act 2000 Chapter 7; the strength of admissibility may be dependent on the level of authentication, Authorization and integrity control applied within the electronic IS.

²⁶ Further clarification may be sought from Defence Legal Services. Examples of Electronic Signatures are Smart Card and Personal Identification Number (PIN), Physical Input Devices (PID), Biometrics and physical signature capture / recognition.

²⁷ Maintenance Work Orders do not include pre-populated Technical Information.

²⁸ A format is an electronic copy of a standard MOD Form 700 form.

²⁹ Work Cards (eg Maintenance procedures, F2988, MOD Form 707MS) include pre-populated work content.

³⁰ A Minimum Data Capture List is a controlled and TAA-approved list of parameters that ► **should** ◄ be captured within AIM to sustain TAW, achieve the Support Policy and allow effective Data Exploitation, in accordance with the Air System Safety Case.

³¹ In accordance with JSP 822 – Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education.

32.	AIM should be included in the Air System ► TASA ◀	Y
AIM Interfaces ► (Electronic IS) ◀		
33.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with the Air System training/Authorization management system.	N
34.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with other Air System Maintenance systems (eg low observable systems).	N
35.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with the Air System mission planning system.	N
36.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with the Air System supply chain/inventory management system.	N
37.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with the Air System performance management system.	N
38.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with Commodity Delivery Team component management systems.	N
39.	Where applicable, AIM is to interface effectively with civilian supplier information management systems.	N

RA 1225 - Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail

Rationale

The retention of Air Safety¹ ►related◄ documentation►²◄ is vital to record the evidence supporting Air Safety decision making. The lack of such information when required may ►undermine the Air System Safety Case (ASSC) and / or◄ possibly hinder any investigation as a result of an Accident or Incident, ►therefore having an adverse impact on Air Safety◄. Procedures need to be put in place to ensure that such information is preserved for audit and tracking.

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1225(1): Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail

Regulation 1225(1)

Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail

1225(1) ►Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Accountable Managers³ (AM), and Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations⁴ shall ensure that◄ all significant Air Safety related documents ►are◄ tracked and preserved in an auditable manner; ►and that◄ significant documentation relating to Air Systems ►is◄ retained for a minimum of 5 years beyond the Out of Service Date►⁵◄.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1225(1)

Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail

1. Procedures **should** be applied to ensure an audit trail of significant Air Safety documentation is maintained correctly.
2. ►In addition to the use of security classifications / handling instructions, as defined in the New Government Security Classification System⁶ and in JSP 440⁷, significant Air Safety related documentation **should** also be identified as "Air Safety Information".◄
3. Appropriate DLoD documentation ►**should**◄ form part of the audit trail and **should** be identified and retained accordingly.
4. Before destruction of a significant Air Safety document, a thorough review **should** be carried out by suitably competent ►authorized◄ personnel.

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Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail

5. ►Paragraph 2 will not be applied retrospectively for documentation created prior to 27 Aug 2015.
6. Electronically held documentation is legally permissible (eg scanned documentation, electronically signed documentation, electronically created documentation, etc). Wherever reasonably practicable, original versions will be retained.◄
7. ►◄
8. Guidance on document policy, procedures and retention can be found at JSP 441⁸.

¹ ►Refer to◄ MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² ►This includes appropriate documentation from all applicable Defence Lines of Development (DLoD), as defined in MAA02, including Airworthiness Data. Training records of personnel making Air Safety decisions could be included, dependant on whether the documentation is deemed to be of a significant Air Safety nature.

³ Those AMs within: ADH-Facing Organizations; Maintenance Approved Organizations; Air Traffic Equipment Approved Organizations; or Design Approved Organizations.

⁴ 'Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations' includes Type Airworthiness Authorities, Type Airworthiness Managers, Commodity Chief Engineers, Heads of Establishment, Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers, etc.

⁵ This is 5 years beyond the de-registration from the UK Military Aircraft Register of the last Air System of type.

⁶ Refer to◄ DMC00687 13/14 – The New Government Security Classification System Handbook.

⁷ Refer to JSP 440 – The Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity.

⁸ Refer to JSP 441 – Managing Information in Defence.

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in entirety ◀

RA 1230 - Design Safety Targets

Rationale

It is important to provide a level of Assurance that an Air System's¹ Type Design can achieve specific Safety criteria. Design Safety Targets ensure that Air Systems are designed with Safety requirements considered from the outset and, once design activity is complete, provide a baseline for assuring that Safety levels are maintained through life. Failure to set design Safety Targets may lead to Air Systems entering service with design deficiencies which introduce unacceptable Hazards. This RA requires the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO)² to establish design Safety Targets early during Acquisition, and, for In-Service³ Air Systems, the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)⁴ to declare a design Safety baseline against which the Operating Duty Holder (ODH) / Accountable Manager Military Flying (AM(MF)), as Risk to Life (RtL) owners, can assess whether an Air System remains 'safe to operate' against As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerability criteria through life.

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Applicability of this RA

1230(1): Withdrawn – Incorporated into sub-Regulations 1230(2) and 1230(3) or no longer considered Regulatory material

1230(2): Establishing Design Safety Targets during Acquisition

1230(3): Design Safety Baseline

Applicability

Applicability of this RA

1230(2)

1. Air Systems¹ destined for the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) in the Acquisition process, which are prior to submission of an Air System Safety Case⁵ (ASSC) Strategy Report.

1230(3)

2. All Air Systems¹ on the UK MAR for which an ODH / AM(MF) owns the ASSC for In-Service Flying. For Air Systems to which sub-Regulation 1230(2) has applied, sub-Regulation 1230(3) becomes applicable at the point the end user ODH / AM(MF) accepts the RtL associated with operation of the Air System for In-Service Flying (but before such Risk is incurred).

Regulation 1230(1)

Design Safety Target Criteria

1230(1) Withdrawn – Incorporated into sub-Regulations 1230(2) and 1230(3) or no longer considered Regulatory material.

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Design Safety Target Criteria

3. Withdrawn – Incorporated into sub-Regulations 1230(2) and 1230(3) or no longer considered Regulatory material.

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Design Safety Target Criteria

4. Withdrawn – Incorporated into sub-Regulations 1230(2) and 1230(3) or no longer considered Regulatory material.

¹ For Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS) this only includes those in the S2 sub-category or Certified category.

² Or Sponsor; refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

³ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework

⁴ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁵ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

Regulation 1230(2)

Establishing Design Safety Targets during Acquisition

1230(2) For Air Systems¹ destined for the UK MAR, the SRO **shall** establish suitable design Safety Targets.

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Establishing Design Safety Targets during Acquisition

Establishing Design Safety Targets

5. The SRO **should** establish design Safety Targets in agreement with the TAA, the MAA⁶ and the end user ODH / AM(MF). Once established, design Safety Targets **should** form a baseline against which to maintain an acceptable level of design Safety through life in accordance with (iaw) sub-Regulation 1230(3).

6. The SRO **should** ensure that design Safety Targets are detailed in the appropriate Acquisition contract.

7. As part of the development of the ASSC:

a. The SRO **should** ensure that the approach for delivering the agreed design Safety Targets is detailed as part of the ASSC Strategy and ASSC Acquisition Basis⁵.

b. In support of the argument that the Air System will be safe to operate, the end user ODH / AM(MF) **should** detail the use of design Safety Targets as part of the ASSC, transitioning to acceptance of a design Safety baseline iaw sub-Regulation 1230(3) before any Rtl is incurred through In-Service operation of the Air System.

8. The TAA **should** include the proposed design Safety Targets in the Application for a Military Type Certificate⁷ and detail their approach to the demonstration of achievement within the Type Airworthiness Strategy⁸.

Design Safety Targets – General

9. Failure Conditions (FC) **should** be classified according to the severity of their effects as part of the design Safety Target definition noting that these will vary across Air System types.

10. The probability of a FC leading to death⁹ or Aircraft loss **should** be Extremely Improbable (EI).

11. Quantitative design Safety Targets **should** be applied to aspects of the design that are subject to probabilistic failure modes.

12. For aspects of the design not subject to probabilistic failure modes, such as software and Structures, qualitative targets **should** be established based on adherence to good design practice as defined in the appropriate Certification Specification (CS)¹⁰.

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Establishing Design Safety Targets during Acquisition

Design Safety Targets – General

13. In System design, a FC¹¹ is a condition that introduces a Hazard to the Air System, caused by one or a combination of lower-level System failures. The FC needs to be selected at the appropriate level to facilitate efficient System design, and for Systems which have been assigned a probability of failure, a reliability requirement can be allocated based upon consequences of failure. For FCs that can directly lead to death or Aircraft loss the probability of the FC materialising will be EI. Whilst 1230(2) focusses on early establishment of targets for these FC categories, it is

⁶ Reviewed and agreed by MAA during ASSC Scrutiny, which may require additional engagement between MAA, TAA, SRO, ODH / AM(MF) as applicable throughout the Acquisition cycle.

⁷ MAA Form 30: Application for Military Air System Certification Process (MACP).

⁸ Refer to RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy.

⁹ 1st and 2nd Party; refer to RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

¹⁰ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

¹¹ Defined in Aerospace Recommended Practice (ARP) 4761A as "A condition having an effect on the Aircraft and / or its occupants, either direct or consequential, which is Caused or contributed to by one or more failures or errors, considering flight phase and relevant adverse operational or environmental conditions, or external events."

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expected that the design process will include identification of lower-level FC categories for which appropriate targets will need to be derived.

14. Accepted practice¹² is based on historical analysis of Accidents which found that the likelihood of crashes due to technical Causes was approximately 1×10^{-7} per Flying Hour and, for large commercial Air Systems with approximately 100 such FCs assumed, an acceptable EI probability of 1×10^{-9} per Flying Hour for each FC was established. For Military Air System design, this assumption of 100 approximate FCs may not always be suitable (ie a lower number of assumed FCs for some RPAS or simpler designs and a higher number for increasingly complex designs). As part of the MAA's agreement of a suitable design Safety Target, such assumptions will require validation.

15. Acceptable Occurrences per Flying Hour figures for EI are expected to vary for different Military Air System types to which this Regulation applies. In setting targets for specific Air System types, the benchmark figures detailed within Table 1 for individual FCs are based on widely accepted practice.

Table 1. Extremely Improbable Figures for Individual FCs (by Air System type)

Air System Type	Maximum Extremely Improbable Figure (Occurrences per Flying Hour)
Air Systems based on Civil-Certified Designs (EASA CS / Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) 23)	1×10^{-9} to 1×10^{-6} ⁽¹³⁾
Air Systems based on Civil-Certified Designs (EASA CS / FAA FAR 25)	1×10^{-9}
Air Systems based on Civil-Certified Designs (EASA CS / FAA FAR 27)	1×10^{-9} to 1×10^{-6} ⁽¹³⁾
Air Systems based on Civil-Certified Designs (EASA CS / FAA FAR 29)	1×10^{-9}
Military Air Systems (Part 1)	1×10^{-8}
Military Air Systems (Part 3)	1×10^{-8} to 1×10^{-6} ⁽¹⁴⁾
Military Air Systems (Part 5)	1×10^{-8}
Military Air Systems (Part 7)	1×10^{-8} to 1×10^{-6} ⁽¹⁴⁾
Certified RPAS (Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) $\leq 5,670$ kg)	1×10^{-7} to 1×10^{-6} ⁽¹⁵⁾
Certified RPAS (MTOW $> 5,670$ kg)	1×10^{-8} to 1×10^{-7} ⁽¹⁵⁾
S2 sub-Category RPAS	1×10^{-7} to 1×10^{-2} ⁽¹⁶⁾

¹² For example, AMC to European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) CS 25.1309.

¹³ Safety Targets less stringent than 1×10^{-9} may be agreed with the MAA as appropriate based on the assigned Aircraft Class (I to IV) iaw CS / FAR 23 / 27 as applicable.

¹⁴ Safety Targets less stringent than 1×10^{-8} may be agreed with the MAA as appropriate based on the intended usage, number of occupants, Air System complexity, and equivalent Aircraft Class (I to IV) iaw CS / FAR 23 / 27 as applicable.

¹⁵ The lower bound Safety Target assumes no more than 10 Catastrophic FCs for the Air System. Higher Complexity Air Systems would be expected to use the more stringent Safety Target figure.

¹⁶ The Agreed Safety Target (AST) for the uncontrolled Loss of Platform (LoP) of Specific Category RPAS will depend on the Specific Assurance and Integrity Level (SAIL) or equivalent, agreed with the MAA as part of the Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC). Typically for uncontrolled LoP, $AST = 1 \times 10^{-SAIL}$.

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16. Calculation of a quantitative value¹⁷ is only appropriate for airborne Systems which have a probabilistic failure mode. Other failures, eg software, lightning strike or structural failure, cannot be assigned a predicted failure probability. Safe design and qualitative assessment of these other aspects is reliant upon following appropriate CS which will deliver the required design integrity as agreed in the Type Certification Basis (TCB)¹⁰.

17. It is expected that the agreed quantitative design Safety Target will inform the assignment of commensurate qualitative targets including Development Assurance Levels to establish the appropriate level of rigour for System Development¹⁸. Detailed System-specific requirements are detailed in the relevant Part of Defence Standard (Def Stan) 00-970 and Def Stan 00-055.

18. The purpose of setting a quantitative value for a FC probability as a design benchmark is to drive a safe design by allowing allocation of individual design budgets to each constituent System contributing to the appropriate FC based on the consequences of their failure. It is a one-way process to set the individual budgets, with specific achievement being argued at System level during the Development stages. For an Air System based on a design that has been Type Certified against a Civil CS the targets contained with the applicable CS can be used to support a declaration of design Safety Target achievement; there is no requirement to reverse back through the complete design to prove how each individual FC contributes to the declared cumulative value.

Non-Flying Hour Based Assessments

19. When assessing Air System design Safety Targets, the nature of some Systems, such as Aircraft Assisted Escape Systems (AAES), Aircraft Store release and jettison Systems, or fire suppression Systems, requires that they operate on an event basis rather than on a Flying Hour basis. Therefore, as well as being required to retain Safety through a designated life when flown in the Air System but not in operation, these Systems require additional consideration of high integrity and reliability on an 'event' basis when required to be operated.

20. For AAES¹⁹, when quantifying design Safety Targets there is a need to consider the AAES separately from other System design (rather than incorporating the AAES into other Flying Hour-based targets) noting its use in tolerability arguments in the ASSC.

Regulation 1230(3)

Design Safety Baseline

1230(3) For In-Service³ Air Systems¹ with a Live ASSC, the TAA **shall** declare the design Safety baseline for ODH / AM(MF) acceptance.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1230(3)

Design Safety Baseline

21. The TAA **should** include their approach to maintaining the design Safety baseline within the Type Airworthiness Strategy⁸.

22. The TAA **should** declare the Air System design Safety baseline within the Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA)²⁰ for acceptance by the ODH / AM(MF) as part of the ASSC:

- a. For newly acquired Air Systems subject to sub-Regulation 1230(2), this declaration **should** be made when the end user ODH / AM(MF) accepts the Rtl associated with operation of the Air System for In-Service Flying, and prior to commencement of such operation.

¹⁷ Eg using the methodology detailed in EASA CS AMC XX.1309.

¹⁸ ie Functional Development Assurance Levels (FDAL) and Item Development Assurance Levels (IDAL), the latter setting Programmable Elements (PE) Assurance levels.

¹⁹ AAES has been used as a primary example however this guidance is equally applicable to other survivability equipment which may have been included within Air System design Safety calculations.

²⁰ Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1230(3)

b. For all other In-Service Air Systems to which sub-Regulation 1230(2) has not applied, this declaration **should** articulate that the extant Type Design is acceptably safe.

23. The ODH / AM(MF) **should** articulate their acceptance of the design Safety baseline in the live ASSC.

24. The accepted design Safety baseline **should** form the basis / reference point against which future equipment Hazards, including those induced through Type Design changes²¹, are assessed and justified in the TASA in support of the ASSC.

25. Changes which are not due to Type Design changes (eg different Aircrew Equipment Assemblies (AEA), conduct of new activities onboard the Air System) will not change the Air System design Safety baseline but their impact to equipment Hazards against the accepted design Safety baseline **should** be argued in the TASA.

26. Unsafe conditions reported iaw RA 5825²² **should** be assessed for their impact against assumptions used to calculate a design Safety baseline and any change to the accepted baseline **should** be supported by an appropriate TASA Safety argument.

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Design Safety Baseline

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27. Once the baseline has been declared by the TAA and accepted by the ODH / AM(MF), impacts to the baseline due to Type Design changes or new Hazard assessments will be identified and managed through established TAW Safety Management System²³ in conjunction with the ODH / AM(MF) Air Safety Management System.

Baseline Declaration - Acquired Air Systems Subject to RA 1230(2)

28. For Air Systems to which sub-Regulation 1230(2) has been applied, acceptance of the declared baseline within the ASSC then replaces the original design Safety Target articulated in earlier versions of the ASSC. Noting that 1230(2) requires establishment of targets at the System level, the expectation for these Air Systems in complying with 1230(3) is that the baseline is a declaration of the achieved 'position' of all System-level assessments.

Baseline Declaration - In-Service Air Systems (pre-RA 1230 Issue 7)

29. For In-Service Air Systems operating on the MAR prior to RA 1230 Issue 7 applying and / or which complied with previous versions of RA 1230 (Issue 6 and below) the declaration of the design Safety baseline provides an argument by the TAA that the existing Type Design is acceptably safe and provides a reference point or benchmark against which to assess changes. It is acknowledged that many platforms already have a declared cumulative (Air System level) design Safety Target derived iaw earlier issues of RA 1230; this may be used to form the baseline or else a baseline may be determined using the same methodology at System-level outlined above in 1230(2). Whatever methodology is used for these Air System types, the onus remains on the TAA to provide a compelling argument (to the satisfaction of the ODH / AM(MF)) within the TASA.

Ongoing Assessment of Impacts to the Baseline

30. Any impacts to the baseline as a result of Type Design change will be argued within the TASA. Additionally:

a. In cases of Type Design change where full evidence may be unavailable but, on balance of the available evidence and based on sound engineering judgement the design Safety baseline has not been breached there will need to be consideration of a Clearance with Limited Evidence (CLE)^{24, 25};

²¹ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D).

²² Refer to RA 5825 – Fault Reporting and Investigation.

²³ Refer to RA 5011 – Type Airworthiness Safety Management System.

²⁴ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

²⁵ Where the Release To Service (RTS) Regulation is referenced in this RA, this also includes Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (In-Service) which is analogous to the RTS, as detailed in RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

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b. In cases of Type Design change where, on balance of available evidence and based on sound engineering judgement the design Safety baseline has been breached, there will need to be consideration of an Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC)²⁴.

31. Changes not associated with Type Design (eg introduction of new AEA) will not impact the baseline but may otherwise impact Safety. These will still be argued within the TASA and may also need to be considered for a CLE / OEC²⁴ if evidence is unavailable or there is an increased RtL.

RA 1300 - Release To Service

Rationale

The Release To Service (RTS) authorizes Military Operated (In-Service) Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Category¹ flying on behalf of the responsible Senior Duty Holder (SDH). Failure to observe RTS limitations may result in unacceptable Hazards. The RTS is based on the RTS Recommendation (RTSR). It defines permitted as-flown configurations and the permitted operating envelope. RTS limitations are the definitive limits for the Air System and apply in all conditions, from peacetime training to ► **all operational activities** ◀². Air Systems will be operated iaw an RTS or a Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) ►^{3, 4}◀, however this RA only deals with the RTS requirements.

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Regulation 1300(1)

Requirement

- 1300(1) An RTS **shall** be prepared for all Air Systems that are operated within the Military Operated (In-Service) ►◀ DAE Operating Category⁵, except for:
- a. ► **UAS** ◀ operating in the Open category,
 - b. ► **UAS** ◀ operating in the Specific S1 sub-category, and
 - c. Air Systems with an MPTF.

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Requirement

1. The RTS **should** be an integrated document with all limitations and associated Warnings, Cautions, and Notes detailed in the appropriate parts iaw Annex A and:
 - a. Define the ► **permitted** ◀ as-flown configuration(s) of the Air System.

► **Note:**

Whilst the RTS defines the permitted as-flown configuration(s) of the Air System, it is not the repository of all Modifications embodied on the Air System. Every Air System Modification will be recorded in the Air System Document Set (ADS)⁶, however only Modifications that need to be identified to Aircrew are detailed in the RTS. ◀
 - b. Detail the permitted ► **operating** ◀ envelope of the Air System including limitations⁷.

¹ The RTS may also be used by the Sponsor to authorize flying in the Civilian Operated (In-Service) DAE Operating Category for Air Systems temporarily allotted in accordance with (iaw) RA 1164. Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

² For guidance on operations outside of any existing RTS, refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder ► – **Roles and Responsibilities**; and RA 1032 – ◀ Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations ► and **Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations** ◀ – Roles and Responsibilities.

³ ► Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

⁴ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

⁵ **Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS)** ◀ operating in the Open category and Specific S1 sub-category do not have an RTS but rely on a Letter of Endorsed Categorization which, for the purposes of this Regulation, is the equivalent to an RTS; Refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

⁶ ► Refer to RA 1310 – Air System Document Set. ◀

⁷ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

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- c. Detail any limitations, Warnings, Cautions, or Notes required as a result of ► **initial Certification or In-Service Design Changes, including Military Type Certificate (MTC) or Approved Design Change Certificate (ADCC) restrictions** ◀ (eg Air Launched Weapons)^{7, 8}.
 - d. Include all Equipment authorized to be carried in, despatched from, or fitted to the Air System^{9, 10, 11}.
 - e. If applicable¹², reference an MEL from Annex A ► **Section** ◀ A7.
 - f. Be subject to a formal review, by the RTS Authority (RTSA)¹³, on a 5-yearly basis against Annex A and the recommendations leading to amendment of the RTS.
 - g. Where there are differing levels of limitations, detail the most restrictive.
 - h. ► ◀
2. The content of the RTS **should** be:
 - a. Auditable and traceable back to the source data.
 - b. Maintained by the RTSA throughout the life of the Air System and appropriate data retained¹⁴.

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Requirement

3. ► **Where limitations have been placed by the MAA in the MTC or ADCC, these will be duplicated exactly in the RTS.** ◀

Regulation 1300(2)

Release To Service Recommendation

- 1300(2) The Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) **shall** prepare the RTSR to the satisfaction of the RTSA.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1300(2)

Release To Service Recommendation

4. The RTSR is the evidenced argument supporting the RTS which **should** include, ► **where appropriate, Military Air System Certification Process (MACP)** ◀ completion as demonstrated by the ► **MTC or ADCC.** ◀ Any limitations or restrictions imposed by the MAA **should** be detailed in the RTS ► **via the RTSR.** ◀
5. The TAA **should** ensure that the RTSR provides all clearances and associated limitations in a format consistent with the RTS structure.
6. The initial RTSR and subsequent amendments and re-issue of the RTSR **should** be prepared by the TAA. The TAA can delegate authority to approve amendments to, or re-issues of, the RTSR. Such delegations **should** be to a competent ► **Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person** ◀ of OF5 level (or equivalent) ►¹⁵ ◀.
7. The RTSR and supporting documentation, for new Air Systems and Major Changes that result in a new Mark number, **should** be approved by the appropriate 2* Operating Centre Director (OCD)¹⁶, then submitted to the RTSA for Authorization and independent Assurance; and to the MAA for independent Assurance¹⁷.

⁸ Refer to RA 1350 – Air Launched Weapon Release.

⁹ Refer to RA 1340 – Equipment Not Basic to the Air System.

¹⁰ Refer to the RA 1700 Series: Airborne Equipment.

¹¹ This RA is not applicable to items properly classified as Cargo. Cargo is regulated by the Movement and Transport Safety Regulator as directed by JSP 800: Defence Movements and Transportation Safety ► **Policy.** ◀

¹² The inclusion of the Minimum Equipment List (MEL) is applicable where the Master MEL forms part of the Type Certification Basis of the Air System.

¹³ Where RTSA is used in this RA, this also includes the Sponsor responsible for authorizing the MPTF (In-Service) or the Type Airworthiness Manager responsible for approving the MPTF (Special Case Flying) for Civilian Operated Air Systems, as detailed at RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

¹⁵ ► **Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.** ◀

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems.

¹⁷ For other Major Changes; the TAA will consult with the MAA and the RTSA to agree the requirement for Assurance activities.

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8. The TAA **should** ensure that the RTSR demonstrates an acceptably safe operating envelope, in line with the context of the Air System Safety Case (ASSC).
9. The TAA **should** review all documents, presented as evidence in the RTSR on amendment, for potential impact on limitations in the RTS.
10. The content of the RTSR **should** be:
 - a. Auditable and traceable back to the source data.
 - b. Maintained by the TAA throughout the life of the Air System and appropriate data retained¹⁴.
11. Air Systems and Type Design changes **should** be introduced to service by completion of the MACP. CLEs **should not** be used to mitigate for lack of MACP completion.
12. The MAA independent Audit of the RTSR **▶◀** scope **should** include (but is not limited to):
 - a. Compliance of design with appropriate standards (this will normally be based on the results of Type Certification).
 - b. Review of build Concessions.
 - c. Build Quality.
 - d. RTSR content.
 - e. Independent Safety Auditor and Independent Technical Evaluator scrutiny.
 - f. Maturity of the Air Safety Management System.
 - g. Review of Audit observations.
 - h. Type Airworthiness arrangements¹⁸.
 - i. Continuing Airworthiness arrangements¹⁹.
 - j. Personnel Competence.
13. TAAs **should** liaise with Equipment / Commodity Delivery Teams (DT) to ensure the Hazards posed to the Air System or crew by the carriage, interfacing, and operation of equipment is addressed in the Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA)²⁰, which will be reflected in the ASSC and in the RTS by including all limitations applicable to the airborne carriage of stores or equipment on that Air System. In cases where common equipment, weapons, and AE **▶need◀** to be fitted to several Air System types, the Equipment / Commodity DT **should** produce a Safety Assessment covering the Safety features of the equipment and the achievement of the Design Safety Target (DST).

Guidance Material 1300(2)

Release To Service Recommendation

14. **▶Management of Type and Continuing Airworthiness arrangements will include an assessment of the maturity of electronic Information Systems used²¹.◀**
15. To facilitate delivery of the Air System into service it might be necessary to clear certain aspects of the Air System in advance of others. In such cases, the RTS will proceed in stages. The priority of each stage will be agreed between the appropriate Front Line Command (FLC) Capability organization, the RTSA and the TAA.
16. The following will apply to the use of limitations in the RTS:
 - a. Safety limits are those that are overriding and ensure that the Air System can be operated safely within its intended role. They, in some cases, may represent the boundaries of the evaluated envelope where, in the context of the planned operational role of the Air System and without prejudice to Safety, it

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness **▶Management◀** – Roles and Responsibilities.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management.

²⁰ Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

²¹ **▶Refer to RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management.◀**

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was not cost-effective or a requirement to explore in full the possible operating envelope.

- b. Unless the system is credibly 'self-limiting' in use, the limits to which the TAA has approved the system will be presented within the RTS.

17. The TAA and RTSA decision on inclusion of degraded mode limitations will need to take account of the probability of encountering the degraded mode and of the severity of any Hazards specifically associated with that mode. In some cases the general advice within the Aircrew Manual (AM) and normal standards of ► **Aircrew professionalism** ◀ will be sufficient to deal with degraded modes. Only in unusual circumstances will it be necessary to consider presenting limitations for multiple independent failures or for second failures in the same system. It may be necessary to distinguish between the deliberate use of degraded modes (ie no actual failure), usually for training purposes, and operation in the presence of real failures. Indeed, in some cases, deliberate use of a degraded mode may have to be prohibited because of the severity of the associated Hazards.

18. For new Air Systems and for Major Type Design changes the TAA will have agreed an Integrated Test, Evaluation and Acceptance Plan²² ◀ with the FLC Capability organization, based on meeting the requirements of the User Requirements Document.

19. The RTSR Approval will be recorded in Part A.1 of the RTS.

20. The RTSR will be submitted to the MAA for independent Audit / Assurance as follows:

- a. The initial RTSR for new Air Systems needs to be submitted to the MAA for independent Assurance. For Major Changes, the MAA, in consultation with the RTSA and TAA, will decide during MACP Phase 3 if the MAA will carry out an RTSR Audit.

b. ► ◀

21. The RTSR submission will demonstrate clear Audit trails and specific reference to evidence and describe any further work to be completed.

22. The MAA independent Audit of the RTSR will examine ► ◀ Risks and any associated Risk to Life (RtL), the communication of those Risks to the RTSA and Operating Duty Holder (ODH) and, where appropriate, proposed mitigations.

Regulation 1300(3)

Limitations

1300(3) The RTS **shall** state the limitations and restrictions for the Air System.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1300(3)

Limitations

23. The limitations in the RTS **should** be ► **consistent when detailed elsewhere in the ADS** ◀

24. Any limits in the RTS to be applied by Aircrew **should** be:

- a. Expressed so that they are observable using the controls and displays in the Air System and / or by following Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- b. Set with a consideration of the accuracy, precision and legibility of cockpit and crew station displays and the Aircrew's ability to interpret this information given the prevailing workload.

Guidance Material 1300(3)

Limitations

25. The limitations in the RTS will be used in the formulation of the Air System's operating envelope as well as ► **in contingency activity plans, operational activity plans, flying orders** ◀ and operating orders.

²² ► The Integrated Test, Evaluation and Acceptance Plan will include assessment of offboard Information Systems which are included as part of the new Air System (refer to MAA02 for definition). ◀

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26. Within the RTS, if a system or equipment is part of the configuration in the RTS, but no limitations for it are detailed in Parts B to D, then it will be cleared for its intended use - as expressed in the ADS - without further limitation. It is sufficient for the RTS to use the phrase "Information and procedures ►◄ within Air System publications".

27. In order to provide the Aircrew with the complete set of limitations for the Air System, it may be necessary to provide the limitations that apply when certain failures have occurred.

28. The need for completeness demands that the limitations of individual Systems are revealed, but there is potential for confusion over the precise operating limits. Such situations will be discussed with the ADS Publication Organization so that the information in the RTS and AM is presented in a coherent fashion.

a. The overarching release, in Parts A or B, will reflect the most restrictive limit for the whole Air System and needs to be annotated to show the system or characteristic which applies. Individual Systems' limits need to be reflected in Parts C or D, but they will be cross-referred to the most restrictive limit in order that there is no doubt about the precise operating envelope of the Air System.

b. Basic limits will be represented in Parts B and C (only if these limits are changed will mention be made in Part D).

c. Role-related limits will be represented in Part D. It is quite possible that role limits (in Part D) will affect what is defined within the basic Air System parts (Parts B and C).

29. Limitations identified as Operational Emergency Clearances ('OECs'), 'pre-mod / post-mod', 'Installation only' and 'Switch on only' are Safety limitations because they represent procedural Risk mitigations, ►rather than◄ management limitations. The situation with respect to a limitation designated 'Normal Operating' may be different. There will be circumstances in which a limitation designated 'Normal Operating' may also represent a procedural mitigation that reflects the way in which Aircrew are trained and hence ►will◄ not ►◄ be exceeded.

30. Cross-referencing of limitations will reduce the potential for inconsistencies. However, in some cases, a system that would otherwise restrict the whole Air System might not be vital for flight, or special operating procedures might be invoked, to ensure Safety and thus avoid damage to equipment. In such cases, which will be supported by the TASA, the limitation in Part B will be relaxed accordingly. This will require full and explicit reference to the relevant system limitations, in Parts C or D, and to the operating procedures in other parts of the ADS.

31. Where different limitations apply to different Modification states of the Air System or equipment (for example when Air Systems are being progressively modified in-Service) then split limitations will be stated. These will normally be of the form "pre-mod nnn...; post-mod nnn..." and the Modification identified within Section A.6. When appropriate, and when the TAA has confirmed with the Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager that all Air Systems are of the same Modification standard, the RTS will be amended to remove the split limitation.

32. When setting limitations, the ability of the Aircrew to observe the limit has to be considered. It is important to note that the only means Aircrew have to respect limitations are by reference to the controls and displays in or from the Air System and / or by following SOPs. Where a limit is unobservable, an alternative approach may be by means of a procedure to ensure that the limits are observed.

Regulation 1300(4)

Operational Emergency Clearance

1300(4) An OEC **shall** be raised when there is likely to be an increased RtL associated with the Air System's usage, compared to the Risk identified within the DST.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1300(4)

Operational Emergency Clearance

33. An OEC **should** be identified when the Air System operates outside of its DST.
34. An OEC **should** be authorized by the RTSA and only enabled at ODH level for a given activity and defined period following the ODH review of their Safety statement.
35. Where appropriate, the ODH **should** declare, in their Safety statement, to which operation (including training for said Operation) or to which trial the OEC applies. In the absence of a named operation, the ODH **should** state the operational or force generation imperative for the OEC.
36. OEC review periodicities **should not** exceed 12 months.
37. The TAA **should** subject the proposed OEC to a Safety analysis ► as appropriate. The TASA²⁰ **should** be updated as soon as practicable. ◀

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Operational Emergency Clearance

38. An OEC will only be used for flight under either of the following circumstances:
 - a. In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action, other life-threatening emergency situations, or associated training.
 - b. In the evaluation of options needed for contingency planning, including any Test and Evaluation trials.
39. Although the TAA might not be the instigator of an OEC, they are expected to submit the RTSR. The TAA will then ensure that a clear explanation of the applicable Type Airworthiness Hazards²³ and related operating instructions to support the OEC are incorporated in the ADS.
40. The ODH will ensure that the procedures required for an OEC to be enabled, guidance on the Risk involved, and related operating instructions are specified in appropriate flying orders.

Regulation 1300(5)

Clearance with Limited Evidence

- 1300(5) A CLE **shall** be raised when a fully substantiated TASA is not available to support a full RTS clearance but, on the balance of available evidence, the clearance is judged to remain within the required Design Safety Target.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1300(5)

Clearance with Limited Evidence

41. A CLE **should** be used when a fully substantiated TASA is not available to support an RTS clearance but, on the balance of available evidence, the Air System continues to operate within its Design Safety Target.
42. CLE review periodicities **should not** exceed 12 months.
43. A CLE **should** have a maximum life of 5 years.
44. Where a CLE involves a change to Type Design, the MACP requirements ► ◀^{7, 24} **should** be met.

Guidance Material 1300(5)

Clearance with Limited Evidence

45. While unusual, an Air System can be flown on the basis of a whole Air System CLE. However, this approach requires early engagement with the MAA and will require Authorization by the Secretary of State for Defence.
46. There is an expectation that a CLE will be incorporated as a full RTS clearance within 5 years. It is recognized that factors may mitigate against obtaining sufficient evidence to be able to underpin an upgrade to a full RTS clearance. In this case the procedures outlined in MAA03²⁵ must be followed. All CLEs with a life beyond 5 years,

²³ Refer to RA 5011 – Type Airworthiness Safety Management System.

²⁴ Refer to RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D).

²⁵ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

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and those due to go beyond the 5 years prior to the next Air System Safety Working Group (ASSWG), will be articulated at the ASSWG.

47. For the avoidance of doubt, the use of a CLE does not in itself obviate the need for Certification of the Design Change / Air System iaw the MACP detailed in RA 5810²⁷. If the TAA proposes to make an RTS Recommendation prior to full completion of the MACP, then a Waiver must be sought against the application of RA 5810²⁷.

**Regulation
1300(6)**

Authorization

1300(6) The RTS and subsequent changes **shall** be authorized by the RTSA.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1300(6)**

Authorization

48. The RTSA **should** conduct independent Assurance of the ASSC prior to Authorization of the initial RTS²⁶.

49. The initial issue and subsequent changes to the RTS **should** be authorized by the RTSA with delegated authority from the appropriate SDH. The RTSA has the right to delegate authority to authorize changes to a Delegated RTSA (DRTSA) who **should** be OF5 (or equivalent) or above.

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Material
1300(6)**

Authorization

50. The RTSA will assure that all organizations that have a long term role and involvement with the RTS and the ASSC are kept informed of changes to the Design Standard. The ODH will assure that any changes to the usage In-Service are reflected in the Statement of Operating Intent and Usage²⁷ and that the RTSA and TAA are informed of such changes.

**Regulation
1300(7)**

Configuration Control and Audit Trail

1300(7) The RTS **shall** be amended and maintained to reflect the Aircrew related configuration(s) of the Air System.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1300(7)**

Configuration Control and Audit Trail

51. The RTS **should** be amended to reflect any changes to limitations arising from changes in design, operation, or the conditions in which the Air System is used throughout the Air System's In-Service life.

52. The Air System's TAA **should** ensure all changes to limitations of the Air System are recorded in the RTSR.

53. The RTSA **should** provide and maintain an auditable trail for all changes to the RTS²⁷.

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Material
1300(7)**

Configuration Control and Audit Trail

54. The full Audit trail need not be produced in Part G of the RTS.

55. Amendments to the RTS will be required when limitations or restrictions are removed, revised or introduced. These may occur as a result of:

- a. Modifications which alter the Design Standard;
- b. Where other changes affecting limitations or restrictions are authorized; or
- c. When documents referenced in the RTS are raised in issue or amendment number.

²⁶ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

²⁷ Refer to RA 5726 – Integrity Management.

Annex A

Release To Service

Structure and Instructions For Use

Presentation of RTS Text

1. In this Annex (Page ►11◄ onwards) the following conventions are used:
 - a. All normal text, including headings, will be used as shown.
 - b. Italic text within brackets *{example}* is used to show where text appropriate to a specific RTS is required.
 - c. *Italic text presented within shaded boxes is not required in the RTS; rather it provides guidance on the required RTS content.*
 - d. Normal text shown within double-line boxes is where mandatory content is defined, but the presentation is not specified.
 - e. A table shaded and italic text used, as below, indicates that it is an example of an acceptable format.

<i>Mod N^o</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Affects RTS or not fully integrated into Air System Document Set (ADS)</i>	<i>RTS Reference</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

Non-Applicable Sections

2. The Parts of the RTS (A to G) are mandatory for all Air Systems.
3. The sections within each Part are also mandatory, and each heading ►**should**◄ exist within all RTS.
4. Some Sections will not be applicable to some Air Systems (eg ►Uncrewed Air System (UAS)◄), C.1 Aircrew Equipment, or C.3 Auxiliary Power Units); in such cases, the section heading **should** be used, with the text 'This section is not applicable to the *{Air System type and mark number}*'.
5. There may be occasions where the Section is applicable, but there are no limitations that need to be expressed (eg C.10 - Undercarriage). In such situations, the section heading **should** be used with the text 'Information and procedures within Air System publications'.

Sub-Section Titles

6. Each RTS section may be divided into as many sub-sections as required for each individual Air System. The layout of these sub-sections is at the discretion of the RTSA. Part D of the RTS is Air System specific, and therefore no detailed guidance can be given on its content or layout. However, the principles detailed above will be used to define how Part D will be used.

Sub-Section Numbering

7. The numbering of sub-sections will follow the same format as that used within the RTS. Therefore, in Section A of the RTS, Level 1 is an 'A' followed by a single digit (eg 'A.n'), Level 2 is 'A' followed by 'n.n' (eg 'A.n.n'), etc.

Classification

8. The Classification of an Air System RTS **should** be in line with the guidance provided within JSP 440²⁸ Part 4 Section 1: Classification Policy. If information of a higher classification than OFFICIAL – SENSITIVE ►**needs to**◄ be included in the RTS, rather than in another part of the ADS (such as the Tactics Manual), or a classified part of the Aircrew Manual, this ►**should**◄ be presented as a separate 'Classified Supplement' to the RTS. In these circumstances, both the main and supplementary parts of the RTS have their own Preliminary Pages and RTS Statement. The supplement uses the same numbering system for Parts and sub-sections as the main, but to keep it to the minimum number of pages, the supplement need only include those Parts and sub-sections that are directly relevant.

Configuration Control

²⁸ Refer to JSP 440 – The Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity.

9. All pages in the RTS (including the Preliminary Pages and any blank pages) ► **should** ◀ show their Issue and Amendment status.
10. If a 'Classified Supplement' is used it will need to be under separate Configuration Control (ie with its own Issue and Amendment Status). The RTSA ► **should** ◀ ensure that the main RTS and a supplement are always coherent ► ◀.

Electronic Formats

11. The RTS may be provided solely in electronic format.

Content Appropriate to the RTS

12. The RTS is the primary document of the ADS and, where appropriate to provide supporting detail, it will contain cross-references to other documents within the ADS.
13. In judging what content is appropriate to the RTS, and how to handle Safety information, authors need to consider 5 principles:
- a. Relevance. Is the information relevant to the aim of the RTS? Does it help define the Safety envelope of the Air System?
 - b. Completeness. If the information is relevant, it needs to be presented without omissions.
 - c. Target Audience. Is the information relevant to the target audience?
 - d. Coherence. The RTS ► **should** ◀ be coherent with the other documents in the ADS. Early liaison with other ADS authors is essential to ensure that the whole ADS is a coherent and seamless source of Safety information.
 - e. Responsibility. Authors need to be aware of their overarching Responsibility for providing Safety information. Where an author decides not to include information, they ► **should** ◀ take positive steps to provide an auditable trail to show why the information has not been included and bring this to the attention of the Air System DT.

Procedures

14. It is common for procedures to find their way into the RTS; however, only those procedures that are directly essential to enable compliance with a limitation **should** be included. All other procedures **should** be placed in the Aircrew Manual or SOPs issued by ODHs, Force SOPs or a Technical Publication.

Placing Information in Parts

15. Although the Part and section headings can be defined for the RTS, it can be rather more difficult to decide in which Part a specific Air System limit needs to be placed. It is recommended that the technique used to derive the Part headings (see Table below) is used for deciding in which particular RTS Part information needs to be placed.

Table 1. Placing Information in Parts of the RTS.

Question	Response	Action
1. Is the information supported by a fully substantiated Safety Assessment that has been accepted by the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA and RTSA?	No	Cannot be included in the RTS, unless as a CLE or an ► OEC, ◀ is placed in Parts B-D as appropriate; it ► should ◀ be recorded in Part F
	Yes	Go to Q2
2. Is the information of a temporary nature?	Yes	Place in Part E
	No	Go to Q3
3. Is the topic an actual limitation that the Aircrew ► should ◀ obey?	Yes	Go to Q5
	No	Go to Q4
4. Is the topic engineering information?	Yes	Place in Part A (directly or by explicit cross-reference)
	No	Not legitimate RTS content, place elsewhere in the ADS
5. Does the limitation apply whenever the Air System is flown, regardless of configuration?	Yes	Go to Q6
	No	Place in Part D
6. Does the limitation affect the overall Air System flight envelope or handling?	Yes	Place in Part B
	No	Go to Q7
7. Does the limitation relate to an Air System?	Yes	Place in Part C
	No	Not legitimate RTS content, place elsewhere in the ADS

16. Where different limitations apply to different Modification states of the Air System or equipment (for example when Air Systems are being progressively modified In-Service) then split limitations ► **should** ◀ be stated. These will normally be of the form 'pre-mod nnn...; post-mod nnn...' ► ◀. When appropriate, and when the TAA has confirmed that all Air Systems are to the same Modification standard, the RTS ► **should** ◀ be amended to remove the split limitation.

Recording of Modifications

17. ► ◀ The RTS is not the repository of all Modifications embodied on the Air ► **System. Every Air System Modification will be recorded by the TAA in the ADS under their configuration control** ◀ however, some Modifications need to be identified to Aircrew. A Modification affects the RTS when it ► **generates split limitations.** ◀ Modifications affecting the RTS **should** be recorded ► **at Part A within Section A.6.2 utilizing the heading "In-Service Design Changes".** ◀ Modifications may be listed numerically or by system (Engines, airframe, avionics, etc). Once a Modification has been superseded ► **by a subsequent Modification or been Fleet embodied** ◀ it **should** be removed from the RTS.

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Part G - RTS History

Preliminary pages

Classified Supplement: When the document is a Classified Supplement the following statement will be inserted at the head of this page; it is vital that the Supplement and main document are coherent at all times:

This document is the Classified Supplement to the RTS for the {Air System identifier}. ►◄

The preliminary pages of the RTS ► **should** ◄ contain the following sections:

List of Contents

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List of Effective Pages

List of Abbreviations

Definition of Terms

Distribution

Note: Conventionally each of the above elements of the Preliminary pages would start on a new page.

List of Contents

A List of Contents will be provided, to a level of detail defined by the RTSA. The following represents the minimum list:

Preliminary pages

Part A - Airworthiness and Document Management

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Part F - Clearances with Limited Evidence / Operational Emergency Clearances

Part G - RTS History

Classified Supplement: When there is a Classified Supplement, the following statement will be inserted at the end of the List of Content, and the reference included at A.7.4:

Classified Supplement – There is a Classified Supplement to this RTS. It is issued under a separate distribution.

List of Amendments

<i>An amendment list ► should ◄ be provided to record all amendments made to the RTS, eg:</i>		
<i>Amendment number</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail of Changes</i>

List of Effective Pages

<i>An important element of document control is a correct and auditable amendment procedure. To achieve this the RTS will have a 'List of Effective Pages' which will be updated by every amendment eg:</i>			
<i>Page</i>	<i>Issue / Amendment</i>	<i>Page</i>	<i>Issue / Amendment</i>

List of Abbreviations

*The RTS ► **should** ◄ provide a consolidated list of the abbreviations used throughout the document as an aid to the reader. Where appropriate, this list will include specific labels and / or captions in the Air System that are used to define limitations (in which case they ► **should** ◄ reproduce the presentation in the Air System exactly in relation to (mis-) spelling and capitalisation and not follow any particular style conventions in use in the RTS). No further expansion of abbreviations need be used throughout the document.*

Definition of Terms

It is important to the use of the RTS and the overall Airworthiness of the Air System, that there is a clear and common understanding of the terms used within the RTS. Therefore, every RTS will have a section dealing with the definition of terms.

*Many of the terms used within an RTS are common to all Air Systems, and hence ► **should** ◄ be defined in all RTS. The following ► **should** ◄ be included in all RTS:*

Term	Definition
Airworthiness	The ability of an Air System or other Airborne Equipment or system to be operated in-flight and on the ground without significant Hazard to Aircrew, ground crew, Passengers or to third parties; it is a technical attribute of materiel throughout its lifecycle.
TAA-approved Design Standard	The Standard is the standard to which the RTS applies. The TAA has the discretion to use a reference design standard that is other than the Design Organization (DO) Configuration Status Record (CSR). The TAA ► should ◄ be satisfied that there is a Safety Assessment for this reference design standard and that configuration control procedures are equivalent to those required for a CSR.
CAUTION	When the consequence of not respecting a limitation might be damage to the Air System or equipment.

Installation only	The equipment may be fitted but ► should ◄ not be operated in-flight. It will be isolated iaw a defined scheme unless it has been shown that inadvertent operation represents an acceptable Hazard.
Note	To clarify the reason for a limitation.
Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC)	A clearance within ► an Air System's RTS for when there is likely to be an increased Rtl associated with the Air System's usage, compared to the Risk identified within the Design Safety Target. ◄ This judgement may be ► substantiated by an appropriate Safety Assessment or based ◄ on limited available evidence. An OEC will only be authorized by the RTS Authority once it is assured that any operating Risks have been communicated to, and accepted by, the appropriate Aviation Duty Holder (ADH).
Clearance with Limited Evidence (CLE)	A clearance within ► an Air System's RTS or MPTF (In-Service) for ◄ when a fully substantiated TASA is not available to support a full RTS ► or MPTF (In-Service) ◄ clearance but, on the balance of available evidence, the clearance is judged to remain within the required ► ◄ Design Safety Target.
Prohibited	Operation in the manner described, or of the equipment specified (as appropriate), is prohibited because the associated Risk is unacceptable. The Risk may be judged unacceptable because it is either too high or because there is insufficient knowledge to determine the likelihood of encountering a severe Hazard.
Switch-on only	Operation of the equipment does not interfere with the proper operation of any other equipment or system fitted to the Air System. The equipment may be fitted and may be operated in flight within the limitations defined (which may therefore restrict such operation to specific phases of flight and parts of the flight envelope) but cannot be relied upon to function correctly (which may include incorrect functioning of any failure indications). The Air System will not be operated in any way that places any reliance whatsoever on the proper functioning of this equipment.
"Cannot be Relied Upon" and "Not to be Relied Upon"	"Cannot be Relied Upon" – correctly forms part of the definition of "Switch on only" which applies to phased clearances as defined in Reg(3). However, "Cannot be Relied Upon" and "Not to be Relied Upon" may also be used more widely to provide limitations on a system in a Special or Full Clearance. These limitation(s) should provide direction on how the system may be used ²⁹ , and / or which parts or elements of the system, its information or envelope are unreliable and when ³⁰ . It follows that a "Cannot be Relied Upon" or "Not to be Relied Upon" clearance may provide limitations for conditional or partial reliance rather than prohibiting "any reliance whatsoever" as is the case for "Switch on only".
Temporary Information	Temporary Information includes: Temporary Clearances, Temporary Restrictions, and Temporary Information Notices. The details of Temporary Information will be located in Part E of the RTS. Within Temporary Information, where a Temporary Clearance is used, it ► should ◄ be of a genuinely transitory nature (eg the clearance of a Modification for a short duration trial after which it will be removed, test equipment for short term use only, etc). Temporary Clearances with a fully substantiated and evidenced Safety Assessment would be included in Part E of the RTS as stand-alone entries (not covered by an OEC or CLE); if the Safety Assessment is not fully substantiated or does not meet the Design Safety Target, the Temporary Clearance would also need to be covered by either an OEC or CLE and listed / cross-referenced in Part F. Temporary Clearances will be expected to reference the specific Air System tail numbers or other applicability restrictions (eg Aircrew requirements, software loads, operating restrictions, etc) it is applicable to.

²⁹ For example – Not to be used as the sole source of reference for position - for a particular moving map system.

³⁰ For example – **Should not** be relied upon to provide altitude information of the target - for a particular Traffic Advisory System.

WARNING	When the consequence of not respecting a limitation might be death and / or injury.

*In addition to these there may be other terms that are specific to the Air System type; these **should** all be clearly defined.*

Presentation of WARNINGS, CAUTIONS and Notes

*The convention used for presenting **WARNINGS, CAUTIONS**³¹ and Notes within the RTS needs to be explained. The appropriate statement will be selected from the following:*

The **WARNINGS, CAUTIONS** and Notes are placed as close as practicable to the relevant limitation / procedure.

or

The **WARNINGS, CAUTIONS** and Notes are called out and numbered within each sub-section, and placed at the end of the relevant sub-section within each Part.

or

The **WARNINGS, CAUTIONS** and Notes are called out and numbered within each Part and placed at the end of the relevant Part.

Distribution³²

Necessary to ensure amendments are promulgated to all document holders

Action:

Mandatory:

RTSA	<i>Master copy and to promulgate the RTS</i>
ODH	
TAA	
MAA	<i>For independent assurance of new Air Systems and Major Changes to existing Air Systems only</i>

Information:

Mandatory:

DT Safety Manager / RTS Manager	
DO	<i>For comparison with Air System design assumptions and limits.</i>
Delivery Duty Holder (DDH)	
Officer Commanding Defence Aircrew Publications Squadron (OC DAPS)	<i>For comparison with Aircrew documentation data.</i>
Operating Data Manual (ODM) Agency	
Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (Mil CAMO)	

³¹ **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** are written in upper case and bold.

³² The RTSA may add other addressees to the distribution list.

Part A – Airworthiness and Document Management

A.1 RTS Statements³³

All RTS statements ► **should** ◄ use a common standard of wording.

A.1.1 Approval of Initial RTSR Issue

I recommend the initial issue of the RTSR for the {Air System type and mark} to the RTSA.

{signature}

{name}

{Post of the 2* Operating Centre Director (OCD) with appropriate delegated Airworthiness authority}

{date}

A.1.2 Authorization of Initial Issue

The {Air System type and mark} is released for flight subject to the limitations stated in this initial issue RTS.

The limitations of the RTS are the definitive limits for the Air System in Service. Where any conflict arises between this RTS and any other Air System documentation, the limitations in the RTS are overriding.

Authorized holders of the RTS ► **should** ◄ ensure that all RTS documents that define current flight limitations are kept with this authority under one cover.

The authority for authorizing changes to this RTS is vested in {appropriate post title} as my DRTSA for the {Air System type and mark}.

{signature}

{name}

{rank}

{RTSA}

{date}

³³ On initial Issue for new Air Systems and Major Changes that result in the Mark Number for the Air System changing, the RTSR ► **will** ◄ be approved by the 2* OCD and the RTS ► **will then** ◄ be authorized by the RTSA. Subsequent (routine) amendments of the RTS can be delegated for Authorization by the Delegated RTSA (DRTSA).

A.1.3 Certification of Safety and Airworthiness

I certify that the {Air System type and mark}, when operated iaw the RTS at Issue {number} amendment {number}, including those CLEs listed in ► **Section** ◀ F.1, is airworthy and that the overall Risk is in the order of the Project Safety Target.

Clearances which carry a higher level of Safety Risk are identified as OECs and their use, once authorized by the RTSA, requires specific Approval by the relevant ODH iaw RA 1300 ► **Regulation 4.** ◀

Clearances in Parts E and F that are not supported by a fully substantiated Air System Safety Case (ASSC) or TASA are authorized for inclusion in the RTS by the RTSA.

The authority for the exposure to, and the ownership and management of, the residual Risk associated with the clearances in Parts E and F lies with the ADH chain.

{Signature}

{name}

{Type Airworthiness Authority for the {Air System Identifier}}

{Date}

A.1.4 Authorization of Amendment (not required for initial issue)

As the Delegated Release To Service Authority, I authorize amendment {number} to issue {number} of the {Air System type and mark} RTS.

The following wording is required if not included in the initial Authorization statement for legacy RTS (delete this sentence when populated)

The limitations of the RTS are the definitive limits for the Air System in Service. Where any conflict arises between this RTS and any other Air System documentation, the limitations in the RTS are overriding.

Authorized holders of the RTS ► **should** ◀ ensure that all RTS documents that define current flight limitations are kept with this authority under one cover.

{signature}

{name}

{rank}

DRTSA {Service}

{date}

A.2 Introduction

A.2.1 Purpose: The initial RTSR is the statement by the TAA approved by the OCD, to the RTSA that an acceptable TASA has been prepared for the Air System and its equipment, and forms the basis for the initial RTS of the Air System.

The RTS describes the approved Air System configuration(s), the operating envelope, limitations, Design Standard, standard of operational software and the parameters within which the ASSC has been established, and to which the Air System or equipment may be flown in Service Regulated Flying. It also includes the approved OECs and CLEs, and advice on their application.

A.2.2 Structure: This RTS comprises RTS statements and 7 supporting parts:

Part A covers the purpose and management of the RTS and any other relevant information that does not appear as a flying limitation.

Part B covers limitations on the handling and use of the basic Air System.

Part C covers those additional limitations and constraints that may be imposed by Systems integral to the Air System.

Part D covers those limitations and constraints imposed when the Air System is operating in a particular role.

Part E details Temporary Clearances and the management of temporary information.

Part F details Clearances with Limited Evidence and Operational Emergency Clearances.

Part G enables the production, content and evolution of the RTS to be audited.

The limitations in Parts B to E may be either: for normal use (ie in peace and ►all operational activities◄), or for operational emergency use only.

All permanent information that has been derived from the ASSC will be included within the main Parts B to D, of the RTS, with temporary information, also having been derived from the ASSC, being covered by Part E.

A.2.3 Amendment: Amendments will be promulgated automatically to the agencies detailed within the distribution list. Suggestions for amendment ►should◄ be forwarded to:

{Contact details of the RTSA Desk Officer}

A.3 Description

The *{Air System identifier}* is an *{Air System description}*, procured against *{reference to agreed characteristics against which contract was let}* for use by *{service operator}* in the following roles:

{Primary Roles}

{Secondary Roles}

{Tertiary Roles}

The *{Air System identifier}* was designed to meet the requirements of *{Type Certification Basis (TCB), Design Standard eg EASA, JAR, FAR, Def Stan (including anthropometric considerations)}*. It is manufactured in *{country of origin}* by *{manufacturer}* under *{arrangements to ensure manufacture will meet the design}*.

The DO(s) for various elements of the Air System are listed below:

This list will highlight all DOs who have a role in maintaining the Configuration Control of the Air System.

Air System: *{Air System DO}*

Engine: *{Engine DO}*

Equipment or major system: *{Equipment or Co-ordinating DOs}*

The MAA has examined compliance with the Type Certification Basis (TCB) and has issued a Military Type Certificate / Statement of Type Design Assurance / Approved Design Change Certificate *{delete as appropriate}* file reference ###.

A.4 Air System Life and Fatigue

The limitations in Parts B, C and D are valid for the life of the Air System. The Air System life is {*eg x hours or assessed on condition*}. This life and elements of the Maintenance and servicing schedule are based on the following assumed spectrum:

{*Design Usage Spectrum*}

A.5 Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOI / SOIU)

The use of the {*Air System identifier*} has been reviewed by the ADH and TAA within the roles and fleets as detailed below:

{*List of all Marks, Roles or fleets (groupings) of Air System that operate to different usage spectrum.*}

The Statement of Operating Intent / Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOI / SOIU) {*delete as appropriate*} for {*Air System identifier*} has been issued at {*SOI / SOIU reference*} and has been passed to {*Air System DO*} for comparison against the assumed design spectrum. Any perceived differences between the Air System use described by the SOI / SOIU and the way in which the Air System is actually being operated ►**should**◄ be highlighted to {*SOI / SOIU issuing authority*} for resolution or SOI / SOIU amendment.

{*SOI / SOIU executive summary*}

A.6 Air System Configuration

The Design Standard of {*Air System identifier*} to which this RTS applies is given below:

Users of the RTS ►**should**◄ note that, unless listed or referenced below, a Modification / item of equipment is not authorized to be fitted or used. In case of doubt, refer to {*Contact details of the Delivery Team EA*}

Within section A6 the Air System Configuration will be built up through the sub-sections of:

A.6.1 Basic Design Standard

The initial design of the manufacturer. If there are several DOs, then multiple entries will be required.

Production Design Standard(s). Configuration Status Record {*number and issue state*}

A.6.2 In-Service Design ►**Changes**◄

This will provide a cross-reference to a list that is under the Configuration Control of the TAA, all In-Service ►**Design Changes**◄ introduced since the initial design. ►◄

►**In-Service Design Changes**◄ affecting RTS

Mod Nº	Title	RTS Reference

A.6.3 Other equipment

*Subject to RTSA / TAA's discretion, Modifications or Authorizations for any equipment that is fitted to, or carried in, the Air System but is not covered by sub-sections A.6.1 or A.6.2 (ie Equipment Not Part of the Type Design). Everything listed under 'Other Equipment' ►**should**◄ have a Safety Assessment to determine the Safety impact and any associated limitations incorporated in the ADS. Such Safety Assessments may be integral to (or supplements to) the TASA, or can be based on the equipment's own Safety Assessment, provided specific consideration of the Air System integration aspects is added.*

Freight carried iaw standard rules is not included.

Aircrew Equipment Assemblies (AEA)

This section **should** detail the AEA that has been specifically cleared for use with the Air System. ►◄
The limitations for AEA will be given at C.1.

The following further sub divisions are suggested, but others may be used at the discretion of the TAA.

Role Equipment (when applicable)

The limitations for Role Equipment will be given at C.21 or Part D, as appropriate.

Armament and non-armament stores (when applicable).

The limitations for armament and non-armament stores will be given at C.20 or Part D, as appropriate.

Airborne Equipment (AE) (when applicable).

Helicopter Under-Slung Load Equipment (HUSLE) (when applicable).

Cleared Carry-on Equipment (when applicable).

The limitations for AE, HUSLE and Miscellaneous Items of Carry-on Equipment will be given at Part D. Where an OEC or CLE is provided it is referenced in Part F.

A.7 Related Documents

A.7.1 The production design is airworthy when operated by qualified Aircrew within the limitations promulgated in Parts B, C, D and E of this RTS and iaw the information and provisions contained in the following related documents:

Enter in the form given below for all Airworthiness related documents, including: AM, ODM, FRCs, Tech Pubs, MOD F700, etc.

{Document} to the latest standard, published and maintained by {publishing organization eg OC ► **DAPS**, ◄ ODM Agency} on behalf of {Sponsor eg TAA / RTSA / ODH}.

A.7.2 To ensure the Air System retains its design Airworthiness it will be serviced and maintained iaw:

{Tech Pubs reference} to the latest standard, published and maintained by {Publication Organization} under the authority of {document sponsor}.

{Component lifing policy reference} to the latest standard, published and maintained by {publication authority} under the authority of {document sponsor}.

The following sub-section is used when appropriate.

A.7.3 Other documents referred to in this RTS which contain information relevant to the Airworthiness and operation this Air System are:

{Document Reference eg BRd766C} to the latest standard, published and amended by {publication organization} under the authority of {document Sponsor}.

The following sub-section is used when appropriate to a main RTS document that has a Classified Supplement, or to the Supplement itself.

A.7.4 The Classified Supplement {Document Reference}, ►◄.

or

The main RTS {Document Reference}, ►◄.

Part B – Air System Design and Handling Limitations

This part of the RTS contains Air System design and handling limitations that provide for airworthy operation of the Air System by qualified Service Aircrew. This part covers the information to Aircrew, for limitations that are basic to flying the Air System without external stores or other Role Equipment fitted. Thus it covers items such as: speed, Altitude, manoeuvres, environmental conditions, take-off and landing etc. They ►should◄ be expressed in a manner that allows them to be respected by the Aircrew. The conditions pertaining to a particular limit ►should◄ be expressed unambiguously. Where the meaning of a term is not formally defined it needs to be explained (eg ramp mass). Conflict, or perceived conflict, of information will be avoided. When operation is dependent on the Air System configuration this will be expressed unambiguously (eg including reference to the relevant Modification number).

Where an OEC or CLE is appropriate, it is referenced in Part F and the detail is placed in Part B.

B.1 Environmental Conditions

Snow, icing, cold weather limits; hot weather limits; operation in sandy or dusty environments.

B.2 Temperature Envelope

Maximum and minimum temperatures (ie with reference to International Standard Atmosphere see also Def Stan 00-970, Part 1, section 7) for ground operation and flight; dew point limits; hot and cold soak limits. To assist the Aircrew an indication needs to be provided as to where the temperature will be measured.

B.3 Flight Envelope

Altitude / Speed / All Up Mass limits expressed in written or (preferably) graphical form (eg flight velocity diagrams). Instrument Flying and degraded mode flight envelopes, Formation Flying, speeds limits for Systems (eg flaps, undercarriage) and degraded Systems (eg one hydraulic system) etc.

B.4 Mass and Centre of Gravity

Maximum all up mass (AUM) and any other AUM related limits eg maximum take-off mass if different to landing mass, maximum towing mass, jacking mass slinging mass. Longitudinal and lateral Centre of Gravity (CG) limits. This may be a graph with AUM and CG as the axes. For Fixed Wing Air Systems, it may include: ramp mass, maximum take-off mass, maximum overload take-off mass, maximum landing mass and maximum fuel mass. (Note that this document takes the scientific view that mass is not the same as weight).

B.5 Manoeuvre Limits

Angle of bank limits (may be a graph); G limits, incidence, stalling and spinning, roll limits, aerobatics and unusual manoeuvres. For Rotary Wing Air Systems, it may include: hovering and low speeds flight envelope; spot turn limits. Note any additional limits with external configurations by referring to roles (Part D).

B.6 Ground Operations, Take-Off and Landing

Airfield or alternative surface limitations; ground running restrictions; towing and taxiing; Air System tie down / restraint arrangements for engine ground runs; for Rotary Wing: rotor brake, rotor engaging and disengaging; cross wind take-off and landing; maximum rate of descent on landing; Air System arresting systems; sloping ground limits; undercarriage, tyres and brakes limits; taxiing limits; running take-off and running landing limits; engine off landings. Limitations on ship operations: ships from which operation is cleared or prohibited, airspeed and approach limits, landing spots etc.

B.7 Instrument and Night Flying

Limitations for unaided instrument or Night flying (ie without Night Vision Goggles (NVG) etc). Any special to type limits which need to be observed only at night. Any external configurations which affect these and refer to Part D. Refer to Instrument Flying envelope at Paragraph 1. Helicopter Type Allowance (needs to state if pressure error is or is not included) and any special to type limits.

B.8 Electro-Optic Flying

*Air System / equipment combination related limits only; NOT equipment related limits for flying with NVG, Forward-Looking Infra Red (FLIR), visor displays etc. May include primary and reversionary modes. Equipment-related limitations (eg those relating to temperature storage of NVG) ► **should not** ◄ be included in the RTS but ► **should** ◄ appear in the appropriate equipment publication. Aircrew will be aware of equipment limitations by receiving the required training before they are authorized to use it.*

B.9 Electromagnetic Compatibility

Basic Air System High Intensity Radio Transmission Area (HIRTA) limits; reference to any additional limits due to role configuration (Part D).

B.10 Minimum Crew

*Minimum Crew. The minimum number of Certificate of Qualification on Type (CQT) Aircrew (Pilot and Non-Pilot) will be stated. Additionally, due to the nature of ► **UAS** ◄ operations, the minimum number of Ground Crew required during the launch and recovery phase will be stated.*

*Guidance Material. The minimum crew will be determined by the Design Organization. Stipulation of minimum Crew by task (eg take-off and landing) or Crew position (eg cockpit seat or ► **UAS Command Unit** ◄ position) may be required.*

Guidance Material. Operation of the Air System by non-CQT personnel (eg test flying, students, Passengers, Supernumerary Crew) as permitted within the MRP 2000 Series³⁴, will be detailed in ADH ► ◄ Orders.

³⁴ Refer to the 2000 Series: Flying Regulations (FLY).

Part C – System Limitations and Constraints

This part of the RTS covers those Systems integral to the Air System and contains limitations that provide for airworthy operation of the Air System by qualified Service Aircrew. Only system limitations that have an impact on the airworthy operation of the Air System, to a required performance standard, by qualified Service Aircrew ►should◄ be included. They ►should◄ be expressed in a manner that allows them to be respected by the Aircrew. The conditions pertaining to a particular limit ►should◄ be expressed unambiguously. Where the meaning of a term is not formally defined (eg ejection mass) it needs to be explained. Conflict, or perceived conflict, of information will be avoided. When operation is dependent on the Air System configuration this will be expressed unambiguously (eg including reference to the relevant Modification number).

Where system limitations are wholly described in Part B they need not be repeated in Part C. Where this is not the case, system limitations need to be comprehensively covered under the relevant heading.

Role-related limitations (ie those covering different external stores configurations and specific roles) will appear in part D.

Where an OEC or CLE is appropriate, it is referenced in Part F and the detail is placed in Part C.

C.1 Aircrew Equipment

Where there are Air System limitations associated with the equipment / Air System combination they will appear here. Equipment limitations will only appear in the RTS when they need to be brought to the attention of the Aircrew and do not exist elsewhere. For RTS purposes Aircrew equipment includes Carry-on Equipment.

Any items specifically cleared for use need to be either listed in the AEA section of the Design Standard in Part A or covered by a Modification.

C.2 Fuels, Oils and Lubricants

List of all permitted fuels³⁵, oils and lubricants, use of icing inhibitors, with associated limits if any.

C.3 Auxiliary Power Units

All APU and starter system limits; air and ground use; system temperature limits; starting limits; running time.

C.4 Electrical System

Any relevant limits including those associated with degraded modes or load shedding; battery limits. Limitations on the testing of warning systems in-flight.

C.5 Hydraulic System

System temperature and pressure limits. Any limits associated with degraded modes; ground use limits; limitations on any services provided by hydraulic system.

C.6 Fuel System

Minimum fuel for flight; Altitude limits associated with booster or fuel pump operation; any cross-feeding limitations; refuelling and de-fuelling limits; in-flight refuelling limitations.

C.7 Engines and Transmission

System temperature and pressure limits; starting limits; running time; limits on in-flight shut down or in-flight re-light. Torque; compressor speed; gas temperature; free turbine limits.

If required, sub-sections on: propellers; reheat; water injection; rotors etc.

³⁵ Permitted fuels include synthetic fuels as detailed in RA 1910 – Quality Assurance of Aviation Fuel from non-UK MOD Sources.

C.8 Environmental Conditioning System

Associated system limits and operational constraints for Aircrew, Cargo and equipment, including oxygen system.

C.9 Canopy / Windscreen

Associated system limits; operational constraints.

C.10 Undercarriage

Associated system limits; operational constraints.

C.11 Emergency and Escape Systems

Needs to include any limits associated with escape systems, emergency avionics such as Cockpit Voice Recorders, sonar location beacons etc. Limitations on ejection mass and how mass is defined (eg walk out mass, total mass etc). Emergency lighting limitations.

C.12 Fire Protection System

All limitations associated with fire detection and fire fighting system for airframe and engine.

C.13 Ice Detection and Ice Protection Systems

All limitations associated with the functioning of the ice detection system and ice protection (de-icing, anti-icing) systems. Limitations on the operational envelope imposed by the capability of the ice detection / protection are expressed in Parts B1, B2, B3 and B6 as appropriate.

C.14 Flying Control System

All limitations associated with flying controls, lifting surfaces etc.

C.15 Stability Augmentation / Autopilot System

Limitations associated with any form of stability augmentation or autopilot system, including degraded mode limits. Stability augmentation equipment autopilot modes including engagement / disengagement / mode failure constraints; any specific flying control limitations (eg any need to keep hands on stick); minimum operating Height to allow for recovery from runaway.

C.16 Communication Systems

Limitation of the use of communication equipment; including homing equipment and data links (for example ► UAS ◄); operational performance constraints.

C.17 Navigation Systems and Sensors

Limitation associated with use of navigation equipment (eg Global Positioning System, Radar Altimeter, Tactical Air Navigation, digital maps, Performance Based Navigation, Reduced Vertical Separation Minima, etc); operational constraints which affect performance.

C.18 Mission Management Systems

Mission management systems include weapon aiming systems.

C.19 Operational / Mission Sensors

Any limitations or operational constraints associated with Electronic Signal Monitoring, optical, sonar, sonic sensor systems, Identification Friend or Foe system, radar: needs to include operating performance constraints such as areas of blanking etc.

C.20 Defensive Aids

Installed system limits where these form part of an integrated suite or are individual items.

C.21 Armament System

Identification of armament / stores management systems, stores and associated limits (eg HIRTA, RAD Haz) imposed on the Air System by its armament systems. Carriage, Release and Jettison limits may either be included here (where they can be simply expressed; for example where an Air System carries a single store type and which is not configuration dependent), or reference may be made to Part D (where there may be a number of different stores, configurations and other associated variables). RTS limitations need to be consistent with weapon aiming and mission management system limits. Limitations associated with the use of integral guns, as opposed to role fit guns, would appear here. Role fit guns would appear in Part D.

C.22 Role Equipment

Where the TAA and RTSA judge it convenient and appropriate, rather than using Part D, list equipment and respective limits for equipment which is related to a role or roles but is normally carried in or on the Air System as normal fit.

Part D – Role Limitations and Constraints

The Air System configuration(s) for each role needs to be listed including any Equipment Not Basic to the Air System, or ► **should** ◄ be removed from the basic Design Standard. Cleared equipment for each role fit ► **should** ◄ be listed (eg HUSLE). Any additional or different limits to those in Parts B and C which need to be observed as a result of these configurations ► **should** ◄ be detailed.

Where equipment is role-related but not considered a role fit item (eg a hoist which is fitted all the time as opposed to solely during Search And Rescue (SAR) missions) this needs to be included in Section C.

When operation is dependent on the Air System configuration this will be expressed unambiguously (eg including reference to the relevant Modification number). If necessary, compatibility matrices ► **should** ◄ be used.

Where an OEC or CLE is appropriate, it is referenced in Part F and the detail is placed in Part D.

Part D is likely to be highly Air System specific.

The headings suggested are indicative and not prescriptive.

Examples of section headings for a Fixed Wing Air System include:

- Authorized Configurations (with associated Carriage, Release and Jettison limits)
- Air to Air Refuelling
- Target Towing
- Loading Limitations (including Passengers and freight)
- Ferry Configurations
- Air Drop
- Parachuting
- Reconnaissance

Examples of section headings for a Rotary Wing Air System include:

- Underslung Load Operations
- Winch Operations
- Casevac
- Anti-Submarine Warfare
- Anti-Surface Warfare
- Troop Carrying
- SAR
- Parachuting
- Surveillance

Part E – Temporary Information

Part E is reserved for the 'Management of Temporary Information'. Clearances included in this section ► **should** ◀ be of a genuinely transitory nature (eg the clearance of a SM for a short duration trial after which it will be removed); or included within this part through operational necessity as a temporary amendment, pending its inclusion in the appropriate part at the next formal amendment of the RTS and / or ADS. Each element of Part E will have been derived from a supplementary Safety Assessment, and provides information (limitations) on one or more aspects of Air System operation. This section may also be used to promulgate other urgent information to Aircrew pending formal amendment of Aircrew publications (eg operating data in support of a new clearance). This part may also be used for time-limited clearances (eg any that are specific to an operation or exercise), and where it is expected that they will not form part of the RTS in the longer term.

The RTSA has the option to place the Temporary ► **Information** ◀ entirely within Part E of the RTS, or to insert pages in the appropriate places throughout the ADS, or a combination, whichever method suits the particular circumstances.

► When specific Temporary Information is included within Section E it is suggested that this be presented under suitable sub-heading(s) below sub-section E.3 (eg 'E.2.1 Temporary Clearance {insert number} - Limitations for Operation {insert title}'). ◀

This section may be subdivided into the following sections:

Record of Temporary Clearances.

Record of Temporary Restrictions.

Record of Temporary Information Notices.

The information within Part E ► **should** ◀ provide:

A record of all current Temporary ► **Information**; ◀

The definition of the applicability of each Temporary ► **Information** ◀ (eg tail number, Operational Evaluation Unit (OEU) flying only, named exercise, named operation);

The arrangements for withdrawal of each Temporary ► **Information** ◀ (eg calendar, embodiment of a Modification);

A definition of the parts of the ADS affected by each Temporary ► **Information**; ◀

The location of the information relating to the Temporary ► **Information**. ◀

E.1 Record of Temporary Clearances

Temporary Clearance №	Title	Applicability	Arrangement for Withdrawal (to include duration)	Affected parts of ADS	Location ► within RTS ◀

E.2 Record of Temporary Restrictions

Temporary Restrictions №	Title	Applicability	Arrangement for Withdrawal (to include duration)	Affected parts of ADS	Location ► within RTS ◀

E.3 Record of Temporary Information Notices

Temporary Information Notices №	Title	Applicability	Arrangement for Withdrawal (to include duration)	Affected parts of ADS	Location ► within RTS ◀

Part F – Clearances with Limited Evidence / Operational Emergency Clearances

The purpose of Part F ► **should** ◄ record where information has been included within the RTS that has not been derived from a fully substantiated Safety Assessment; such clearances are termed 'Clearances with Limited Evidence' (CLE). Each CLE will be integrated into the appropriate part of the RTS, and identified as a CLE through cross referencing to the Part F register. Such clearances are subject to periodic review, frequent amendment, and some may be applicable only to certain marks, operating units or even individual Air Systems. Following a periodic review or change to such clearance, the applicability and validity of the CLE may change.

An Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) can be applied to a clearance residing in the main body of the appropriate section of the RTS and referenced in Part F (if appropriate). The RTS ► **should** ◄ present OECs in a separate sub section within the section to which they are applicable. The OEC ► **should** ◄ include an indication of the reason for identifying it as a high Risk clearance. A full explanation of the Risks ► **should** ◄ be retained by the TAA within the Audit trail.

The information within Part F.1 and F.2 ► **should** ◄ provide:

The title of the CLE / OEC.

A record of all current CLEs / OECs.

The definition of the applicability of each CLE / OEC (eg Tail Number, OEU flying only, named exercise, named operation).

The review period of the CLE / OEC is defined in RA 1300 Regulation 4 and Regulation 5.

The arrangements for withdrawal of each CLE / OEC (eg calendar, embodiment of a Modification).

The location within the RTS of the details of the CLE / OEC.

F.1 Record of Clearances with Limited Evidence

<i>Clearance with Limited Evidence N^o</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Arrangement for Withdrawal</i>	<i>Location within RTS</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

F.2 Record of Operational Emergency Clearances

<i>Operational Emergency Clearance N^o</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Arrangement for Withdrawal</i>	<i>Location within RTS</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

Part G – RTS History

Not part of promulgated RTS.

*This part covers the historical function required to ensure Airworthiness. It is a record of all the Safety Assessment data that has been used in compiling the RTS and provides justification for all elements of the RTS content. It is not required that the full Audit trail be produced in Part G, but rather that it defines what the Safety Assessment Audit trail is, and identifies where the information can be located. It will be maintained by the RTSA in conjunction with the TAA throughout the life of the Air System; after the Out of Service Date appropriate data ► **should** ◄ be retained for 5 years¹⁴. Some elements may exist as databases in their own right. Careful consideration will be given to archiving such material and it ► **should not** ◄ be destroyed until at least 5 years¹⁴ after the Air System is Out of Service.*

The minimum that is required in Section G is an index of where the following information can be found:

Attribution matrix specifying the source of every element of the earlier parts.

Design documentation (F100 Series Forms, MPTF³⁶ etc).

List of Trials and associated Reports not covered by the design documentation.

Details of any Safety Assessments relating to the Air System or its Systems.

Details of sentencing of trial recommendations.

Other baseline data used in generating the first issue.

Details of all changes to the initial issue (amendments and subsequent issues) to include: their nature, the reason for their introduction and the individual authorizing their implementation.

Acceptable layouts for Part G include, but are not limited to:

A reference to one or more series of files held in particular locations. Thus it could be a list such as: RTSA RTS Safety Assessment files {file series reference}, TAA Modification files {file series reference}, and Independent Evaluation and Audit²⁰ reports {reference to list of applicable reports}. Each of these groups of files could, and often will, be held in different locations which need to be specified³⁷.

A reference to an Airworthiness or Safety Assessment database. Many modern Air Systems will be developed with much, or all, of the information relevant to the RTS held on a Safety Assessment or configuration database. A reference to this database is acceptable, providing that the database references further source documents, or data⁶.

³⁶ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

³⁷ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1305 - Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task)

Rationale

A Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) (In-Service) and MPTF (Special Case Flying) is the flight release and limitations document¹ authorizing the operation of an Air System in the Civilian Operated (In-Service)² and Special Case Flying DAE Operating Categories. An MPTF (Single Task) permits the bespoke flight release limitations for a specific flight outside of an MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying). Not having an MPTF (In-Service), MPTF (Special Case Flying) or MPTF (Single Task) could result in the Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) and Aircrew not knowing the limitations placed on the Air System. This RA describes the process and Air Safety governance requirements for Authorization and issue of an MPTF (In Service), MPTF (Special Case Flying) and MPTF (Single Task).

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Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1. **MPTF (In-Service).** The MPTF (In-Service) is the flight release and limitations document applicable to Air Systems being operated under the Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS) in the Civilian Operated (In-Service) DAE Operating Category².
2. **MPTF (Special Case Flying).** The MPTF (Special Case Flying) is the flight release and limitation document applicable to Air Systems being operated under the CFAOS in the Special Case Flying DAE Operating Category.
3. **MPTF (Single Task).** The MPTF (Single Task) is the flight release and limitations document for bespoke circumstances when an Air System is required to operate outside its extant MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying). An example being a ferry flight following damage to the Air System. An MPTF (Single-Task) will apply for a single flight (or a series of multi-sector ferry flights) and will reflect the defined conditions under which the Air System is deemed safe to operate.

Applicability

Applicability of this RA

4. This RA applies to Air Systems, except Open and Specific S1 Category Remotely Piloted Air Systems, operating in the Civilian Operated (In-Service) and Civil Operated (Special Case Flying) DAE Operating Categories.

¹ Analogous to the Release To Service (RTS) authorizing the operation of an Air System in the Military Operated (In-Service) Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Category.

² The RTS may also be used by the Sponsor to authorize flying in the Civilian Operated (In-Service) DAE Operating Category for Air Systems temporarily Allotted in accordance with RA 1164. Refer to RA 1164 – Transfer of UK Military Registered Air Systems.

Regulation 1305(1)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service)

1305(1) Civilian Operated (In-Service) Air Systems **shall** operate under an MPTF (In-Service).

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(1)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service)

5. The MPTF (In-Service) **should** be an integrated document with all Limitations and associated Warnings, Cautions, and Notes detailed in the appropriate parts (see the MPTF (In-Service) template on the MAA websites) and:

- a. Define the permissible as-flown Configuration(s) of the Air System, establish the boundary and context for the supported Air System Safety Case (ASSC) and detail any procedural Safety mitigations required.
- b. Detail the permitted flight envelope of the Air System including discrete prohibitions³.
- c. Detail any Limitations, Warnings, Cautions, or Notes required as a result of Type Design Changes (eg: Air Launched Weapons (ALW))^{3, 4}.
- d. Include all Equipment that is authorized to be carried in or fitted to the Air System^{5, 6, 7}.
- e. Include all Temporary Information affecting the MPTF (In-Service).
- f. Record all Clearances with Limited Evidence (CLE).
- g. If applicable⁸, include a Minimum Equipment List (MEL).
- h. Include an Audit trail of amendments.
- i. Be subject to a formal review, by the Sponsor⁹, on a 5 yearly basis against the template and the recommendations leading to amendment of the MPTF (In-Service).
- j. Where there is any conflict between limits specified within the MPTF (In-Service) the most restrictive **should** be used.
- k. If referenced, include in the Aircrew Equipment Assemblies section, the DAP108B-0001-1 issue and amendment state.

6. There may be an urgent need to operate the Air System for a specific activity, beyond the approved limitations and constraints of the extant MPTF (In-Service), where an MPTF (Single Task) **should** be issued and authorized¹⁰.

7. The content of the MPTF (In-Service) **should** be:

- a. Auditable and traceable back to the source data.
- b. Maintained by the Operator throughout the life of the Air System and appropriate data retained¹¹.

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Military Permit To Fly (In-Service)

8. Temporary Information includes: Temporary Clearances, Temporary Restrictions, and Temporary Information Notices. The details of Temporary Information will be located in Part E of the MPTF (In-Service). Within Temporary Information, where a Temporary Clearance is used, it is to be of a genuinely transitory

³ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

⁴ Refer to RA 1350 – Air Launched Weapon Release.

⁵ Refer to RA 1340 – Equipment Not Basic to the Air System.

⁶ Refer to RA 1345 – The Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates.

⁷ This RA is not applicable to items properly classified as cargo. Cargo is regulated by the Movement and Transport Safety Regulator as directed by JSP 800.

⁸ The inclusion of the MEL is applicable where the Master MEL forms part of the Type Certification Basis of the Air System.

⁹ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned Air Systems or Civilian Operated Air Systems – Air Safety Responsibilities.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1305(4): Military Permit to Fly (Single Task).

¹¹ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

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nature (eg the clearance of a Modification for a short duration trial after which it will be removed, test equipment for short term use only, etc). Temporary Clearances with a fully substantiated and evidenced Safety Assessment would be included in Part E of the MPTF (In-Service) as stand-alone entries (not covered by a CLE); if the Safety Assessment is not fully substantiated or does not meet the Design Safety Target, the Temporary Clearance would also need to be covered by either a CLE and listed / cross-referenced in Part F. Temporary Clearances will be expected to reference the specific Air System tail numbers or other applicability restrictions (eg Aircrew requirements, software loads, operating restrictions, etc) it is applicable to.

Regulation 1305(2)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Recommendation

1305(2) The TAA **shall** submit the Initial MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation or Major Changes to Type Design to the Operating Centre Director (OCD). The OCD **shall** approve and issue the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(2)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Recommendation

9. Preparation of the data to support the MPTF Recommendation **should** be completed by an appropriate Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM)¹².
10. The MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation evidence **should** provide the argument, backed up by appropriate evidence, that supports the Airworthiness arguments of the MPTF (In-Service). All clearances and associated limitations **should** be in a format consistent with the MPTF (In-Service) structure.
11. The TAA **should** submit the initial MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation, Major Changes to Type Design, and subsequent amendment and re-issue to the nominated OCD for Approval and issue. Amendments to, or re-issues of, the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation **should** only be made by the TAM if agreed within the Sponsor's approved model for Type Airworthiness (TAw) management. Amendments to, or re-issues of, the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation made by the TAM **should** be reviewed by the TAA and submitted to the OCD for Approval and issue.
12. As the approving authority for the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation, the OCD **should** be at 2* level or above with an appropriate Airworthiness delegation.
13. The OCD **should** submit the initial MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation or Major Change evidence to the MAA for independent review¹³.
14. Once reviewed by the MAA, the OCD **should** issue the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation to the Sponsor.
15. The Sponsor **should** ensure appropriate independent scrutiny of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation, alongside the operator submitted MPTF (In-Service).
16. The initial MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation **should** include, as a key component, the outcome of the MAA's Military Air Systems Certification Process (MACP)^{3, 14}.

Guidance Material 1305(2)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Recommendation

17. The MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation is the statement, certified by the TAA and submitted to the OCD and Sponsor, that a Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA) has been prepared for the Air System and an acceptable level of Airworthiness has been achieved.
18. As part of the MACP, there is a requirement for type Certification evidence to support the issue of a Military Type Certificate (MTC) or an Approved Design Change

¹² Where there is no TAM, the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation will be prepared by the TAA.

¹³ Via DSA-MAA-Cert-PTC@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁴ Refer to the Manual of Military Air System Certification (MMAC).

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Certificate (ADCC), which supports the issuance of an MPTF (In-Service). For types with existing Civil Type Certificates or those certified by another Military Airworthiness Authority that has been Recognized by the MAA¹⁵, the MAA may award credit towards completion of the MACP. Details of the structured two-part process to determine the credit to be awarded for such activities are detailed in RA 5810³ and the MMAR¹⁵.

19. To facilitate delivery of the Air System into service it might be necessary to clear certain aspects of the Air System in advance of others. In such cases, the MPTF (In-Service) will proceed in stages. The priority of each stage will be agreed between the appropriate AM(MF), the Sponsor and the TAA.

20. For Equipment Not Basic to the Air System (ENBAS), the TAM and / or TAA will ensure that the equipment Safety evidence covers all aspects of the proposed Air System's use and is appropriately addressed through a TASA. The TAA and / or TAM will ensure this Safety evidence supports the AM(MF)'s ASSC and if necessary, is captured in the relevant MPTF (In-Service) by including any associated Air System limitations applicable to the ENBAS.

21. The MAA independent Assurance¹³ of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation will examine Equipment Defence Lines of Development (DLoD) aspects of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation, equipment Risks and any associated Risk to Life (RtL), the communication of those Risks to the Sponsor and AM(MF) and, where appropriate, proposed mitigations. The MAA Audit will result in an Audit Report, covered by a Sponsor Assurance Letter to the Sponsor for consideration, giving MAA advice on the Equipment DLoD aspects of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation.

Regulation 1305(3)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Preparation and Authorization

1305(3) The MPTF (In-Service) **shall** be prepared by the Operator and **shall** be authorized by the Sponsor.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(3)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Preparation and Authorization

22. The MPTF (In-Service) **should** be prepared by the Operator, ensuring appropriate input from all DLoD leads.

23. As the authorizing authority for the MPTF (In-Service) the Sponsor **should** be at 2* level or above with an appropriate delegation from the relevant service Chief of Staff or Chief Executive Officer.

24. Prior to authorizing the MPTF (In-Service) and subsequent amendments the Sponsor **should**:

- a. Ensure an appropriate level of independent scrutiny of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendations and MPTF (In-Service) is undertaken.
- b. Obtain a Certificate of Registration for the Aircraft from the MAA¹⁶.
- c. Be satisfied that all RtL has been identified and brought to the attention of the AM(MF).
- d. Be satisfied that all DLoDs are at an appropriate level of maturity.
- e. Be satisfied that an Air Safety Management System (ASMS) is in place that describes how changes to an Air System, and any associated limitations and procedure, are to be managed.
- f. Be engaged with the AM(MF)'s ASSC governance structure to ensure the Operator has appropriate means to ensure the integrity of the MPTF (In-Service) is maintained.

25. Amendments to the MPTF (In-Service) **should** be prepared by the TAM and **should** be reviewed by the Operator and TAA before submission to the Sponsor for Authorization.

¹⁵ Refer to the Manual of Military Airworthiness Recognition (MMAR).

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1161(3): Request for Activation on the UK Military Aircraft Register.

Guidance Material 1305(3)

Military Permit To Fly (In-Service) Preparation and Authorization

26. A flow chart summarizing the route to Authorization of the MPTF (In-Service) is at Annex A.

27. When authorizing the MPTF (In-Service), the Sponsor will take a proportionate based approach to the scrutiny that is required of the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation and MPTF (In-Service), depending on the Air System's operating context. Independent scrutiny could be conducted by either a MOD organization (such as a Release To Service Authority) or a suitably independent, Competent and experienced civilian organization.

28. As the authorizing authority for the MPTF (In-Service), the Sponsor will consider the submission in light of the independent MAA Audit and the maturity of the other DLoDs as presented in an ASSC Report. The Sponsor may accept the MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation with Risk outside the Design Safety Target but will ensure that the AM(MF) has made an associated statement of tolerability and that it is captured appropriately in the ASSC. In considering an MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation, the Sponsor will, as a minimum:

- a. Obtain confirmation that all the operating and support elements necessary to preserve the Airworthiness of the Air System during operation are in place.
- b. Review the adequacy of the Safety justification and consider the change in overall Risk to the Air System.
- c. Highlight the implications on operating Safety.
- d. Assure the sufficiency of the Air System Document Set.

29. Obtain Assurance that the DLoDs are at an appropriate level of maturity.

Regulation 1305(4)

Military Permit To Fly (Single Task)

1305(4) Civilian Operated (In-Service) and Special Case Flying Air Systems **shall** operate under an MPTF (Single Task) when required to operate outside the extant MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying).

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(4)

Military Permit To Fly (Single Task)

30. The 2* Sponsor **should** endorse the TAA / TAM decision to invoke an MPTF (Single Task).

31. The MPTF (Single Task) **should**:

- a. Follow the format shown in the MPTF (Single Task) template (held on the MAA websites).
- b. Refer to relevant parts of the MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying) for clearances and limitations that remain applicable for the single task flight activity.
- c. Define the additional clearances and associated limitations, beyond the Air Systems MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying), specific to the single task flight activity.
- d. Define any additional as-flown Configuration(s) of the Air System.
- e. Include any additional ENBAS that is required to be carried in or fitted to the Air System for the purposes of the single task flight activity.
- f. Define any additional conditions to the MEL.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(4)

32. For Civilian Operated (In-Service) Air Systems, issue and Authorization of the MPTF (Single Task) **should** be completed by the Sponsor's nominated TAA, with a copy sent to the Sponsor.

33. For Special Case Flying Air Systems, issue and Authorization of the MPTF (Single Task) **should** be completed by the Sponsor's nominated TAM, with a copy sent to the Sponsor.

Guidance Material 1305(4)

Military Permit To Fly (Single Task)

34. The MPTF (Single Task) is a single task flight activity limitations-based document supported, where necessary, by evidence from all DLoDs.

35. Where the activity requires a series of ferry flights, within which the Airworthiness Configuration and limitations imposed on the Air System remain unchanged, then an MPTF (Single Task) is valid.

Regulation 1305(5)

Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying) Recommendation

1305(5) The Design Organization (DO) **shall** submit the Initial MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation or Major Changes to Type Design to the TAM. The TAM **shall** approve and issue the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(5)

Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying) Recommendation

36. Preparation of the data to support the MPTF Recommendation **should** be completed by an appropriate DO.

37. The TAM **should** certify the initial issue of MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation and subsequent amendment and re-issue.

38. The MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation evidence **should** provide the argument, backed up by appropriate evidence, that supports the Airworthiness arguments of the MPTF (Special Case Flying). All clearances and associated limitations **should** be in a format consistent with the MPTF (Special Case Flying) structure.

39. The DO **should** submit the initial MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation and Major Change evidence to the TAM for Approval and issue. Amendments to the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation made by the DO **should** be submitted to the TAM for Approval and issue.

40. The TAM **should** submit the initial MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation or Major Change evidence to the MAA for independent review¹³.

41. Once reviewed by the MAA, the TAM **should** issue the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation to the Sponsor.

42. The Sponsor **should** ensure appropriate independent scrutiny of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation, alongside the operator submitted MPTF (Special Case Flying).

43. The initial MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation **should** include, as a key component, the outcome of the MAA's MACP^{3, 14}.

Guidance Material 1305(5)

Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying) Recommendation

44. The MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation is the statement, certified by the TAM and submitted to the Sponsor, that a TASA has been prepared for the Air System and an acceptable level of Airworthiness has been achieved.

45. As part of the MACP, there is a requirement for type Certification evidence to support the issue of an MTC or an ADCC, which supports the issuance of an MPTF

Guidance Material 1305(5)

(Special Case Flying). For types with existing Civil Type Certificates or those certified by another Military Airworthiness Authority that has been Recognized by the MAA¹⁵, the MAA may award credit towards completion of the MACP. Details of the structured two-part process to determine the credit to be awarded for such activities are detailed in RA 5810³ and the MMAC¹⁴.

46. To facilitate delivery of the Air System into its intended operation it might be necessary to clear certain aspects of the Air System in advance of others. In such cases, the MPTF (Special Case Flying) will proceed in stages. The priority of each stage will be agreed between the AM(MF), the Sponsor and the TAM.

47. For ENBAS, the TAM will ensure that the equipment Safety evidence covers all aspects of the proposed Air System's use and is appropriately addressed through a TASA. The TAM will ensure this Safety evidence supports the AM(MF)'s ASSC and if necessary, is captured in the relevant MPTF (Special Case Flying) by including any associated Air System limitations applicable to the ENBAS.

48. The MAA independent Audit¹³ of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation will examine Equipment DLoD aspects of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation, equipment Risks and any associated Rtl, the communication of those Risks to the Sponsor and AM(MF) and, where appropriate, proposed mitigations. The MAA Audit will result in an Audit Report, covered by a Sponsor Assurance Letter to the Sponsor for consideration, giving MAA advice on the Equipment DLoD aspects of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendation.

Regulation 1305(6)

Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying)

1305(6) Special Case Flying Air Systems, not in development¹⁷, **shall** operate under an MPTF (Special Case Flying).

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1305(6)

Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying)

49. The MPTF (Special Case Flying) **should** be an integrated document, with all clearances and associated limitations detailed in the appropriate parts and:

- a. Follow the format shown in the MPTF (Special Case Flying) template (held on the MAA websites).
- b. Define the as-flown Configuration(s) of the Air System, establish the boundary and context for the supported ASSC and detail any procedural Safety mitigations required.
- c. Detail the permitted flight envelope of the Air System, including activities that are not permitted.
- d. Include all ENBAS⁵ that is authorized to be carried in or fitted to the Air System⁵.
- e. Include all temporary information affecting the MPTF (Special Case Flying).
- f. Include an Audit trail of amendments.
- g. If applicable, include an MEL.
- h. Be subject to a formal review, by the Sponsor, on a 5 yearly basis.

50. Procedures and limitations for the carriage, release, and jettison of Airborne Equipment (AE) or ALW **should** be included in the MPTF (Special Case Flying) of the Air System. AE and ALW Release certificates **should** be in the format detailed in RA 1345⁶ and RA 1350⁴, respectively.

¹⁷ Those under development **shall** operate under an MPTF (Development). See RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

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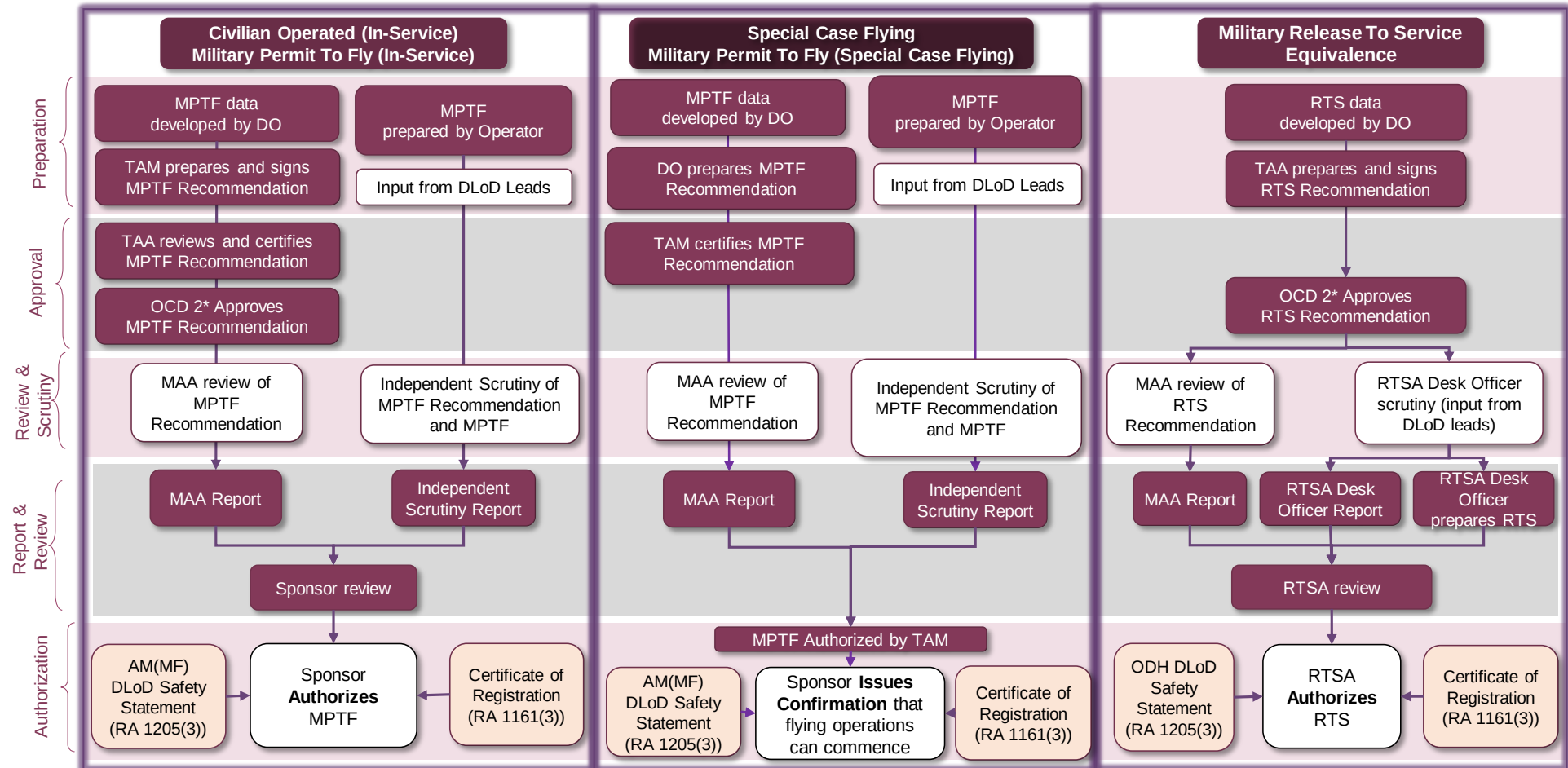
51. Preparation of data to support the MPTF (Special Case Flying) **should** be collated by an organization holding an appropriate MAA Design Approved Organization Scheme Approval.
52. Preparation of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) **should** be completed by the Operator, ensuring input from all DLoD leads.
53. The MPTF (Special Case Flying) **should** be approved and issued by the TAM.
54. The Sponsor **should** ensure Independent scrutiny of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) is completed.
55. Once satisfied with the MPTF (Special Case Flying); the independent scrutiny; and upon receipt of the Certificate of Registration, the Sponsor **should** authorize commencement of flying operations by issue of the Certificate of Commencement of Flight (template held on the MAA websites).
56. Amendments to the MPTF (Special Case Flying), and the subsequent changes to the approved MPTF (Special Case Flying), **should** be made by the TAM.
57. There may be an urgent need to operate the Air System for a specific activity, beyond the approved limitations and constraints of the extant MPTF (Special Case Flying), where an MPTF (Single Task) **should** be issued and authorized¹⁰.

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1305(6)****Military Permit To Fly (Special Case Flying)**

58. As part of the MACP, there is a requirement for type Certification evidence to support the issue of a MTC or an ADCC, which supports the issuance of an MPTF (Special Case Flying). For types with existing Civil Type Certificates or those certified by another Military Airworthiness Authority that has been Recognized by the MAA¹⁵, the MAA may award credit towards completion of the MACP. Details of the structured two-part process to determine the credit to be awarded for such activities are detailed in RA 5810³ and the MMAC¹⁴.
59. A flow chart summarizing the route to Authorization of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) is at Annex A.
60. The Certificate of Commencement of Flight needs to be issued for the initial MPTF (Special Case Flying) only.
61. For Major Changes, the Sponsor needs to be informed ahead of the MPTF (Special Case Flying) being re-issued.

Annex A

Figure 1 - Route to Authorization of a Military Permit to Fly (In-Service) and (Special Case Flying)



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RA 1310 - Air System Document Set

Rationale

Air Systems can only be operated and maintained safely if there exists a set of instructions which describes: operating procedures, operating limitations and Maintenance procedures. These publications are known collectively as the Air System Document Set (ADS). Deficiencies within the ADS may mean the Air System is no longer Safe to Operate, or being Operated Safely. This RA requires individuals and organizations to identify their responsibilities in maintaining the integrity of the ADS, throughout the life of the Air System.

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Regulation 1310(1)

The Air System Document Set

1310(1) The Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)¹, Commodity Chief Engineer (CE)², Operating Duty Holder (ODH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) and Release To Service Authority (RTSA) **shall** define the scope, develop and maintain their contributions to the ADS.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1310(1)

The Air System Document Set

1. The ADS is a bespoke set of instructions for each Air System and its scope **should** be defined by the TAA, Commodity CE, ODH / AM(MF) and RTSA's contributions, as applicable.
2. The TAA **should** produce an ADS management plan, in consultation with the Commodity CE, ODH / AM(MF) and RTSA, which:
 - a. Defines the contributions of the TAA, Commodity CE, ODH / AM(MF) and RTSA.
 - b. Details who is authorized³ to approve and make changes to the scope and content of the ADS.
 - c. Ensures that all operating procedures, operating limitations and Maintenance instructions needed to maintain Airworthiness are developed in accordance with the Type Certification Basis⁴.
 - d. Ensures that amendments to the ADS are promulgated to relevant users in a timely manner.
 - e. Describes the processes to ensure the ADS is managed effectively throughout the Air System's complete life cycle.
 - f. Describes the processes for Validation and Verification of the ADS.
 - g. Describes the processes for the management of Unsatisfactory Feature Reports (UFR).

¹ Where the Air System is Civilian-Owned, ownership of regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model for Type Airworthiness (TAw) management; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed split of TAw responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

² Although a Commodity CE is not the delegated authority to amend the ADS (refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility), the TAA is critically reliant upon Commodity CE inputs in manuals to maintain Airworthiness and meet the TAA's Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

³ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility and RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J).

⁴ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

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3. The TAA **should**:
 - a. Define the scope and structure of the Aircrew Publications (AP)⁵ and Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness (ISTA)⁶ within a leaflet in the Orders and Instructions issued by the TAA (Topic 2(N/A/R)1)⁷.
 - b. Provide the ODH / AM(MF) with source material to feed into the Air Transport Operation Manuals (ATOM).
 - c. Provide the source material for the Release To Service (RTS) within the RTS Recommendation (RTSR)⁸.
 - d. Provide the source material for a Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)⁹.
 - e. Ensure the Statement of Operating Intent (SOI) / Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOIU) is published in the ADS once authorized by the Aircraft Operating Authority (AOA)¹⁰.
4. The Commodity CE **should**:
 - a. Prepare ISTA as required by the TAA⁶ for Commodity Delivery Team provisioned Products, Parts and Appliances and Air Launched Weapons.
 - b. Approve Maintenance Manuals to support off-aircraft Maintenance of Products, Parts and Appliances.
 - c. Approve Maintenance Manuals to support off-aircraft equipment, which is required by the TAA's Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment¹¹ and the ODH / AM(MF)'s Air System Safety Case¹².
5. Where appropriate the ODH / AM(MF) in collaboration with the Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit (JADTEU), **should** define the scope, structure and manage the ATOM.
6. Where appropriate the RTSA¹³ **should** authorize and issue an initial RTS and subsequent RTS amendments.

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The Air System Document Set

7. **The ADS management plan.** In developing the ADS management plan, the following may be considered:
 - a. Stakeholders, including the scope and nature of their responsibilities.
 - b. Governance, including the meetings (agenda, frequency and attendees) and review procedures that will be used periodically to assess the ADS and share the status of activities between relevant stakeholders.
 - c. Configuration management, detailing the processes for maintaining and updating the ADS to reflect the RTS / MPTF cleared configuration of the Air System.
 - d. Amendments may be made by means of a MOD Form 765 UFR, MOD Form 765X Aircrew Publications Amendment Request or equivalent.
8. **Aircrew Publications.** Aircrew Publications⁵ are the TAA approved user information on the technical details, performance and handling characteristics of an Air System. They also include the normal operating and emergency procedures.
9. **ISTA.** ISTA⁶ are TAA approved Instructions and combined suite of methods, inspections, processes, and procedures necessary to maintain an Air System's Type and Continuing Airworthiness and ability to deliver its operational capabilities.

⁵ Refer to RA 5406 – Aircrew Publications.

⁶ Refer to RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness.

⁷ The Topic number in brackets are legacy military references.

⁸ Refer to RA 1360 – Release To Service Recommendations Preparation and Authorization.

⁹ Where an Air System is operated under MPTF, refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P) or RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹⁰ Refer to MAA01: MAA Regulatory Policy, Chapter 3, paragraph 10.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1220 – Delivery Team Airworthiness and Safety.

¹² Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹³ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

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10. **ATOM.** JADTEU are the subject matter experts on all air transport information. The ATOM is the suite of publications used to enable the effective delivery of air transport capability for a given Air System. It is comprised of five key parts:
 - a. General information and the carriage of personnel and cargo (Topic 11A).
 - b. Tie-down schemes - planned and special loads (Topic 11B).
 - c. Carriage and despatch of parachutists and / or air-dropped loads - Parachuting of personnel and air-dropping of loads (Topic 11C).
 - d. Loading information (Topic 11D).
 - e. Underslung Load Clearance (USLC).
11. **SOI / SOIU.** The SOI is the means by which the AOA formally conveys the operating intent for a new Air System type or major mark to the TAA. The SOI is converted into an SOIU as soon as sufficient representative In-Service usage data is accumulated, no later than 3 years after In-Service Date (ISD).
12. The appropriate AOA owns and authorizes each issue of, and any amendment to, the SOI / SOIU. The AOA will advise the TAA, via the SOI / SOIU (which will state the operating parameters and conditions the Air System is operating in, or expected to operate in), about any changes to the operating parameters and conditions to enable the TAA to plan and carry out engineering activities to support the Air System's intended usage.
13. **RTS.** The RTS¹³ is the document that authorizes Service flying. It is based on the RTSR and includes the definitive limits for the Air System.

Regulation 1310(2)

Validation of the Air System Document Set

- 1310(2) The TAA, Commodity CE and ODH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure, through validation, that all the information contained within their contribution to the ADS is technically accurate.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1310(2)

Validation of the Air System Document Set

14. The TAA, Commodity CE or ODH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that quality assurance processes are in place to validate that all the information contained within the ADS is technically accurate before first use.
15. The TAA, Commodity CE or ODH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that the ADS is reviewed on a regular basis to ensure its continued validity and accuracy.
16. When practical validation trials are deemed necessary, they **should be** conducted under conditions that provide reasonable assurance that the procedure can be accomplished under normal In-Service conditions.
17. Flight or safety-critical procedures **should** be validated by practical trial, except where it can be shown that such procedures have already been accomplished on identical installations, for example, civil aeroplanes / equipment adopted for Service use.
18. Descriptive material **should** be validated by means of a comparative check against design source material to ensure its accuracy.
19. At the conclusion of validation, all work delivered to the TAA or Commodity CE for acceptance **should** be accompanied by evidence that validation has been completed.

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20. Procedural material may be validated in one or more of three ways:
- A practical trial of the procedure.
 - A simulated practical trial whereby the text is taken to the materiel concerned and the procedure is 'talked through'.
 - A 'table-top' comparison with a similar procedure that has been subject to practical trial.

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- 1310(3) The TAA, Commodity CE and ODH / AM(MF) **shall** ensure that the relevant quality checks are carried out to verify that all the information contained within their contribution to the ADS is safe in application and suitable for its intended purpose.

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21. The TAA, Commodity CE or ODH / AM(MF) **should** implement a process that satisfies themselves¹⁴, through verification, that the information contained within the validated ADS meets the user requirement, can be used for its intended purpose by operators and maintainers under normal operating conditions and is coherent with authorized limitations^{15, 16}.

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22. Nil.

¹⁴ Using operators and / or maintainers where required, or an individual akin to a User Authenticator.

¹⁵ Such as those within the RTS.

¹⁶ See the Defence Aircrew Publications Guide for further info.

RA 1340 - Equipment Not Basic to the Air System

Rationale

Equipment Not Basic to the Air System (ENBAS)¹ comprises items which are carried onboard / attached to the Air System to support delivery of the required capability but are not included within either the Air System design drawings or Certification of the Type Design². Failure to properly identify and assess all ENBAS in the Air System Safety Case (ASSC)³ could lead to unmanaged Hazards and a lack of appropriate Risk mitigation. Therefore, all ENBAS requires a Safety Assessment prior to inclusion in the Release To Service (RTS)⁴ or appropriate Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)⁵.

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1340(1) Operating Duty Holders (ODH) / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) **shall** ensure ENBAS is addressed in their ASSC and included in the RTS / appropriate MPTF.

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1. ODHs / AM(MF)s **should** ensure that ASSC are supported by a Safety Assessment for carriage, fitment and operation of ENBAS.
2. The Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)⁶ **should** ensure that a Safety Assessment has been completed prior to authorizing ENBAS for inclusion in the RTS Recommendations or appropriate MPTF.
3. The RTS Authority (RTSA) **should** ensure that all authorized ENBAS is included in the RTS **▶** and supported by an appropriate Safety Assessment.
4. The Safety Assessment **should** define the Configuration and approved operating environment for the equipment to which it applies. Where the ENBAS is supported by a Commodity Letter of Air Safety Notification (LoAN) holder Safety Assessment⁷, the TAA is responsible for ensuring **▶ the ◀** Air System provides an operating environment that meets the safe operating conditions identified in the Commodity Safety Assessment.
5. The Safety Assessment **should** identify the limitations and procedures necessary to achieve safe carriage (including secure stowage when not in use), fitment and operation of the intended Configuration.
6. Relevant detail from the Safety Assessment **should** be included in the Air System Document Set (ADS)⁸ and local orders.
7. The Safety Assessment **should** be reviewed on changes to the equipment or its operating context.
8. Troop Insertion and Extraction Systems (TIES), Helicopter Under-Slung Load Equipment (HUSLE) and Cargo restraint equipment **should** be selected from items included in Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit (JADTEU) publications⁹.

¹ Examples of ENBAS are provided in Guidance Material.

² Type Design requirements are regulated via RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B). Changes to Type Design are regulated via RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes. Making any permanent change to the Air System Structure or Systems is considered a design change.

³ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁴ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

⁵ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task); and RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

⁶ Where the Air System is not UK MOD owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW Responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁷ Refer to RA 5013 – Air Safety Management of Equipment and Commodity Items.

⁸ Refer to RA 1310 – Air System Document Set.

⁹ Refer to the publications on the JADTEU SharePoint site (organizations without SharePoint access **should** contact JADTEU direct). See also paragraph 14.

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9. Due to the broad scope of potential ENBAS items it is not practical to list them all, but the following example categories will be sufficient to allow informed decisions to be made. The Responsibility for deciding whether an item of equipment requires a change to the Type Design lies with the TAA¹⁰, the key criterion being that any equipment which necessitates change to the Air System¹¹ cannot be ENBAS. Similarly, items which are carried internally but are not required to be used in flight, such as equipment to support Maintenance at the destination, is classified as Cargo and not ENBAS¹². Categories of ENBAS may include but are not limited to:

- a. Aero Medical Equipment (AME)¹³.
- b. Handheld viewing aids.
- c. Hand-launched ordnance.
- d. Personal weapons which can be used in flight.
- e. TIES, HUSLE and Cargo restraint equipment.
- f. Portable Electronic Devices (PED)¹⁴.
- g. Aircrew Equipment Assemblies (AEA) / Survival Equipment (SE) which are worn or carried onboard but are not included in the Type Design.
- h. ► Royal Air Force Centre of Aerospace Medicine manufactured lumbar supports. ◀

10. This RA is not applicable to:

- a. AEA / SE that is included within the Type Design².
- b. Items classified as Cargo (which are regulated by the Movement and Transport Safety Regulator as directed by Joint Service Publication (JSP) 800)¹⁵.
- c. Air Launched Weapons (ALW)¹⁶.
- d. Airborne Equipment¹⁷.
- e. Items of Role Equipment which may affect handling qualities or flight performance, or which necessitate permanent change to the Aircraft (such as fitting mounting frames or dedicated attachment points); these will be included within the Air System Type Design.
- f. Other equipment changes that would affect the Air System Type Design, or for which dedicated Type Certification requirements apply².

11. Each Safety Assessment will need to be sufficiently detailed to address the Hazards identified when the ENBAS is carried and operated in the context defined in the ASSC so that the required As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable assessment can be made by the ODH / AM(MF)³. The relationship of Safety Assessments to the ASSC is depicted in RA 5012¹⁸ Figure 1.

12. The RTS / appropriate MPTF will include limitations and procedures for safe operation of ENBAS (where necessary). Examples may include Aircraft ► Altitude ◀ and speed for conduct of relevant operations; or phases of flight where operation of equipment (such as medical devices) is prohibited. Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity may be required to generate evidence to support the Safety Assessment, such as

¹⁰ Refer to RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management.

¹¹ Such as by drilling holes for attachment points, updating onboard software or connecting equipment to a discrete power supply or the avionics system; these are changes to the Type Design. See paragraph 15 regarding temporary connection of carry-on items to existing sockets.

¹² Refer to RA 2309(9): Carriage of Loose Articles and Stores for Aircraft Commander Responsibilities to ensure safe stowage.

¹³ AME covers a broad range of equipment which may contain liquids or compressed gases, may be battery operated or require connection to auxiliary power sockets; detailed procedures for secure stowage and operating conditions will be required.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 2360 – Portable Electronic Devices.

¹⁵ Refer to JSP 800: Defence Movement and Transport ► Policy. ◀

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1350 – Air Launched Weapons Release.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1700 series – Airborne Equipment.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

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Human Factors Integration for equipment operation or safe separation from the Aircraft for hand launched ordnance¹⁹.

13. Procedures will also need to consider safe restraint of equipment when not in use and dealing with potential emergencies such as battery fires in electronic equipment.

14. A comprehensive list of all TAA / Commodity Delivery Team (DT) approved TIES²⁰, HUSLE and Cargo restraint equipment are included within the appropriate publications^{9, 21}, including approved Configurations and procedures for their use. Any Safety Assessment will need to exploit the test reports and approved loading schemes which support these publications, referencing engagement with the authorizing authorities where applicable ENBAS items or schemes are not yet included. Additional T&E¹⁹ for the required operational environment and intended role may be required. Where equipment is included in JADTEU publications, the supplier of that equipment will not require Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS) Approval.

15. PEDs / Electronic Flight Bags (EFB) may be classified as ENBAS when their only connection to the Air System is via an existing auxiliary power supply and / or an existing fixed aerial connection; any dedicated wiring for connection to Air System avionics or power will make the equipment part of the Type Design. Guidance on mitigating the Hazards with PEDs / EFBs is available via the Civil Aviation Authority website [▶◀](#). Also, Aviation Duty Holder / AM(MF) are required to publish orders for use of PEDs¹⁴ to augment the limitations that will be required in the RTS / MPTF, based upon the relevant Safety Assessment.

16. The requirement for DAOS Approval will need to be considered²², addressing queries to DSA-MAA-OA-DAOSGroup@mod.gov.uk when clarification is required. If MAA confirm there is no DAOS requirement the Safety Assessment will need to state how the Competence of the organization will be assured.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

²⁰ Refer to RA 2357 – Troop Insertion and Extraction Systems.

²¹ DAP 105F-0706-1 - Internal Cargo Restraint Nets, [▶ General and Technical Information General Orders and Modifications, ◀](#) details items approved by DE&S Air Commodities DT.

²² Refer to RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations.

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► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1350 - Air Launched Weapon Release

Rationale

The Carriage, Release and Jettison (CR&J) of Air Launched Weapons¹ (ALW) from Aircraft presents equipment Risk and Risk to Life (RtL), additional to those from the Air System. Not having all ALW limitations and clearances identified and understood could result in the Air System's stakeholders incorrectly utilizing the ALW. The ALW Release (ALWR) allows the stakeholders to understand all the limitations and clearances applicable to the use of the ALW.

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1350(1) The ALW Delivery Team (DT) Letter of Air Safety Notification (LoAN) holder^{2, 3} **shall** authorize all ALWs for Aircraft CR&J for acceptance by the Air System Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)⁴.

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1. The ALWR **should** be provided by the ALW DT LoAN Holder and is the body of evidence that supports the relevant Safety Assessment in the Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MPTF (Dev))⁵ and / or Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA)⁶, and Air System Safety Case (ASSC)⁷. The ALWR **should** be tailored and proportionate to the complexity of the ALW and the associated Hazards.
2. The ALWR **should** encompass CR&J and refer directly to all the limitations and clearances required by the Safety and Environmental Case Report (SECR) and the "Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives" (OME) Safety Review Panel Assurance Statement (OAS)⁸ for the ALW.

Note:

Where an OAS is not achievable in the required timescales, but the ALW DT can demonstrate continued Safety, a Demonstrably Safe Statement (DSS), which provides 1st party Assurance, may be acceptable as an interim solution to obtaining an OAS as per DSA03.OME Defence Code of Practice 117(f)⁹. DSSs **should not** normally be longer than 6 months.

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3. Where the ALW is authorized for inclusion in MPTF (Dev) to conduct Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity¹⁰ it **should** be supported by issue of an Interim ALWR by the ALW DT LoAN holder to an appropriate level of maturity.

¹ Refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

³ Where there is no ALW DT LoAN holder, the TAA **shall** contact the MAA (DSA-MAA-Cert-ES4-ArmSys@mod.gov.uk) to ensure an appropriate regulatory framework (see paragraph 8).

⁴ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁵ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

⁶ Refer to RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁸ Refer to DSA 02.OME – Defence Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives (OME) Regulations.

⁹ Refer to DSA 03.OME – Part 1 Acquisition Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) 117 – OME Safety Review Panel and Assurance Statement.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

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4. Where the ALW is authorized for inclusion in the Release To Service (RTS)¹¹, MPTF (In-Service) or MPTF (Special Case Flying)¹² it **should** be by issue of an ALWR by the ALW DT LoAN Holder prior to any Rtl being incurred from in-service operations. Integration of the ALW **should** be addressed by the TAA through the Military Air System Certification Process¹³.

ALW DT LoAN Holder responsibilities

5. The ALW DT LoAN holder **should** ensure:
- The Air System TAA is provided with the applicable ALWR, SECR and OAS (See paragraph 2 Note)¹⁴.
 - The ALWR conforms to the ALWR template held on the MAA website.
 - The Air System TAA and Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) are informed of all emergent Hazards or equipment changes that might affect Air Safety.
 - The ALWR documents the ALW's limitations, and the information required (eg interface control documentation) to allow its safe integration and operation on the specified Aircraft.
 - The ALWR states unambiguously the applicability of various marks or variants of the ALW on each Aircraft type¹⁵.
 - The ALWR is reissued when any change affecting the ALWR is identified.
 - Robust Safety Management^{16, 17} processes fully supporting the Safety Panel reviews are employed.
 - Configuration Management activities are conducted in accordance with a Configuration Management Plan prepared to the applicable requirements of Defence Standard 05-057¹⁸.
 - The ALWR is reviewed on an annual basis or when there are changes to the supporting documentation (eg Statement of Operating Intent / Statement of Operating Intent and Usage¹⁹, SECR, OAS (See paragraph 2 Note), Certificate of Design²⁰, etc).

Air System TAA responsibilities

6. The Air System TAA **should**:
- Ensure the SECR and OAS (See paragraph 2 Note) are robust, correctly reflect the Air System operating environment, recorded, and accepted.
 - Review the ALWR for suitability for their Air System and:
 - If acceptable, formally accept and acknowledge receipt (template held on the MAA websites) to the ALW DT LoAN holder²¹.
 - If unacceptable, formally reject with an explanation to the ALW DT LoAN holder.
 - Ensure that the TASA addresses CR&J of all ALW(s) and any associated Hazards⁶.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

¹² Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹³ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B) and RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP Part 21 Subpart D).

¹⁴ Where a separate trials authority is developing the Declaration of Compliance (DofC) to apply for an MPTF(Dev) from the TAA, they **should** be provided with this information; refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

¹⁵ If the ALW is utilized on multiple Aircraft types, then there **should** be a single ALWR for the ALW, with separate Part 3s (eg Part 3 – Typhoon, followed by Part 3 – Lightning II, followed by Part 3 – Reaper, etc) for each Aircraft type it is applicable to.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 5013 – Air Safety Management of Equipment and Commodity Items.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 5011 – Type Airworthiness Safety Management System.

¹⁸ Refer to Defence Standard 05-057 – Configuration Management of Defence Materiel.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 5726 – Integrity Management.

²⁰ Refer to RA 5103 – Certification of Design.

²¹ Formal acceptance of the Interim ALWR is not required since it will form part of the MPTF(Dev) application.

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d. Ensure the RTS Recommendations¹¹ (RTSR), MPTF (In-Service) Recommendations, MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendations or MPTF (Development) include all ALW limitations and clearances.

7. Ensure that the ALW DT LoAN holder is provided with all information which may affect the Airworthiness of the ALW for CR&J.

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8. Where the ALW is being provided by a supplier other than an ALW DT LoAN Holder the MAA will identify the route to clearance, evidence requirements and equivalent acceptable alternatives.

9. The ALWR is a living body of evidence and will be updated to reflect changes in any of the relevant information or evidence affecting the safe use of, or the limitations and clearances applied to, the Air Systems which utilize the ALW.

10. For initial development of the ALWR or subsequent changes, information provided by the TAA includes, but not limited to, Radio Frequency environment, vibration spectrum, configuration change, usage change, change of environment for which the Air System or ALW is cleared, any Air System limitations or clearances applying to the ALW for CR&J of the ALW, etc.

11. The chapter headings in the ALWR template are mandatory. The lower-level topics and headings will be considered by the ALW DT LoAN holder, only those appropriate to the ALW need be presented in the final document. The Interim ALWR will only have limited information in some chapters depending on the maturity of ALW development so the ALWR status of Interim will need to be clearly identified.

12. The ALWR will be used to support acceptance of the ALW and the generation of the Air System RTS or appropriate MPTF by providing evidence in support of required Safety Assessments.

13. An ALWR supplements the Air System RTS or appropriate MPTF:

a. It covers all aspects of an ALW build standard and operation in the Manufacture to Target / Disposal Sequence (MTDS), thus providing a link between the ALW SECR and OAS and the ASSC.

b. It records the build standard that has been assessed for safe CR&J on each Air System with its associated Air System specific limitations and clearances.

c. Informs and / or restricts the Air System RTS or appropriate MPTF for each Aircraft that is cleared to carry the ALW. Limitations and clearances are unlikely to be the same for different Air Systems or Air System variants.

14. The ALWR can provide details of what has been met (eg Compliance with Regulations, standards and processes) to confirm the ALW can be operated safely to the Air System TAA and ADH / AM(MF).

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15. Where flight trials are being conducted to develop further ALWR detail, the Interim ALWR will be at a level of maturity appropriate to the activity being undertaken and will feed the Safety Assessment required by the MPTF(Dev) Declaration of Compliance. Where there are gaps in information or evidence and additional limitations these need to be clearly identified within the ALWR.

ALW Limitations

16. The ALW limitations and clearances apply only while the ALW is carried on its host Aircraft, and up to a defined safe separation distance²² after Release or Jettison (ie not all the way to target) from the host Aircraft and to other Aircraft in close proximity.

²² Defined in Allied Administrative Publication (AAP)-06 as: "The distance from the delivery system or launcher to the munition beyond which the hazards to the users and / or the delivery system resulting from functioning of the munition system are acceptable".

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17. The CR&J design envelope applicable to an ALW (eg the max / min speed, “g”, altitude, etc) might be considerably different from that of the Aircraft it is carried on.

Sources of advice

18. Weapons Engineering Centre of Excellence (WESCOE)²³, Weapons Technical Services (WTS)²⁴, and MAA²⁵ armament specialists may be consulted in the preparation of the ALWR and Air System RTSR, MPTF (In-Service) Recommendations, MPTF (Special Case Flying) Recommendations or MPTF (Development) to ensure that all ALW aspects have been addressed as described in this RA and DSA 02.OME. Advice and assistance may also be needed from independent organizations.

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²³ DESWpnsWES-Tasking@mod.gov.uk.

²⁴ DESWpnsEng-PMO@mod.gov.uk.

²⁵ DSA-MAA-Cert-ES4-ArmSys@mod.gov.uk.

RA 1380 - Performance Based Navigation

Rationale

The drive for improved operating efficiency has resulted in the development of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Performance Based Navigation (PBN)^{1, 2, 3} concept. This concept ► utilizes traditional navigation beacons and navigation fixing solutions fusing with Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) to provide Area Navigation (RNAV) and Required Navigation Performance (RNP), ◀ and aims to ensure global interoperability through the standardisation of PBN system performance through internationally agreed specifications. Without appropriate governance of PBN, access to certain procedures may be restricted. In order to fully exploit airspace worldwide there is a requirement to comply with the appropriate PBN standards either through equipment or the demonstration of equivalence.

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1. ► **RNAV**. RNAV is a navigation method that permits Aircraft operation on any desired flight path using ground and space based or on board navigation aids. This allows efficiencies over legacy direct Track navigation where the Aircraft was required to Track between ground based navigation aids as waypoints on a route.
2. **RNP**. RNP is RNAV with the support of on board performance monitoring and alerting.
3. **PBN**. The PBN concept specifies that Air System RNAV and RNP system performance requirements are defined in terms of accuracy, integrity, continuity and functionality. It enables Aircraft to fly flexible, accurate and repeatable 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional flight paths. PBN encompasses both RNAV and RNP navigation specifications.
4. **Navigation Specifications (Nav Spec)**. Nav Specs are a set of Air System and Aircrew requirements needed to support PBN operations within a defined airspace. Nav Specs define lateral navigation accuracy in terms of Total System Error (TSE). For example, RNAV 10 / RNP 10, where the lateral TSE must be within 10 NM for at least 95% of the total flight time. These Nav Specs allow Certification of Air Systems for PBN operations based on their navigation system performance rather than equipment requirements. ◀

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1380(1) Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MFs)) **shall** ensure that for PBN operations, the ►◀ Air Systems ► within their Area of Responsibility (AoR) are certified to the required Navigation Specification. ◀

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5. UK military registered Air Systems that ►◀ use the civil Air Traffic Service (ATS) Structure as General Air Traffic **should** comply with or demonstrate equivalence to civil PBN regulatory requirements and standards of performance ► with respect to Air System functionality and the ability to conduct required PBN operations ◀ such as: ►
 - a. Accuracy;
 - b. Integrity;

¹ Refer to RA 2120 – Pilots' Instrument Rating Scheme.

² Refer to RA 2380 – Performance Based Navigation Operations.

³ Refer to RA 3295 – Required Navigation Performance Approach – Controller Responsibilities.

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c. Continuity. ◀

PBN Approval Process

6. Senior Responsible ▶ **Owners** ◀ (SROs), Operating Duty Holders (ODHs) and AM(MF)s **should** include PBN specifications and Systems (across all Defence Lines of Development (DLoD)) in their Air System Safety Cases (ASSC)⁴.
7. ODHs and AM(MF)s **should**:
 - a. Ensure Air Systems within their AoR achieve the performance required by the RNAV / RNP specifications to be encountered (ie against the RNAV / RNP specifications demanded by particular airspace controlling authorities) through provision of appropriate orders, instructions and Minimum Equipment List (where used);
 - b. Ensure data for use with PBN Systems is assured to appropriate standards⁵, and ensure that appropriate processes exist for the handling, updating⁶ and Configuration Management of electronic navigation data;
 - c. Ensure Aircrew are qualified and Competent both in the operation of PBN Systems and in any other relevant procedures needed to achieve the performance required by the RNAV / RNP specifications to be encountered;
 - d. Ensure that Aircrew are qualified against the particular specifications required for operation in specific airspace;
 - e. When required, assert compliance to civil authorities⁷ against stipulated specifications;
 - f. ▶ **PBN Approval will be granted via the Release To Service (RTS), Military Permit To Fly (MPTF), Ops Manuals and local orders.** ◀
8. AM(MF)s **should** be in possession of the appropriate Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (CFAOS)⁸ Approval prior to conducting PBN operations.
9. UK military registered Air Systems **should not** conduct RNP Authorization Required Approaches (AR APCH).

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10. ▶ **The Nav Spec Certification required by Air Systems conducting PBN Ops will be designated for the airspace to be used or the Aerodrome procedure to be flown. Certification will be achieved when the Air System's navigation performance in terms of accuracy, integrity and continuity is assessed as equivalent to civil standards.** ◀
11. Specific Approval is required for RNP 0.3 (for helicopters) and RNP AR APCH for all Air Systems, in accordance with Part-SPA of European Union Commission Regulation Number 965/2012▶ ◀ as retained (and amended in UK domestic law) under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (UK (EU) Reg No 965/2012▶⁹◀).▶ ◀
12. ▶ ◀
13. PBN creates requirements for Airworthiness Certification¹⁰ and Operational¹¹ Approval to use RNAV / RNP Systems on routes / airspace notified for a given PBN application. RNAV / RNP System functionality as well as its navigation accuracy in a

⁴ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁵ To meet international / national requirement or as demanded by airspace providers.

⁶ Refer to RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management.

⁷ Declaration of Compliance is articulated through the Flight Plan.

⁸ Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme ▶ ◀.

⁹ ▶ <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/eur/2012/965/contents> and <https://www.caa.co.uk/regulations/aviation-safety/basic-regulation-the-implementing-rules-and-uk-cao-amc-gm-cs/air-operations/>. ◀

¹⁰ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B); ▶ ◀ RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task); ▶ ◀ RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P); and RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹¹ 'Operational' is used in the context of this RA because the term 'PBN Operational Approval' is used specifically by ICAO and the ▶ **UK** ◀ Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

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given Navigational Aid (NAVAID) infrastructure environment must comply with the requirements stipulated for the routes / airspace.

14. When the relevant PBN Approval process has been completed then the respective UK military registered Air System can be considered as having achieved equivalence to PBN Operational Approval¹² in the civilian domain.

15. When the appropriate RTS / MPTF, supporting documentation, ASSC, and CFAOS Approval are in place; ODHs / AM(MF)s may assert compliance¹³ to civil authorities.

16. Defence Airspace and Air Traffic Management (DAATM) is the focal point for PBN policy. DAATM will also provide guidance on forthcoming changes to legislation to the Capability areas and MAA through the International Aviation Regulation and Compliance (IARC) Community of Interest.

17. The ICAO PBN Manual (ICAO Doc 9613) defines PBN (RNAV / RNP) navigation specifications and performance requirements (technical and operational criteria). The manual also details: Air System requirements and operating procedures; specific Aircrew knowledge and training where applicable; any requirements for control of navigation databases and oversight of operators; and provides practical guidance to States, regulatory authorities, air navigation service providers, manufacturers and airspace users on how to implement RNAV / RNP applications. The manual comprises two volumes: Volume I contains, amongst other things, guidance on airborne RNAV / RNP Systems and aeronautical data processes; Volume II provides the direct support for implementing RNAV and RNP navigation applications.

18. Further guidance on PBN policy, Approval and processes may be found in the following:

- a. ICAO PBN Operational Approval Manual (ICAO Doc 9997);
- b. CAA / Irish Aviation Authority Policy for the Application of PBN in UK / Irish Airspace¹⁴;
- c. UK (EU) Reg No 965/2012 ▶ ◀;
- d. <https://www.easa.europa.eu/document-library/general-publications/easy-access-rules-air-operations>;
- e. ▶ Assimilated UK PBN Regulation (EU) 1048/2018;
- f. CAA CS-ACNS¹⁵;
- g. <https://www.caa.co.uk/uk-regulations/aviation-safety/basic-regulation-the-implementing-rules-and-uk-cao-amc-gm-cs/air-operations/>. ◀

19. Identification of which PBN Approval is required depends on:

- a. What access to airspace, ATS routes, terminal airspace procedures and Instrument Approach procedures is required;
- b. The airspace requirement which will dictate the necessary performance (accuracy / integrity / continuity) and functionality required;
- c. And the navigation infrastructure (sensors) upon which the performance is based.

20. ADHs and AM(MF)s can refer to the relevant paragraphs ▶ and Annexes (including IV, V and VI) in UK Reg (EU) 965/2012 Air Operations¹⁶ ◀ and complete a PBN compliance matrix against these latest ▶ UK CAA ◀ flight operational requirements.

¹² Against stipulated RNAV / RNP specifications.

¹³ Compliance must be determined against each relevant navigation specification; compliance with one does not automatically imply compliance with another.

¹⁴ ▶ <https://www.caa.co.uk/our-work/publications/documents/content/dap-policy-112/> ◀, Dated 21 Oct 2011.

¹⁵ ▶ [https://regulatorylibrary.caa.co.uk/cs/Content/PDF Files/Initial Airworthiness Adopted CS-ACNS Issue 4.pdf](https://regulatorylibrary.caa.co.uk/cs/Content/PDF%20Files/Initial%20Airworthiness%20Adopted%20CS-ACNS%20Issue%204.pdf). ◀

¹⁶ Refer to ▶ ◀ [Air Operations Regulation 965/2012](https://www.caa.co.uk/uk-regulations/aviation-safety/basic-regulation-the-implementing-rules-and-uk-cao-amc-gm-cs/air-operations/).

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RA 1390 - Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum

Rationale

Growing demand to increase airspace capacity has resulted in the Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Programme which has, in turn, introduced an additional 6 Flight Levels between FL 290 and FL 410 through the reduction of vertical separation between those Flight Levels from 2000 ft to 1000 ft. Without providing RVSM, airspace worldwide would become saturated with flights leading to increased Airprox Incidents and potential mid-air collisions. In order to fully exploit airspace worldwide there is a requirement to comply with the appropriate civil RVSM standards.

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1390(1) Aviation Duty Holders (ADHs) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MFs)) **shall** ensure that for RVSM operations, ►◄ Air Systems ►within their Area of Responsibility (AoR)◄ are ►◄ approved.

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Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum

1. UK military registered Air Systems that ►◄ use the civil Air Traffic Service Structure as General Air Traffic (GAT) **should** comply with civil RVSM regulatory requirements of the nation who controls the airspace that the Air System is operating in.

RVSM Approval Process

2. Senior Responsible ►Owners◄ (SROs), Operating Duty Holders (ODHs) and AM(MF)s **should**:
 - a. Ensure that RVSM vertical navigation performance capability is compliant with the criteria ►specified by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)¹◄;
 - b. Include RVSM specifications and Systems (across all Defence Lines of Development (DLoD)) in their Air System Safety Cases (ASSC)².
3. ODHs and AM(MF)s **should**:
 - a. Ensure Air Systems within their AoR achieve RVSM compliance through provision of appropriate orders, instructions and Minimum Equipment List (where used);
 - b. Ensure Aircrew are qualified and Competent both in the operation of RVSM equipment and relevant procedures needed for operation in RVSM airspace;
 - c. Assert compliance to the Defence Airspace and Air Traffic Management (DAATM) organization using ►Annex C to EUROCONTROL Guidelines◄ for the Certification ►and Operation◄ of State Aircraft in European RVSM Airspace³;
 - d. Ensure that Flight Plans are appropriately annotated for those Air Systems with a valid RVSM Approval.
4. The DAATM organization **should**:
 - a. Act as the point of contact with the European Regional Monitoring Agency (RMA) for RVSM matters regarding UK military registered Air Systems;
 - b. Provide updates regarding UK military RVSM Approvals, de-registrations,

¹ ►Refer to ICAO Part 91, Appendix G – Operations in Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) Airspace, Section 2.◄

² Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

³ ►<https://www.eurocontrol.int/publication/eurocontrol-guidelines-certification-and-operation-state-aircraft-european-rvsm>◄

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and withdrawals to the European RMA.

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5. RVSM creates requirements for Airworthiness Certification⁴ and Operational⁵ Approval to use RVSM Systems in RVSM designated airspace. This Regulation is designed to outline the route to RVSM Approval for UK military registered Air Systems. This Regulation does not aim to detail the RVSM Minimum Aircraft System Performance Specifications.
6. When the appropriate Release To Service (RTS) / Military Permit To Fly and ASSC² are in place, ODHs / AM(MF)s may assert compliance to DAATM. RTS clearance for RVSM operations does not constitute Operational Approval to conduct RVSM operations. Operational Approval can only be granted by the ODH.
7. When the relevant RVSM Approval process has been completed then the respective UK military registered Air System can be considered as having achieved RVSM Operational Approval⁶ in the civilian domain allowing them to operate in RVSM airspace worldwide.
8. The DAATM organization ▶◀ is the focal point regarding RVSM policy. The DAATM organization will also provide guidance on forthcoming changes to legislation to the Capability areas and MAA through the International Aviation Regulation and Compliance (IARC) Community of Interest.
9. Guidance on RVSM policy, Approval and processes may be found in the following documents:
 - a. ICAO 'Doc 9574 AN/934 Manual on Implementation of a 300 m (1000 ft) Vertical Separation Minimum Between FL 290 and FL 410 Inclusive'⁷;
 - b. EUROCONTROL ▶Guidelines◀ for the Certification and Operation of State Aircraft in European RVSM Airspace³;
 - c. UK Aeronautical Information Publication ▶(AIP) – GEN 1.5 – Aircraft Instruments, Equipment and Flight Documents⁸.◀
10. The European RMA is obliged to maintain a database of RVSM Approvals and will periodically compare samples of Flight Plan data where RVSM Approval has been stated with the database of Approvals.
11. UK military registered Air Systems without RVSM Approval may not operate as GAT within RVSM airspace with 1000 ft vertical separation. However, such Air Systems may file a Flight Plan to fly inside RVSM airspace with 2000 ft vertical separation with Exemption status; however, the routing offered may not be optimal.

⁴ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B)); ▶◀ RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task); ▶◀ RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P); and RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁵ 'Operational' is used in the context of this RA because the term 'RVSM Operational Approval' is used specifically by ICAO and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA).

⁶ Note: the term "RVSM-APPROVED" will be used to indicate that an Air System has been granted RVSM Approval.

⁷ ▶Manual on Implementation Vertical Separation (Doc 9574) | ICAO Store.

⁸ <https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/AIP/>.◀

RA 1395 - Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships

Rationale

►◀ Embarked aviation requires the integration of two complex ► and independently managed◀ systems - Ship►¹◀ and Air System ► - each governed by separate Duty Holder (DH) constructs. To ensure safe operations, the scope and boundaries of embarked aviation has to be clearly defined and formally authorized. Without formal Authorization and coordination, there is a Risk of misaligned Responsibilities, inadequate Safety Assurance, and unsafe operations arising from incompatible or unassessed Ship / Air System combinations - potentially increasing the Risk to Life (RtL). This RA mandates the use of the Ship Air-Release (SA-Release) process to authorize specific Ship and Air System combinations. This ensures that embarked aviation is underpinned by appropriate Safety documentation, operational limitations, enabling safe and assured integration. ◀

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Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships

1395(1) Permission to conduct embarked aviation in aviation-capable² His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ship Classes **shall** be Authorized.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1395(1)

Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships

1. Where the requirement for a Ship and Air System to conduct embarked aviation exists, the combination **should** be Authorized through a SA-Release.
2. Where, by exception:
 - a. Circumstances of operational need or short term and unlikely to be repeated requirements, make it impractical for the SA-Release process to be followed in full. In such situations, the Ship Operating DH (ODH)►³◀/ Accountable Person (AP)►⁴◀ and Aviation DH (ADH)►⁵◀/ Accountable Manager (Military Flying) AM(MF)►⁶◀ **should** Authorize specified Ship / Air System combinations to conduct embarked aviation outside of established orders only after dynamic, pan Defence Lines of Development (DLoD) assessments of the associated Risks are conducted and prescribing specific Assurance and mitigation. In these circumstances, the processes required to generate a SA-Release **should** be followed as far as reasonably practicable.
 - b. Situations of very short notice where operational circumstances are such that it is impractical for the Ship ODH and ADH to grant Authorization, the Ship's Delivery DH (DDH)³ or the Operational Commander⁷ **should** only Authorize specified Ship / Air System combinations to conduct embarked aviation outside of established orders after dynamic Risk Assessments are conducted and the prescribing of specific Assurance and mitigation. In such circumstances the Ship DDH / Operational Commander **should** inform the ADH / AM(MF), the

¹ As defined in the DSA03-DMR-Shipping Regulatory Terms and definitions for DSA 02-DMR Defence Maritime Regulations.

² Defined as those which can be categorized as Applicability Level A, B or C in Defence Standard 00-133 Part 1.

³ As defined in JSP 815 – Defence Safety Management System, Element 5.

⁴ ►Refer to DSA02-DMR: Defence Maritime Regulations – Regulation 204: Accountable Person.

⁵ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁶ Refer to RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme. ◀

⁷ Embarked aviation activity involving operational tasking (eg Search and Rescue Operations) will not necessarily be conducted in an 'Operational Theatre' but requires use of the Air System by an Operational Commander in a manner described in RA 1020(1): Role and Responsibilities of the ADH. The Ship's Commanding Officer (CO) or DDH Authorizes aviation activity from their Ship and may be the Operational Commander, or the role of Operational Commander may be performed by a third party; in either circumstance, the Ship's CO or DDH remains responsible for immediate RtL to personnel on the Ship.

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Ship Platform Authority (PA), the Ship ODH and Navy Command Headquarters (NCHQ) Naval Aviation Division (NAvn) as soon as reasonably practicable.

3. The Release To Service (RTS)⁸ or appropriate Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)^{9, 10} of an Air System **should** generically permit the Air System to operate in a maritime role and conduct embarked operations to HM / MOD Ships.

4. A SA-Release is not required for short term and / or non-enduring nature Crossdeck Operations. Such activity **should** be conducted in accordance with (iaw) BRd 766¹¹. The Ship DH¹² and ADH / AM(MF) **should** remain Accountable for the safe operation of the Ship / Air System and that RA 1026¹³ still applies in the case of HM / MOD ships. NCHQ NAVn advice **should** determine if the activity may be considered appropriate to be conducted iaw MPP-02¹⁴ or whether a specific clearance is required. In such circumstances the Ship DH and ADH / AM(MF) **should** ensure, as a minimum that the associated procedures detailed in BRd 766 are followed.

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SA-Release

5. The SA-Release will be generated iaw RA 1395(2) and Authorized by the Royal Navy RTS Authority (RN RTSA) for Air Systems required to embark in HM / MOD Ships. The SA-Release process provides a clearance for a Ship Class to conduct embarked aviation with a specified Air System Type / Mark iaw established orders as directed in RA 2309(18)¹⁵. This process is illustrated at Annex A Figure 1, and must be read in conjunction with RA 1029¹⁶.

6. Once Authorized, the SA-Release will remain valid throughout the lifetime of the Ship-Air System combination unless amended or withdrawn.

Authorization to Permit HM / MOD Ships and Air Systems to Conduct Embarked Aviation Outside of Established Orders

7. An abridged route is detailed in Annex A, Figure 2 for conducting specific, short notice urgent or short term operations and unlikely to be repeated requirements that do not fall within the existing clearances and orders. Clearance in such circumstances is achieved through the Ship ODH and ADH / AM(MF) conducting dynamic, pan DLoD assessments of individual Ship and Air System Risks to ensure procedural Safety mitigations can be implemented as required for any given operational requirement. Such Assurance and operation specific direction will be used to mitigate specific Ship shortfalls (such as limited Ship's Company experience and / or training shortfalls; equipment deficiencies; etc) or aviation shortfalls (such as crew currency; Aircraft deficiencies; specific climatic conditions; etc). Such abridged Authorizations will be temporary in nature. For scheduled deployments, operational planners would be expected to ensure that all SA-Releases for expected combinations of Ships and Air Systems are in place following the SA-Release process in Annex A, Figure 1.

8. The complexity and depth of these Ship ODH and ADH / AM(MF) assessments will be tailored dependent upon the specific operation, including such elements as the duration and level of integration. Consideration will be given to collating evidence from these assessments for any future formal SA-Release.

9. In all circumstances where the Ship and / or Air Systems do not meet the requirements defined in the established orders, these assessments are required before operations commence, to ensure both Ship ODH and ADH / AM(MF) fully

⁸ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

⁹ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹¹ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders.

¹² ► The term Ship DH encompasses Senior DH (SDH), ODH and DDH; interpret accordingly; the different levels are referred to separately where specifically required. Defined in DSA03-DMR-Shipping Regulatory Terms and definitions for DSA02-DMR Defence Maritime Regulations. ◀

¹³ Refer to RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

¹⁴ For crewed aviation, refer to MPP-02: Volume I – Helicopter Operations from Ships Other Than Aircraft Carriers (HOSTAC); Volume II – Multinational Through-Deck and Aircraft Carrier Crossdeck Operations (MTACCOPS).

¹⁵ Refer to RA 2309(18): Embarked Aviation Operations.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1029 – Ship Air-Release - Roles and Responsibilities.

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understand the RtL associated with their respective platforms. Although in such circumstances formal independent RN RTSA Authorization may not be achievable in the time available, both Ship ODH and ADH / AM(MF) must consider seeking Subject Matter Expert (SME) advice from relevant departments within Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S), Front Line Commands, Ship PA, NCHQ NAVn and RTSAs¹⁷ / Sponsor¹⁸.

Embarkation of Non-MOD Air Systems

10. Where the requirement for Foreign Air Systems¹⁹ to conduct embarked aviation is enduring, then the issue of a SA-Release will be required. In such circumstances, where no UK ADH / AM(MF) ►◄ and / or Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)²⁰ exist, the requirement sponsor is responsible for providing information on the Air System²¹ iaw RA 1395(2) paragraph 15.

Embarkation in Non-HM / MOD Ships

11. UK Military registered Air System embarkations in non-HM / MOD Ships are outside of this Regulation, however in order to manage RtL, ADHs / AM(MF)s will follow the principles of SA-Release when planning embarkations, utilizing the guidance within this RA, BRd 766 and MPP-02. Further advice will be sought from NCHQ NAVn and the RN RTSA.

Risk to Life boundary demarcation

12. The Ship DH / AP is Accountable for the RtL of an individual aboard a ship, that is due to embark on an Air System, until they are taken under the supervision of the Aircraft's crew or pass under the Aircraft's main rotor (whichever occurs ►latest◄), at which point the ADH / AM(MF) becomes Accountable for the RtL that the Air System poses to them. Additionally, the ADH / AM(MF) would be Accountable for the RtL of an individual embarked on an Air System until they are taken under the supervision of the Flight Deck Crew or pass from underneath the Aircraft's main rotor (whichever occurs first) after which Accountability passes to the Ship DH / AP. If rotors (or engines for Fixed Wing Air Systems) are not turning then the transition point is on entry / exit to / from the Aircraft.

Regulation 1395(2)

Ship Air-Release

1395(2) The RN RTSA **shall** review pan DLoD evidence and if satisfied authorize an SA-Release.

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Ship Air-Release

13. The SA-Release **should** be an integrated, limitations based document with all associated Safety information, operating limits and constraints included in the appropriate part and underpinned by the following considerations:

a. The SA-Release **should** be supported by evidence from all DLoDs²² based on:

(1) An Equipment DLoD based SA-Release Recommendation produced by the Ship PA and the TAA; RA 1395(3) refers.

(2) Non-Equipment DLoD assessments drawn from the Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) as appropriate.

¹⁷ For Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems, the Sponsor fulfils the role of Air System RTSA.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1019 – Sponsor of Military Registered Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated Air Systems - Air Safety Responsibilities.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1029(4): Foreign Air System Sponsor ►◄.

²⁰ Where the Air System is ►not UK◄ MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependand on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

²¹ For example, flight performance, hazardous materials, lost-link protocol of ►Uncrewed◄ Air Systems (►UAS◄), Electro-magnetic Compatibility (EMC) vulnerability etc.

²² For UK Military Registered Air Systems see also RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases; For HM / MOD Ships see DSA02-DMR – Defence Maritime Regulations for Health, Safety and Environmental Protection.

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- b. The SA-Release **should** specify the subject Ship Class and Air System Type / Mark combination.
 - c. The 'as flown' standard of the subject Air System Type / Mark **should** be defined as suitable for the proposed aviation activities at sea.
 - d. The 'as operated' Configuration of the Ship platform (associated with aviation arrangements, equipment and crewing) **should** be defined and is suitable for the proposed aviation activities.
 - e. The identified RtL associated with integration and operation of the subject Ship / Air System combination, across all DLoDs, **should** be demonstrated to be As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable, and owned by the Ship DH / AP or ADH / AM(MF). Procedural Safety mitigations, including those identified in the Ship Safety Assessment and Air System Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment (TASA) **should** be included in a ADH / AM(MF) SA-Release Safety Statement and supported by a claim-argument-evidence based Safety Case²³ which **should** be reflected in the SA-Release.
14. The content of the SA-Release **should**:
- a. Be maintained by the RN RTSA; supported by the Ship DH / AP, Ship PA, ADH / AM(MF), TAA²⁰, Air System RTSA¹⁷, and Sponsor¹⁸ as appropriate.
 - b. Include an Audit trail of amendments.
 - c. Be subject to a formal review on a routine basis²⁴.
15. For non-UK Military Registered Air Systems where no UK ADH / AM(MF) and / or TAA exists, the Foreign Air System Sponsor¹⁶ **should** be responsible for:
- a. Providing the Air System Equipment DLoD Safety evidence associated with the production of a SA-Release Recommendation to DE&S following the principles in RA 1395(3). The requirement sponsor **should not** be responsible for managing Type or Continuing Airworthiness as this remains the Responsibility of the civil Air System Type Certificate / Supplementary Type Certificate²⁵ holder, Continuing Airworthiness Manager or AP within the Foreign Air System operating authority.
 - b. Providing the non-Equipment DLoD Safety evidence associated with the production of a SA-Release to the RN RTSA. The requirement sponsor **should not** be responsible for managing 1st party RtL of the Air System as this remains the Responsibility of the civil Air System Air Operator Certificate²⁴ holder (or equivalent) or AP within the Foreign Air System operating authority.
16. This RA **should** be read in conjunction with RA 1029¹⁶.

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Ship Air-Release

17. Annex A, Figure 1 illustrates the SA-Release process and the relationship between the organizations responsible for producing the outputs which enable the production and Approval of a SA-Release. Fundamental to this is that the RtL for aviation operations with HM / MOD Ships remains clearly defined between the Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF). The ADH / AM(MF) remains Accountable for the inherent RtL to all parties associated with their Air System, noting that the Ship DH / AP is Accountable for the RtL that the Ship poses to the Air System and that the Air System poses to the Ship's Company specifically. DH-Facing Organizations will support the ADH / AM(MF) with delegations defined as appropriate for delivery of safe equipment. The development and Approval of the SA-Release is therefore a crucial element in managing the interface between these DHs.

18. The SA-Release is complementary to the existing Authorization processes for Ships (DSA02-DMR) and Air Systems (eg RA 1300 Series or appropriate MPTF) and

²³ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders 1029 Annex 1029(5)C.

²⁴ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders 1029 - Roles and Responsibilities: Ship Air-Release – Stakeholder Roles Responsibilities and Deliverables.

²⁵ As defined in European Union Aviation Safety Agency and UK Civil Aviation Authority Regulation.

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will not countermand the limitations or requirements of these processes (ie if any doubt exists, then the most restrictive limitation will be applied).

19. The SA-Release will take account of design differences of individual Ships within a Ship Class that impact aviation. Ships within the subject Ship Class, iaw the requirements of DSA03-DMR²⁶, must hold Naval Authority Certification²⁷ and subsequently hold a Ship Management Certificate.

20. The maturity of Non-Equipment DLoDs relevant to safe integration of the Ship and Air System will be assessed and demonstrated to the RN RTSA by the Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF). The output of these assessments will be summarised in a ADH / AM(MF) SA-Release Safety Statement supported by a pan DLoD claim-argument-evidence assessment and Command Safety and Environmental Summary. The RN RTSA will issue the SA-Release once the Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) have finalised their respective Safety Statements.

21. To facilitate operation of the Air System on the Ship it might be necessary to Authorize operation of certain aspects of the integrated Ship / Air System combination in advance of others (eg for the conduct of Ship-Air trial activity²⁸). In such cases, the SA-Release process will proceed incrementally through the imposition of Ship-Air Special Releases iaw RA 1395(4).

22. Generation of a SA-Release can be detailed and include representation from a large number of stakeholders. In order to manage this process further guidance is available in NCHQ Mid-Level Orders²⁴, stakeholders can follow these additional requirements, noting that on most occasions a SA-Release will involve a minimum of one NCHQ DH. When a new ship or Air System enters service, extensive planning will be required to conduct First of Class Flying Trials or First of Type Flying Trials respectively²⁸. The purpose of the Ship-Air Working Group (S-AWG), however, is not a function of Project Management, but rather as the vehicle to achieving regulatory compliance.

Regulation 1395(3)

Ship Air-Release Recommendation

1395(3) The Ship PA and TAA **shall** jointly prepare the SA-Release Recommendation for each Ship / Air System combination to the satisfaction of the RN RTSA.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1395(3)

Ship Air-Release Recommendation

23. The SA-Release Recommendation is the evidenced equipment-based argument supporting the SA-Release; all operating requirements, limitations, warnings and cautions **should** be in a format consistent with the SA-Release structure or prepared to the satisfaction of the RN RTSA and the S-AWG. Content is likely to vary dependent upon the type of clearance being required.

24. The Ship PA and TAA **should** certify that the SA-Release Recommendation:

- a. Demonstrates that both the Ship and Air System equipment are acceptably safe to conduct embarked aviation.
- b. Provides an acceptably safe Ship / Air System operating envelope for subsequent Approval and Authorization.

25. The Ship PA and TAA **should** submit the SA-Release Recommendation and supporting evidence to the S-AWG for consideration and copy to the Defence Safety Authority, for the Military Aviation Authority (MAA) Head of Regulation and Certification, Head of the DMR and the RN RTSA. ▶◀ The SA-Release Recommendation **should** include as key components the outcome of:

- a. The Military Air System Certification Process²⁹.
- b. The Certification process for aviation capable HM / MOD Ships²⁶.

²⁶ Refer to DSA03-DMR – Naval Authority Rules for Certification of MOD Shipping.

²⁷ Including a valid Certificate of Safety (Aviation), MOD Ship Safety Certificate, or MOD Boat Safety Certificate.

²⁸ ▶ Refer to Defence Standard 00-133 – Aviation Arrangements in Surface Ships, Part 4 – Acceptance of Aviation Arrangements. ◀

²⁹ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

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- c. Updated drafts of the relevant BRd 766 chapters for the Ship, Air System and Ship / Air combination.
- d. Equipment Hazards identified within Ship / Air System Safety Assessments which are mitigated by DLoDs for which the DHs / APs are responsible.
- e. The reviewed BRd 766 chapters that identifies any elements that cannot be substantiated by supporting evidence or are generated through DLoDs for which the DHs are responsible.

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Ship Air-Release Recommendation

26. The Ship PA and TAA will prepare the SA-Release Recommendation, co-ordinating its development through Working Groups considering each Ship / Air System combination in line with the requirements of RA 1029(2)³⁰ and RA 1029(3)³¹.
27. The SA-Release Recommendation will include the content of the proposed SA-Release bar any amendments deemed necessary by the RN RTSA. It will articulate:
- a. The suitability of the Air System to operate with the Ship and its associated equipment safely in the maritime environment. This will be supported by evidence from the Air System TASA and subordinate TASAs where appropriate.
 - b. The suitability of the Ship to operate safely with the Air System and its associated equipment. This will be supported by evidence from the Ship Aviation Safety Report and from subordinate Safety Assessments where appropriate.
 - c. That an acceptably safe Ship-Air System operating envelope has been established for the detailed Ship / Air System combination. Although derived from the Ship and Air System Safety Cases (ASSC), the development of the Ship-Air System operating envelope, including the imposition of limitations, will be supported by appropriate evidence, for example Instrumented Flying Trials and Independent Test and Evaluation evidence, or evidence derived from analysis of previously conducted trials.
28. The SA-Release Recommendation will include specific operating procedures but may also reference other related operating procedures (Standard Operating Procedures (SOP), Emergency Operating Procedures, etc) or other orders developed from the DLoD / Safety Assessments and trials evidence.

Regulation 1395(4)

Ship-Air Special Releases

- 1395(4) When the SA-Release evidence requirements of RA 1395(2) cannot be fully met, a Ship-Air Special Release **shall** be raised by the Ship PA and TAA to permit Ship Classes and Air System Type / Marks to conduct embarked aviation.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1395(4)

Ship-Air Special Releases

29. A Ship-Air Release with Limited Evidence (SA-RLE)³², as Authorized by the RN RTSA, **should**:
- a. Be identified when a fully substantiated Ship and / or ASSC is not available to support a full SA-Release, but on the balance of available evidence, clearance is judged safe and within the declared Safety Target. This can include Test and Evaluation activity.
 - b. Be reviewed at a periodicity not exceeding 12 months.
 - c. Have a maximum life of 5 years.

³⁰ Refer to RA 1029(2): Ship Platform Authority ►◄.

³¹ Refer to RA 1029(3): Air System Type Airworthiness ►◄.

³² Equivalent to a RTS Clearance with Limited Evidence.

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30. A Ship-Air Operational Emergency Release (SA-OER) **should** be raised when the RtL is considered too high for normal day-to-day operations. A SA-OER, as Authorized by the RN RTSA, **should**:

- a. Be identified when the embarked aviation activity associated with a specified Ship / Air System combination is deemed outside the declared Safety Target. A SA-OER is not applicable to Air Systems under the Responsibility of an AM(MF).
- b. Be jointly enabled at Ship ODH and ADH level for a defined activity or period.
- c. Be reviewed at a periodicity not exceeding 12 months.

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Ship-Air Special Releases

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31. Where a Special Release is used to permit a Ship / Air System combination to conduct embarked aviation activity in lieu of a full SA-Release, a SA-OER and SA-RLE can only become a fully Authorized SA-Release with the provision of suitable additional evidence.

32. For trials activity this Regulation must be read in conjunction with RA 2370³³.

33. Special Releases may also be used to introduce a new operating capability (eg Helicopter In-Flight Re-fuelling), changes in limitations (eg Ship Helicopter Operating Limits (SHOL)), or adding subordinate equipment (eg Air Launched Weapon), to an existing Release document. Where a Special Release is used in this manner, the Acceptable Means of Compliance and Guidance Material contained within paragraphs 29 to 32 above will remain applicable.

SA-OER

34. A SA-OER will only be used to permit aviation activities related to a specified Ship / Air System combination under the following circumstances:

- a. In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action.
- b. In the evaluation of options needed for contingency planning.
- c. In other conditions of operational imperative, to include training for actual, or planned, operations, when enabled by the Ship ODH and ADH. The RN RTSA will be informed of all such activity, and the Aviation ODH will consider seeking Air System RTSA advice prior to use of the SA-OER.

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Ship Air-Release – ►Uncrewed◄ Air Systems

1395(5) Embarked operation of ►UAS◄ in HM / MOD Ships³⁴ **shall** be Authorized.

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Ship Air-Release – ►Uncrewed◄ Air Systems

35. Where the requirement for an ►UAS◄³⁵ to be operated from a HM / MOD Ship exists, the combination **should** be Authorized through an appropriate SA-Release process (with the exception of ►UAS◄ categorized in the A1 Open sub-category). The level of Authorization required is dependent on the Risk associated with the following categories and sub-categories:

- a. ►UAS◄ categorized in the Open A2, Open A3, Specific S1 sub-categories, and S2 sub-category with a Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) below 25 kg (despite operating Beyond Visual Line of Sight). The Ship DH / AP and ►UAS◄ Responsible Officer (RO) / ►UAS◄ Accountable Manager (AM) / ADH / AM(MF) **should** complete a pan DLoD assessment of individual Ship / Class and Air System Risks to ensure procedural Safety mitigations can

³³ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

³⁴ Due to the flexibility offered by ►UAS◄, this Regulation applies to all HM / MOD ships including those not considered aviation capable, boats and submarines.

³⁵ Refer to RA 1600 series – ►Uncrewed◄ Air Systems.

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be implemented as required for any given operational requirement³⁶. This assessment **should** be conducted in consultation with the Ship PA and TAA³⁷, prior to discussion with the RN Delegated RTSA (DRTSA), who decide if the tailored route illustrated at Annex A Figure 3 is applicable.

b. **►UAS◄ categorized in the Specific S2 sub-category with a MTOW of 25 kg or above.** The Ship DH / AP and **►UAS◄ RO / ►UAS◄ AM / ADH / AM(MF)** **should** complete a preliminary assessment of Risk³⁶. This assessment **should** be conducted in consultation with the Ship PA and TAA³⁷, prior to discussion with the RN DRTSA, who decide on the extent of SA-Release required and whether the accelerated route illustrated at Annex A Figure 4 / 5 is applicable.

c. **►UAS◄ categorized in the Certified Category.** The Ship DH / AP and ADH / AM(MF) **should** conduct a full SA-Release iaw RA 1395(2).

36. Prior to being operated, all **►UAS◄** **should** have received a Letter of Endorsed Categorization from the MAA iaw RA 1600. Where RA 1600 does not apply³⁵, such as Civilian Operated **►UAS◄** operating iaw the Air Navigation Order, the organizations operating **►UAS◄** **should** demonstrate equivalence with respect to the RA 1600 Categorization requirements by complying with paragraph 35.

37. Unless conducting Crossdeck Operations or operating under a Trial Instruction all Air Systems **should** be within the Scope of the ship's certificate^{26, 38}, this applies to all HM / MOD ships including those not previously considered aviation capable, boats and submarines.

38. When carrying out the tailored route illustrated at Annex A Figure 3 or accelerated route illustrated at Annex A Figure 4 / 5, as a minimum the Ship DH / AP and **►UAS◄ RO / ►UAS◄ AM / ADH / AM(MF)** **should** consider the following in the Risk Assessment:

- a. **►UAS◄** / Vessel Electromagnetic Frequency (EMF)³⁹.
- b. Take-off and landing location and method.
- c. Scatter data⁴⁰.
- d. Battery charging and stowage.
- e. Fuel storage and transportation.
- f. Inter-Communications as applicable between the Remote Pilot and:
 - (1) Flight Deck Officer.
 - (2) Command.
 - (3) Air Systems Controller.
 - (4) Principle Warfare Officer.
 - (5) Deck Crew.
- g. Firefighting.
- h. Radiation Hazards.
- i. Ship Motion.
- j. Ship / Helicopter Operating Limits.
- k. Air Flow effect on **►UAS**.
- l. **UAS Command Unit◄** Location.

³⁶ Refer to JSP 892: Risk Management.

³⁷ Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category **►UAS◄** do not require a TAA, whereas Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category **►UAS◄** require a TAA. Refer to the RA 1600 Series.

³⁸ Refer to RA 1920 – Aviation Arrangements in His Majesty's / MOD Ships – Equipment Standards.

³⁹ Note, if no EMF assessment has been carried out consideration **should** be given to mitigating actions (ie sector blanking of the ships radar etc). Refer to BRd 2924 – EMF Hazards in the Royal Navy.

⁴⁰ **►Refer to Defence Standard 00-133 – Aviation Arrangements in Surface Ships, Part 3 – Aviation Arrangements in Surface Ships - Design, Construction and Provision (Flight Deck).◄**

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- m. Securing and movement / handling of ►UAS.◄
- n. Concurrent operations.
- o. Impact of ►UAS Command Unit◄ equipment on other ►UAS◄ and crewed operations⁴¹.
- p. Maintenance / Equipment stowage and activity areas.

39. The Ship DH / AP and ►UAS◄ RO / ►UAS◄ AM / ADH / AM(MF) **should** generate a set of SOPs to operate the Air System and Ship combination for this SA-Release.

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40. The extent of SA-Release Assurance required may range from a simple documented agreement between DHs to completion of the full SA-Release process, depending on the Risk encountered during the embarked take-off and landing cycle (including movements, securing, start up, shut down, etc). The aggravating and mitigating factors in RA 1600 for ►UAS◄ categorization may not be the primary indicators of Risk in this phase of operation.

41. To aid in SA-Release Assurance, an ►UAS◄ to Platform Guidance Tool is available on the MAA DefNet Maritime Aviation Website (internal to MOD only)⁴².

⁴¹ Refer to 2024DIN04-284 – Guidance on Conducting Surface Fleet Development Trials.

⁴² In DefNet search using "MAA Maritime Aviation Certification".

Annex A

Ship / Air System Combinations – Authorization Process

Figure 1 – Ship-Air Release

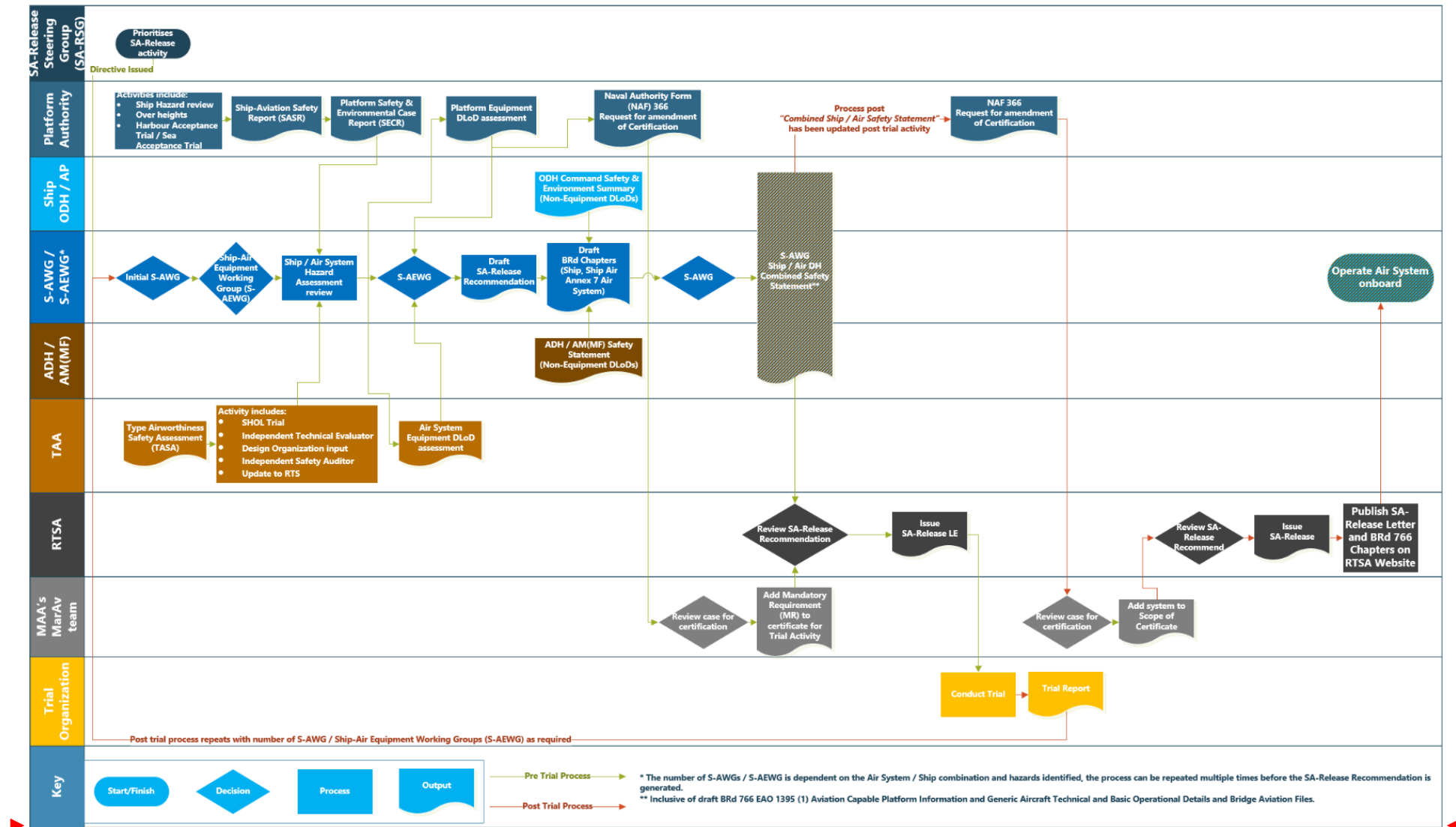


Figure 2 – Non-Routine Force Generation directed Authorization of Ship and Air System Combinations

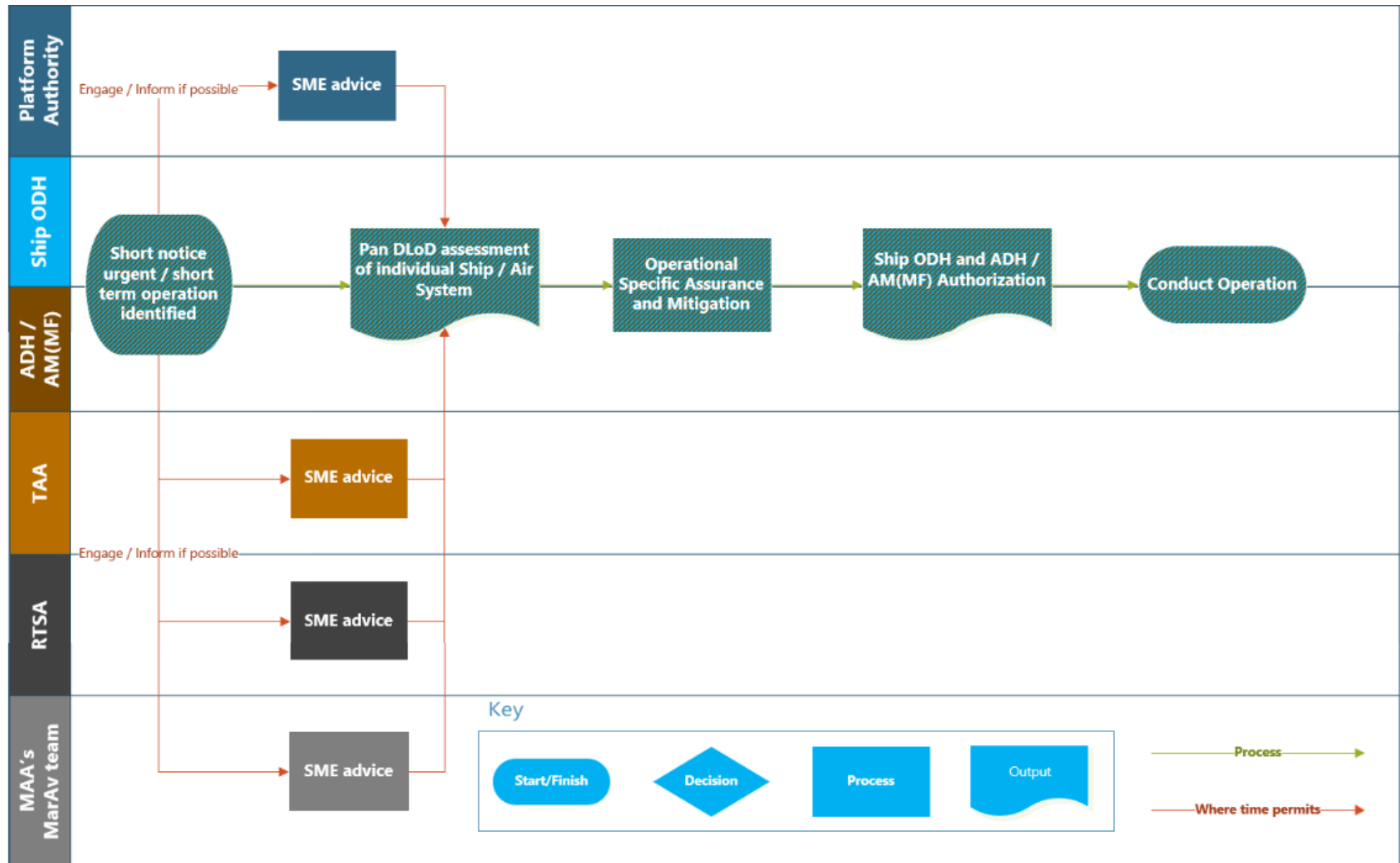


Figure 3 – ► UAS ◀ Tailored Authorization of Ship and Air System Combinations

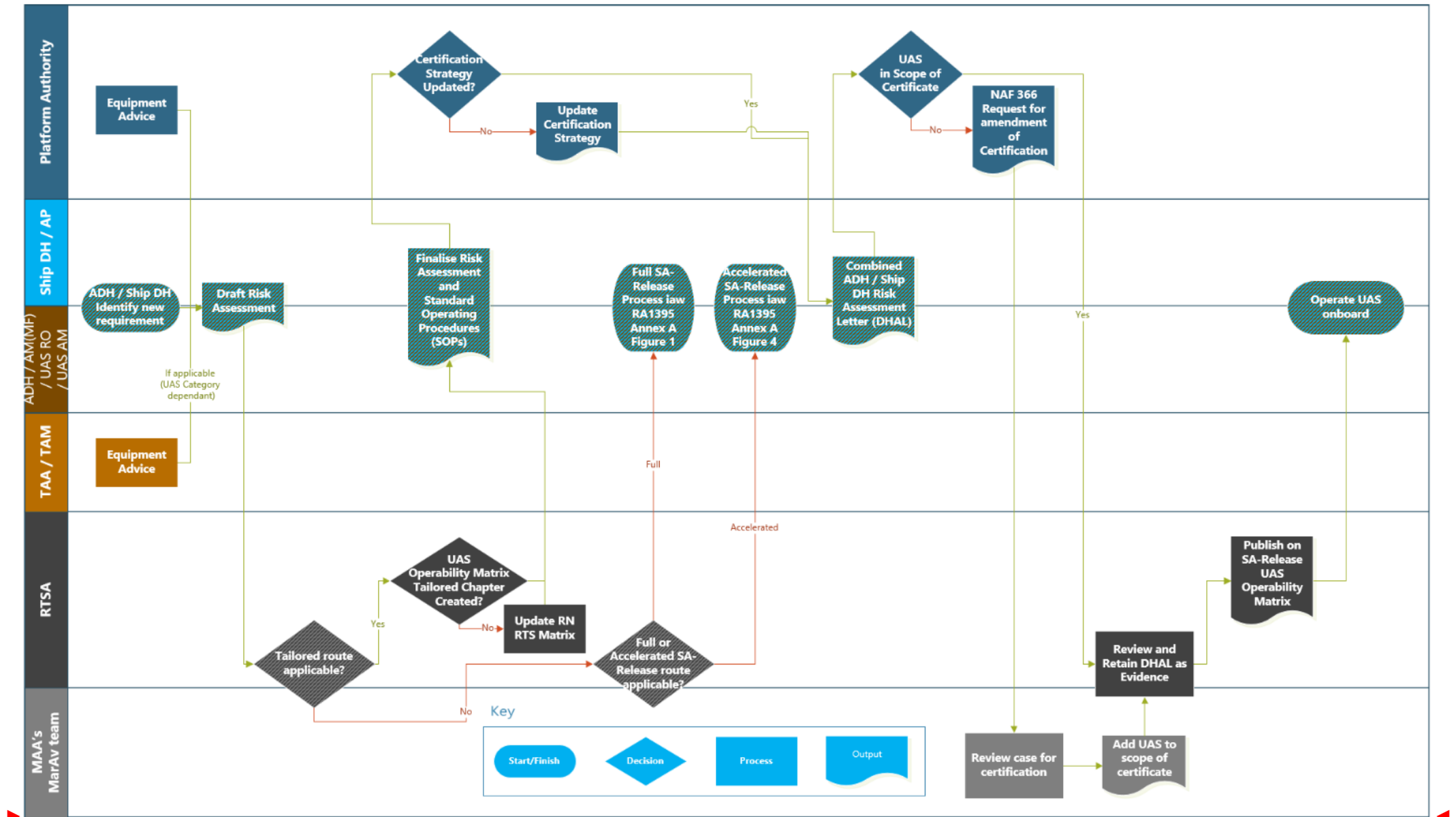


Figure 4 – ►UAS◄ Accelerated Authorization of Ship and Air System Combinations

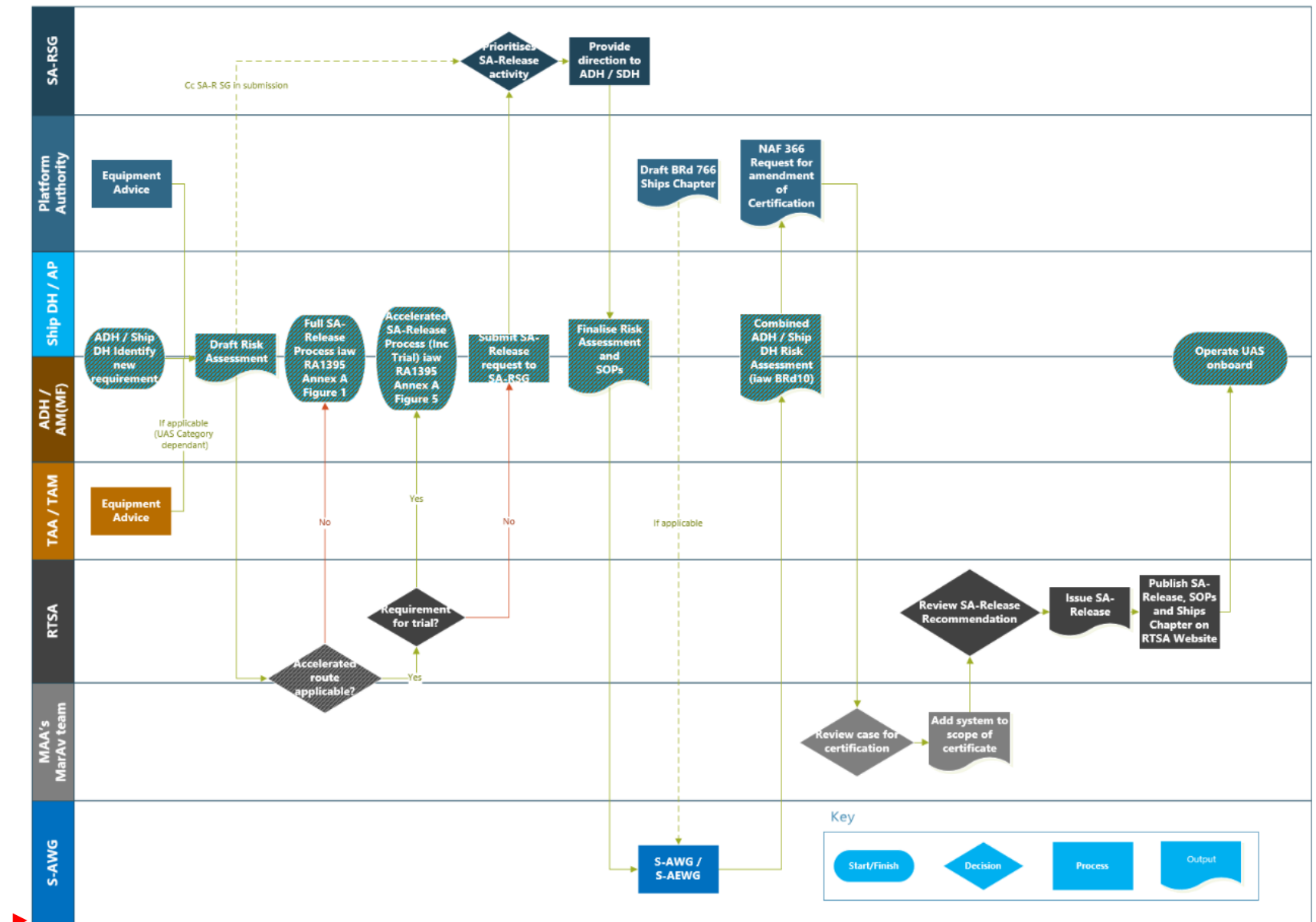
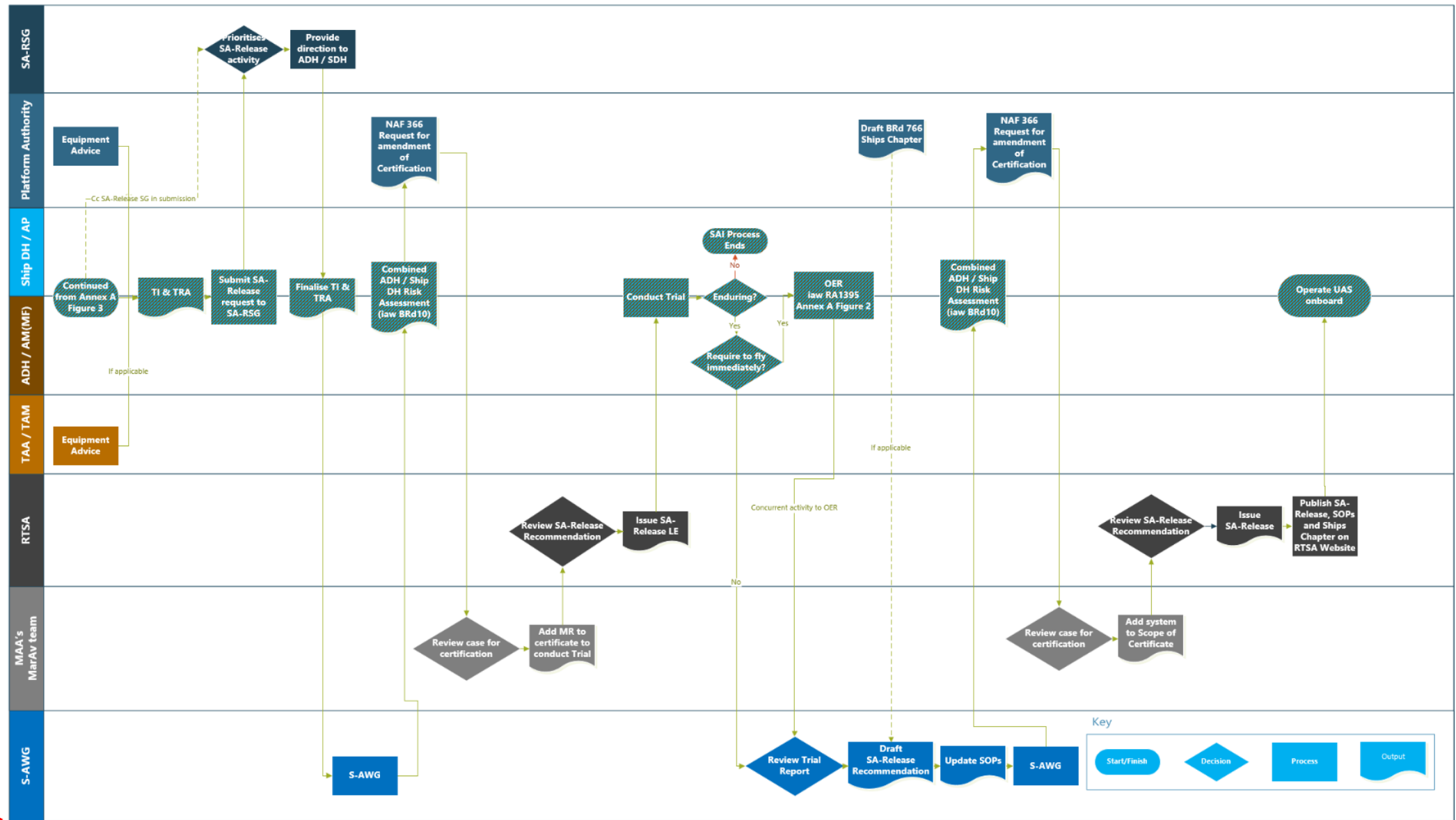


Figure 5 – ►UAS◄ Accelerated Authorization of Ship and Air System Combinations (Inclusive of Trial)



RA 1400 - Flight Safety

Rationale

Flight Safety is a key component of Air Safety and is a collective endeavour to operate safely in the Defence Air Environment (DAE) that embraces any activity in flight or on the ground that contributes to the operation of Air Systems. A failure to enforce Flight Safety will increase Risk to Life and therefore coherent control of supporting activities is required. This RA details the requirements organizations dealing with Flight Safety are to manage, in order to ensure the safe operation of Air Systems.

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1400(1): Flight Safety

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1400(1) Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Accountable Managers (AM)¹, ► **Heads of Establishment (HoE)**, ◄ Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations² ► and Heads of AM(MF)-Facing Organizations (AA-Facing Organizations)³, Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) Responsible Officers (RO) and RPAS AMs, ◄ **shall** have appropriate Flight Safety measures in place, and promulgate appropriate orders, to support the flying operations for which they are responsible.

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1. ADHs, AM(MF)s, ► **RPAS ROs and RPAS AMs** ◄ **should**:
 - a. Have a Flight Safety organization in place.
 - b. Produce orders or instructions detailing the Flight Safety organization and duties within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
 - c. Nominate and issue Terms of References (TOR) to Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) Flight Safety Officer (FSO) ► **/ Air Safety Officer (ASO)** ◄⁴ and Foreign Object Debris (FOD)^{5,6} Prevention Officers.
2. AMs, ► **HoEs**, and AA ◄-Facing Organizations **should** produce orders and instructions detailing the Flight Safety measures and duties appropriate to the flying activity which they support.

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3. Relevant HoEs⁷ may nominate and issue TORs to SQEP FSO ► **/ ASO** ◄ and FOD Prevention Officers.
4. Flight Safety may include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Promotion of a positive Air Safety culture.
 - b. Identification of Hazards and Risks.

¹ Those AMs within: ► **AA** ◄-Facing Organizations; Maintenance Approved Organizations; or Air Traffic Management Equipment Approved Organizations. This RA excludes those AMs within Design Approved Organizations.

² 'Heads of ► **AA** ◄-Facing Organizations' includes but is not limited to: Aviation Delivery Team Leaders, Commodity Delivery Team Leaders, HoE, Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs).

³ ► **Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder – Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying) – Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.**

⁴ **Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.** ◄

⁵ As defined in MAA02: MAA Master Glossary.

⁶ For further guidance and instructions for FOD prevention see AP 8000 – Air TLB Safety and Environmental Management System.

⁷ 'Relevant HoEs' are the individuals with responsibility for Duty of Care within their AoR, where aviation activity takes place.

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- c. Provision for the reporting⁸ and investigation of all Flight Safety occurrences, subsequent understanding of the cause(s) and promulgation and implementation of lessons identified.
 - d. ► Sharing relevant Flight Safety information within the bounds of security and commercial considerations. ◄
 - e. FOD prevention.
 - f. FOD removal.
5. ► ◄
6. Additional guidance on Air Safety principles, policies and procedures can be found in RA 1200⁹ and the MAA Manual of Air Safety.

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7. Withdrawn – Regulatory content included in RA 1400(1).

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8. Withdrawn – Regulatory content included in RA 1400(1).

⁸ ► Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management. ◄

⁹ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management

Rationale

Accurate and timely Occurrence reporting with effective investigation is fundamental to identifying Air Safety Risks and delivering effective mitigation. Without a simple, robust reporting and management system, that includes investigation and feedback, these events will re-occur, leading to increased Risk to personnel, equipment and the public. This RA requires the Regulated Community to report all Air Safety Occurrences, and take appropriate action, in order to reduce the overall number of events.

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Occurrence Reporting and Management

1. Air Safety Occurrences **should** be reported in accordance with (iaw) Annex A and the Air Safety Information Management System (ASIMS) User Manual (hosted on the MAA websites).
2. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and AA-Facing Organizations with access to ASIMS⁵ **should** ensure that:
 - a. All Air Safety Occurrences are reported, investigated, the results recorded, and any identified actions recorded and closed using ►◄ ASIMS as the primary management tool.
 - b. A Significant Occurrence Notification (SON) is raised following any Accident, or any serious or sensitive Incident utilizing the template held on the MAA websites and accessible through the ASIMS homepage.
 - c. An ASIMS Occurrence reporting structure is maintained and managed.
3. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations without access to ASIMS **should** ensure that:
 - a. All Air Safety Occurrences are reported in the first instance to the MOD in the form of a PDF⁶ Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report (DASOR) within the timescales detailed in Annex A. Subsequent actions, including the following **should** be completed and uploaded to ASIMS. This may be done using an appropriate local Occurrence Management System which **should** be uploaded to ASIMS upon completion:
 - (1) Investigating the Cause,
 - (2) Recording the result of the investigation,

¹ Those AMs within: AA-Facing Organizations; Maintenance Approved Organizations; or Air Traffic Management Equipment Approved Organizations. For AMs within Design Approved Organizations, refer to RA 5825 – Fault Reporting and Investigation.

² 'Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations' includes but is not limited to: Aviation Delivery Team Leaders, Commodity Delivery Team Leaders (DTL), Heads of Establishment (HoE), Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs).

³ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁴ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁵ <https://asims.ice.mod.gov.uk/MODCas/login>.

⁶ PDF DASOR available from ASIMS and Gov.uk website.

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- (3) Identifying any recovery actions and recording their closure.
 - b. A SON is raised following any Accident, or any serious or sensitive Incident utilizing the template held on the MAA websites.
 - c. A local Occurrence reporting structure is maintained and managed.
4. Air Safety Occurrences involving civil registered Aircraft, MOD civil derived Aircraft or applicable agencies **should** be reported as a DASOR and distributed as a Mandatory Occurrence Report (MOR) iaw paragraph ►19◄ and UK Reg (EU) No. 376/2014. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and AA-Facing Organizations **should** ensure that any MOR received from civil aviation, which might affect ►the Defence Air Environment (DAE),◄ is also reported as a DASOR. MORs **should** be attached to the DASOR for ease of information transfer.
5. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations **should** ensure that all DASORs relating to their platform or equipment type(s) are routinely reviewed, assessed for Safety and / or Airworthiness impact with appropriate activity undertaken by individuals who are Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP)⁷. This activity **should** include, but is not limited to, actions against the Hazard Log and equipment Safety Assessment.
6. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations **should** ensure that:
 - a. Their Air Safety Management System⁸ explicitly trends and tracks applicable Occurrence Investigation recommendations to closure.
 - b. Applicable Occurrence Investigation recommendations that affect their Air System Safety Case (ASSC) are reviewed as part of the periodic ASSC review⁹; especially those from Service Inquiries (SI) and Director General Defence Safety Authority (DSA-DG) Non-Statutory Inquiries (NSI).
7. TAAs and Commodity DTLs **should** ensure that a brief summary of activity relating to each DASOR is added in a timely manner to inform and support the relevant investigation; this summary ►◄ also ►includes◄ reference to any Special Instructions (Technical) raised, references to Airworthiness management tools (eg RESOLVE), and other supporting documentation as required.
8. DASOR information transmitted via ASIMS **should** be classified no higher than Official¹⁰. Where relevant information attracts a higher classification, ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations **should** maintain a record on an appropriately classified system. DASORs classified as Official **should** reference the corresponding classified record(s), and ►ensure◄ the classified record(s) ►◄ reference the corresponding DASOR.
9. DASORs **should** be distributed to all areas, such as other ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations that may be affected or provide / gain benefit through awareness.
10. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and AA-Facing Organizations **should** assure the Quality of the reports within their Area of Responsibility. All recommendations arising from the investigation **should** ►◄ be recorded on ASIMS with any actions taken corroborated with an auditable record of supporting evidence. There are specific requirements with regard to recommendations arising out of SIs.
11. An Airprox form►11◄ **should** be raised by the Aircraft Commander whenever an Airprox is deemed to have occurred. All parties involved in an Airprox (eg the Aircraft Commander, Air Traffic Control (ATC) Controllers, Flt Ops Assistants, etc) who are advised that they have been involved in an Airprox, irrespective of whether or not they were aware of the Occurrence or considered that it Constituted an Airprox, **should**

⁷ The individuals who are SQEP might not just be TAA / Delivery Team personnel; this may include forwarding Occurrences to relevant stakeholders (ie Design Organizations, Original Equipment Manufacturers, etc). Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁸ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

⁹ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

¹⁰ Information marked Official-Sensitive cannot be transmitted via ASIMS.

¹¹ ► Including Latitude and Longitude position preferably as a Decimal Degree (DD) or Decimal Minutes Seconds (DMS) format as dictated by the Air System's Navigation equipment (if available).◄

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submit a DASOR which is independent but linked to the Airprox prime DASOR.

12. Reporters **should** refer to the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) website to evaluate if an Injury¹² is reportable under RIDDOR. If an Injury is reportable, the reporter is also required to complete a RIDDOR Report.

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Occurrence Reporting and Management

13. Air Safety Occurrences fall into one of 3 types: Accidents, Incidents or Hazard Observations¹³. To reduce the likelihood of re-Occurrence, all Air Safety Occurrences and failures of Safety controls (including those that originate in areas such as logistics, infrastructure and other support) need to be reported and investigated to a suitable depth in order that Causes are understood and lessons identified, promulgated and appropriate action taken. Examples of Air Safety reportable Occurrences are detailed in Annex B.

14. Timely and accurate Occurrence reporting is required across ►the DAE◄ to:

- a. Notify all relevant agencies of actual and potential Hazards.
- b. Identify the Cause and causal factors.
- c. Initiate further investigation where appropriate.
- d. Highlight recommendations to address identified issue(s).
- e. Enable data capture and analysis.

15. **Reporting Types.** There are three main Occurrence report types:

- a. **Significant Occurrence Notification.** It is essential that a SON is submitted as soon as possible following any applicable reportable Occurrence, see Annex A, and updated as additional information becomes available, so that senior military leadership is notified as quickly and as accurately as possible. Units / Organizations submitting a SON need to ensure their Chain of Command and supporting organizations, such as ADH chain / AM(MF), TAAs etc, are appropriately informed independently of the SON. SONs need to be supported by a linked DASOR, where possible. The format for a SON and the report addressees are available in the SON template held on the MAA websites and accessible through the ASIMS homepage.
- b. **Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report.** All Occurrences (including those described in a SON) need to be reported and distributed using a DASOR submitted via ASIMS. Other documents may be referenced where either classification or sensitivity markings mean they are inappropriate for transmission via ASIMS.
- c. **Unit Level Forms.** Alternative methods for the initial reporting of Hazard Observations may be in use at unit level such as InForms and the Flight Safety Log etc. Nevertheless, all Air Safety related observations need to be recorded via a DASOR.

16. **Non-ASIMS Organizations.** For organizations not using ASIMS as their primary management tool, an editable DASOR template can be found on the MAA websites. This will result in organizations dual reporting to ensure that all interested parties are aware of the Occurrence.

17. **Reporting Procedures.** Air Safety reporting procedures including required timelines will be iaw Annex A.

18. **ASIMS Training.** Individuals may complete the online training, which is available within ASIMS on the launch page, for their respective roles and responsibilities within the reporting process, prior to the use of ASIMS. MAA

¹² Injuries are defined in the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrence Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013 Regulation 4: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/riddor/> and <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/1471/contents/made>.

¹³ A quick reference guide and definitions are at Annex A.

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sponsored ASIMS role training is available via Safety Training for Error Prevention (STEP), the suite of which is highlighted in RA 1440¹⁴.

19. **Civil Occurrence Reporting**¹⁵. UK Regulation (EU) No 376/2014, is comprised of MORs and Voluntary Occurrence Reports (VOR). The MOD requires DASORs for a wider selection of Occurrences than the civilian MORs and VORs¹⁶. The Occurrence Manager needs to select the ASIMS MOR function for all appropriate DASORs (for both civilian MORs and civilian VORs), using the following breakdown:

- a. **MORs**. Occurrences which may represent a significant Risk to aviation Safety, such as Occurrences related to:
 - (1) The operation of the Air System.
 - (2) Technical conditions, Maintenance and Repair of the Air System.
 - (3) Air navigation services and facilities.
 - (4) Aerodromes and ground services.
- b. **VORs**. Occurrences which:
 - (1) May not be captured as a MOR.
 - (2) Are perceived by the reporter as an actual or potential Hazard to aviation Safety.

Reporting of Occurrences Involving Other Nations¹⁷

20. Significant Occurrences involving other nations' military Air Systems which occur in the UK Flight Information Regions or in UK overseas territories¹⁸, or are under the control of or hosted by a UK Service unit or Contractor Flying Organization, need to be reported via a SON.

21. Where an Occurrence, significant or otherwise, takes place under the control of or hosted by a UK Service unit or Contractor Flying Organization a DASOR also needs to be raised by the Controllers or hosts respectively.

Confidential Reporting

22. **General**. There may be occasions where an individual may not wish to raise an issue with their immediate superior or colleagues through the DASOR reporting system. In this circumstance reports may be raised through the Defence Confidential Occurrence Reporting Scheme (DCORS) directly to the appropriate sponsor.

23. **Defence Confidential Occurrence Report Scheme (DCORS)**. The DCORS aims to encourage the reporting of such Incidents directly to the appropriate Command Flight Safety Officer (CFSO) or MAA as per the DCORS form. If desired, the author's anonymity is guaranteed and names will only be released with appropriate consent. Originators of anonymous Reports will not receive feedback.

24. **Procedure**. The DCORS procedure is as follows:

- a. **Forms**. The DCORS form and addresses are available on the MAA website and accessible through the ASIMS homepage. Forms may be submitted in a plain envelope addressed to the appropriate sponsor.
- b. **Progression**. Only the individual to whom it is addressed may open the letter. The MAA or the relevant CFSO will reply to the originator with a full progress report if the originators contact details have been provided.
- c. **Publication of DCORS**. Information from DCORS may be published for educational purposes; however, CFSOs will maintain confidentiality. If, for any reason, an originator feels that a report may not be used for any subsequent publicity this will be explicitly stated.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

¹⁵ <http://www.caa.co.uk/Our-work/Make-a-report-or-complaint/MOR/Occurrence-reporting>.

¹⁶ Civilian aviation authorities reportable Occurrence are detailed in EU Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1018 as retained (and amended in UK domestic law) under the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018.

¹⁷ For the avoidance of doubt paragraphs 20 and 21 apply to non-UK military-registered Aircraft.

¹⁸ For the avoidance of doubt this includes Sovereign Base Areas.

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- d. **Forms Supply.** ADHs, AM(MF)s and CFSOs will ensure that a supply of DCORS forms is readily available.

Investigations

25. An Air Safety Occurrence investigation aims to determine what happened, why it happened and provide formally recorded recommendations or mitigation¹⁹ to prevent recurrence. There are three main types of investigation:

- a. **Service Inquiries (SI)**^{20, 21}. When mandated by law or policy, or where DSA-DG deems appropriate, DSA-DG will convene a SI iaw The Armed Forces (Service Inquiry) Regulations 2008 and RA 1420. When DSA-DG deems that a SI is not required, the DSA-DG may direct that an NSI be conducted by the relevant authority (such as the ADH).
- b. **Occurrence Safety Investigation (OSI)**. An OSI is a non-statutory and flexible investigation that provides a standard Defence investigation format within ASIMS that can be used to record an investigation into any Air Safety Occurrence. An OSI also provides additional levels of scrutiny through the Occurrence Review Group (ORG).
- c. **Local Investigation (LI)**. For Occurrences that do not require a SI or OSI, the depth of the investigation may be tailored by the local Occurrence Manager to suit the nature of the Occurrence.

26. **Investigation Support.** The Defence Accident Investigation Branch (DAIB) will support the SI and can also provide advice and assistance to the NSI. Following Notification by SON, DAIB staff acting on behalf of DSA-DG will review the Occurrence and, subject to information available, may deploy to undertake Triage investigation. All personnel need to assist DAIB investigators during the Triage process to ensure that an accurate Risk picture can be established and the most appropriate follow-on investigation can be instigated²². Further guidance can be found in ►2025DIN06-025◄²³.

27. **Recommendations.** Recommendations provide a mechanism for managed change within the Air Safety environment based on the conclusions from investigations. As such, they will have a clear and justifiable purpose and a reasonable timescale for implementation. Recommendations can be used to address particular causal factor issues or wider preventative / corrective / mitigating action. Specific requirements with regard to recommendations arising out of SIs and NSIs are contained in RA 1420.

Airprox Investigation and follow-up actions

28. **Investigation.** ADHs, AM(MF)s and AMs will ensure that any Airprox involving their Air Systems are investigated. Results of investigations will be placed on a DASOR and linked to any other report pertinent to that Airprox.

29. **Follow-up Action.** Airprox within UK and delegated airspace will be assessed by the UK Airprox Board (UKAB). Any recommendations from the Director UKAB will be actioned where required and notified once complete.

¹⁹ Mitigations are used within ASIMS, to record local actions or activity, to prevent a further Occurrence, that do not require Delivery Duty Holder / Operating Duty Holder / AM Approval. Further details are contained within the ASIMS User Manual.

²⁰ SIs are statutory inquiries, in that they are governed by statute – The Armed Forces (Service Inquiries) Regulations 2008. Any investigations below a SI – such as an OSI or LI – are often called “Non-Statutory Inquiries” (NSI).

²¹ Refer to RA 1420 – Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries.

²² Refer to RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash ►and Incident◄ Management and Significant Occurrence Management.

²³ Refer to ►2025DIN06-025◄ – The Defence Accident Investigation Branch.

Annex A

Air Safety Occurrences Reporting Quick Reference Guide

	Unit Level Forms	DASOR Occurrence Types			SON (see note ►5)◄
		Haz Obs	Incident	Accident	
Accident see notes 1 and ►2.◄				✓	✓
Incident see notes ►1 and 3.◄			✓		As required
Hazard Observation see notes ►1 and 4.◄	✓	✓			As required
SON Consideration					
Sensitive (Air Safety). VIP involved, possible societal, media or ministerial interest, including damage to commercial and / or public property.		Recorded on originating DASOR			✓
Suspension or Restriction. An Air Safety Occurrence that has led to, or may lead to, the suspension of flying operations or a significant restriction being imposed such as an 'op pause'.		Recorded on originating DASOR			✓
Non-UK NATO Aircraft in the UK. On Notification of an Accident or ►significant◄ Occurrence involving a non-UK NATO Aircraft in the UK.		Recorded on originating DASOR			✓
To be reported within: see note ►6.◄	48 hrs	48 hrs	48 hrs (or 24 hrs for Airprox)	24 hrs	ASAP (<1 hr)

Notes:

- **Uncrewed Air System (UAS).** Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS landings, or terminal phase manoeuvres, consistent with planned operations incurring damage or destruction, will not normally be considered as Air Safety reportable Occurrences unless the UAS Responsible Officer / UAS AM determine that there may be a wider Safety interest. Notwithstanding this derogation, any significant deviation from the intended UAS behaviour, response, or Uncrewed Aircraft flight path **should** be reported. Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category UAS Air Safety reportable Occurrences **should** be reported as per crewed Air Systems.◄
- Accident.** An Air Safety related Occurrence which has resulted in any or all of the following conditions:
 - A person being killed; or,
 - A person suffering a specified Injury ►12◄, ²⁴ lasting over seven days, not applicable to injuries from parachuting activity unless they have been classified as Seriously Ill²⁵, or Very Seriously Ill²⁵. In the event that an Injury severity is not known or confirmed (eg not immediately determinable, awaiting a medical examination, etc) when initially reported (as per the reporting quick reference guide above), then the Injury **should** be assumed to last for over seven days and be reported accordingly. When the Injury severity is confirmed the report **should** be updated accordingly; or,
 - A crewed◄ Air System, ►Specific S2 sub-category UAS, or Certified Category UAS◄ sustaining damage or structural failure which adversely affects the structural strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the Aircraft, and would normally require major Repair or replacement of the affected component. Except for: engine failure or damage, when the

²⁴ Refer to JSP 375 Part 2 Volume 1 Chapter 16 Annex A – Accident/Incident Reporting and Investigation.

²⁵ ►◄ Refer to JSP 751 Part 1 Volume 3: Overseas Compassionate Travel at Public Expense.

damage is limited to a single engine, (including its cowlings or accessories), to propellers, wing tips, antennas, probes, vanes, tyres, brakes, wheels, fairings, panels, landing gear doors, windscreens, the Aircraft skin (such as small dents or puncture holes) or minor damages to main rotor blades, tail rotor blades, landing gear, and those resulting from hail or bird strike, (including holes in the Radome). Derived from International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 13; or,

- d. ► **A crewed Air System, Specific S2 sub-category UAS, or Certified Category UAS with** ◄ an assessment of Air System Repair Category 4 or (including provisional) Category 5.
3. **Incident.** An Air Safety related Occurrence which has not resulted in an Accident but has resulted in any or all of the following conditions:
 - a. A person receiving a specified Injury lasting seven days or less²⁶, not applicable to injuries from parachuting activity unless they have been classified as Seriously Ill²⁵, or Very Seriously Ill²⁵; or,
 - b. An event which compromises Air Safety; or,
 - c. ► **A crewed Air System, Specific S2 sub-category UAS, or Certified Category UAS with** ◄ an assessment of Air System Repair Category 1, 2 or 3 damage.
 - d. ► **An Open Category UAS or Specific S1 sub-category UAS sustaining damage or structural failure which adversely affects the structural strength, performance, or flight characteristics of the Aircraft, and would normally require major Repair or replacement of the affected component. Except for: engine failure or damage, when the damage is limited to a single engine, (including its cowlings or accessories), to propellers, wing tips, antennas, probes, vanes, tyres, brakes, wheels, fairings, panels, landing gear doors, the Aircraft skin (such as small dents or puncture holes) or minor damages to main rotor blades, tail rotor blades, landing gear, and those resulting from hail or bird strike, (including holes in the Radome). Derived from ICAO Annex 13; or,**
 - e. **An Open Category UAS or Specific S1 sub-category UAS with an assessment of Air System Repair Category 1, 2, 3, 4, or (including provisional) Category 5.** ◄
4. **Hazard Observation.** A report used to provide information on a specific situation or set of circumstances which did not actually result in an Air Safety ► **Accident** or ◄ Incident but where the potential for an Air Safety ► **Accident** or ◄ Incident to occur in the future was identified. Air Safety related Hazard Observations reported on Unit Level Forms need to be transferred to a DASOR.
5. **SON.** The format and contact details for a SON are detailed within the SON template held on the MAA websites and accessible through the ASIMS homepage.
6. **DASOR Reporting Timeline.** DASOR reporting timelines refer to the submission and initial distribution of the report by the Occurrence Manager.
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²⁶ The report (DASOR and SON if applicable) **should** be subsequently recategorized depending on the outcome, within 15 days of the Occurrence.

Annex B**Guide to Reportable Occurrences**

1. Example Occurrences for which DASORs are required include (this list is not exhaustive; if in any doubt, a DASOR needs to be submitted):

a. General:

- (1) Errors that significantly reduce the levels of Safety normally expected.
- (2) Occurrences involving a serious increase in workload which correspondingly reduces Safety margins due to fatigue; this includes cumulative fatigue.
- (3) Damage to an Air System sustained during any activity whilst on the ground occurring outside the Period of Operation of the Air System.
- (4) Flight simulator Occurrences or Occurrences in a synthetic environment which may be of benefit to the wider ►DAE◄ community, but excluding those of a Health and Safety at Work nature.
- (5) Real-event Occurrences that held elevated Risk due to negative consequences or learned behaviours from experiences in a synthetic environment.
- (6) Real-event Occurrences that had a Cause tangibly-linked to experiences in a synthetic environment and may be of benefit to the wider ►DAE◄ community.
- (7) Occurrences involving Foreign Object Debris or loose articles either in or on an Air System and whether or not any damage results.
- (8) Significant failure or unforeseen degradation of any Safety critical system.

b. Air Traffic Management:

- (1) ATC / Area Control Centre (ACC) Incidents and Accidents – involving and reported by personnel of ATC and ACC.
- (2) Any Occurrence where ATC procedures, military flying Regulations and / or, where appropriate, civil legislation are breached.

c. Continuing Airworthiness:

- (1) Maintenance Occurrences – occurring during Maintenance of an Air System²⁷.
- (2) Maintenance error where the potential for an Air Safety Incident to occur was identified.
- (3) Maintenance errors identified after Certification.
- (4) Serious equipment Faults identified during Maintenance.
- (5) Misleading, incorrect or insufficient applicable Maintenance data or procedures that could lead to significant Maintenance errors.
- (6) Incorrect control of the Air System Maintenance schedule.
- (7) Releasing an Air System to service from Maintenance in which the material state endangers Flight Safety.
- (8) Releasing an Air System to service from Maintenance in which the documented state of the Air System does not match the physical state of the Air System and could compromise Flight Safety.
- (9) Where insufficient or inadequate resources are available to conduct safe Maintenance operations.
- (10) The use of products, components or materials, from unknown, suspect origin, or Unserviceable critical components.

d. Flight Operations:

- (1) Incidents and Accidents – occurring during the Period of Operation of the Air System under the control of Aircrew.
- (2) Uncharted Obstructions.
- (3) Other Occurrences – in support of flying operations²⁷.
- (4) Occurrences that represent an actual or potential Flight Safety Hazard.

²⁷ Where applicable Health and Safety Executive & Service specific reporting (eg the Navy Lessons and Incident Management System (NLIMS)) needs to be raised and cross referred to within the applicable DASOR.

- (5) Abandoned take-offs or unintentionally leaving a Runway, taxiway or Aircraft operating surface.
- (6) Unplanned autorotative landing.
- (7) Aircraft forced landing.
- (8) Aircraft hard landing.
- (9) Unauthorized exceedances of the flight envelope.
- (10) Deviations from the Release To Service.
- (11) A significant loss of thrust / engine power.
- (12) Flying control system failure or malfunction, or un-commanded flying control movement (UFCM) however momentary.
- (13) Any item that becomes detached from or falls from an Aircraft.
- (14) Helicopter external load malfunctions, including unusual load behaviour which led or could have led to irregular release, giving rise to significant concern for Safety.
- (15) Serious reduction in Aircraft performance due to weather or icing.
- (16) Severe turbulence, wake turbulence or wind shear.
- (17) Any loss of prescribed separation between Aircraft.
- (18) When the Aircraft Commander has received and responded to ►an Airborne Collision Avoidance System (ACAS)²⁸◄ Resolution Advisory, regardless of the Cause.
- (19) When an individual during Air System operations has been adversely affected by Injury; incapacitated due to illness, the use of drugs or alcohol; or affected by noxious fumes or food poisoning. This includes Aircrew or support personnel who, for any reason, are required to report to a medical officer after an Incident.
- (20) Lightning strike.
- (21) Aircraft self-damage by weapons.
- (22) Losses due to Hostile Action.
- (23) Irregular release / discharge of weapons.
- (24) Inadvertent Release of ►stores or◄ towed targets.
- (25) Occurrences resulting from fast roping or abseiling from Aircraft.
- (26) Equipment failure or deficiencies causing significant concern to the user.
- (27) Wildlife strikes or near wildlife strikes.
- (28) Bird strikes or near bird strikes.
- (29) Wire strikes or near wire strikes.
- (30) Instances of laser equipment being used against Aircraft and personnel in direct support of flying operations.
- (31) Parachute deployment irregularities such as any difficulty experienced by a free fall Parachutist in locating or pulling their base of container toggle or difficulties experienced by a Parachute Jump Instructor drogue setting for a tandem Parachutist.
- (32) Any parachuting equipment issues experienced by a Parachutist either during or prior to a military parachute descent.
- (33) All occasions when a Runway or Aerodrome Movement Area Incursion has occurred.
- (34) Any Operation of a Personal Locator Beacon.
- (35) Activation of the Air System ►Terrain Awareness and Warning System (TAWS)²⁸◄

²⁸ Where Air System design and flying task combinations lead to the potential for repeated ►ACAS / TAWS◄ activations in routine operation, ADH / AM(MF) will consider providing guidance on when the circumstances under which the requirement to submit an Occurrence Report is appropriate.

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RA 1420 - Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries

Rationale

There is a necessity to investigate aviation ►► Occurrences¹ ►► to enhance the delivery of operational capability through continuous improvement to Defence Air Safety. ►► Defence Safety Authority Director General ◄◄ (DSA-DG) is appointed by the Defence Council as the primary Convening Authority (CA) for Service Inquiries (SI) into Safety related ►► Occurrences, which include those occurring in the aviation domain. The SI (whether required by law or policy or convened at the discretion of DSA-DG) and Non-Statutory Inquiries (NSI) (which may be convened at the discretion of DSA-DG or by Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Accountable Managers (AM), or Heads of ADH-Facing Organizations ►► and Heads of AM(MF)-Facing Organizations (AA-Facing Organizations)³ ◄◄ will make recommendations to prevent ►► reoccurrence ◄◄ and improve Air Safety.

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1420(1) The independent, full time, SI / NSI Panel ►► shall fully investigate all aspects of ►► an ◄◄ Occurrence and provide the CA with a ►► comprehensive written report, with relevant recommendations. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs⁴ and ►► AA ◄◄-Facing Organizations^{5, 6, 7} ►► shall support ►► all aspects of the investigation and act upon SI / NSI recommendations.

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Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries

1. ►► As per Joint Service Publication (JSP) 375 Chapter 16, all serious Occurrences ►► should be reported to the Defence Accident Investigation Branch (DAIB), ◄◄ the MOD Deputy Chief of Defence Staff Duty Officer and ►► the ◄◄ Permanent Joint Headquarters ►► (for organizations under operational command of Commander Joint Operations). Head DAIB ◄◄ should inform DSA-DG, ►►, Operating Duty Holders (ODH) and AM(MF)s of ►► Occurrences ►► and near misses⁸. ◄◄ The ODH or AM(MF) ►► should inform all other relevant stakeholders.
2. ►► Where more than one ADH, AM(MF) or AA-Facing Organization has an interest in an SI or NSI, DSA-DG through their office or Head DAIB ►► should inform all relevant stakeholders. ◄◄
3. Following Notification of an ►► Occurrence, Head DAIB ►► should deploy an appropriately Constituted team to gather and secure vulnerable and perishable evidence as soon as possible.
4. For ►► the purpose of this RA, ◄◄ Occurrences ►► should include those where serious injuries or fatalities occur during parachuting, fast roping or abseiling where a UK military registered Air System is deemed to have had a direct bearing on the Occurrence.

¹ ►► For the purpose of this RA ◄◄ an Occurrence ►► Involves ◄◄ circumstances indicating that there was a high probability of an Accident, and associated with the operation of an Air System. The difference between an Accident, ►► Incident ◄◄ and ►► an ◄◄ Occurrence lies only in the severity of the outcome.

² ►► Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary.

³ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities. ◄◄

⁴ Those AMs within: ►► AA ◄◄-Facing Organizations; Contractor Flying Approved Organizations; Maintenance Approved Organizations; Air Traffic Management Equipment Approved Organizations; or Design Approved Organizations.

⁵ ►► 'AA ◄◄-Facing Organizations' includes but is not limited to: Aviation Delivery Team Leaders, Commodity Delivery Team Leaders, Heads of Establishment (HoE), Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs).

⁶ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁷ Where the Air System is ►► not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management ◄◄ regulatory Responsibility by either the Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA) or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model ►►; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed ►► delegation ◄◄ of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁸ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting.

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5. ▶ **Single Services** ◀ **should** provide appropriate candidates for SI or NSI panels as ▶ **requested** ◀ by DSA-DG ▶ ◀. This ▶ **should** ◀ include the appropriate Front Line Command (FLC) provision of assistance to DSA-DG in respect of requirements arising from ▶ **Occurrences** ◀ involving non-FLC Defence aviation Contractors.

6. The SI or NSI panel **should** conduct the investigation ▶ **and complete the report** ◀ iaw JSP 832⁹.

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Final Report

9. ▶ ◀ Prior to final publication the ▶ **primary stakeholders** ◀ **should** be given the opportunity to check the provisional report for errors of fact ▶ ◀.

10. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs and ▶ **AA** ◀-Facing Organizations identified by the CA to enact SI or NSI recommendations **should** do so and subsequently report progress to Head DAIB. ▶ ◀

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11. An aviation Safety investigation below SI is a non-statutory and flexible investigation that may be used to investigate any matter (with the exception of those matters for which an SI is mandated by law or policy) in order to establish the Cause of the ▶ ◀ Occurrence and to make recommendations to prevent ▶ **reoccurrence**. ◀ On a case-by-case basis, DSA-DG may elect to ▶ **direct the DAIB to carry out** ◀ an NSI in place of a full SI. ▶ ◀

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13. ▶ **If an Occurrence merits deployment of the DAIB**, ◀ the DAIB team will commence an investigation as soon as possible in order to secure vulnerable and perishable evidence. As part of this process they ▶ **will need** ◀ unrestricted access to the crash site, Air System and any evidence. This may include, but is not limited to, witnesses, documentation, Air Traffic Control and Air System data recording equipment. They will report on the broad circumstances of the ▶ ◀ Occurrence and highlight any immediate ▶ ◀ Safety concerns to DSA-DG. DSA-DG ▶ **will** ◀ determine the appropriate ▶ **level** ◀ of investigation ▶ ◀.

14. ▶ ◀ For ▶ **Safety Occurrences**, ◀ the final decision on whether or not to initiate an SI or NSI lies solely with DSA-DG. If DSA-DG determines that there is no requirement to convene an SI ▶ **or DAIB-led NSI**, they ◀ may ▶ **suggest** ◀ an ADH or AM(MF) ▶ **undertakes an** ◀ NSI and give guidance on its conduct. ▶ ◀

SI or NSI Convening Process

15. Where ▶ **a DSA** ◀ SI or NSI is to be initiated, DSA-DG will exercise Responsibility as CA and will seek appropriate candidates in rank, qualification and experience for the SI or NSI panel posts, as required by the circumstances of the ▶ ◀ Occurrence.

16. Single Service ▶ **Workforce** ◀ Authority (▶ **SWA** ◀) support will be necessary to identify suitable candidates promptly, including the appropriate FLC provision of assistance over the requirements arising from ▶ ◀ Occurrences involving non-FLC Defence Aviation contractors. To allow the CA to balance the experience of the panel, ▶ **SWA** ◀ are, wherever possible, to nominate 2 candidates. Panel members will be assigned to the inquiry until the final report has been completed to the satisfaction of the CA.

17. Panels will be populated to achieve a balance of subject matter expertise and demonstrable independence. Candidates will be sought from outside the Chain of Command of the Air System involved in the ▶ ◀ Occurrence and personnel concerned and, usually, the SI or NSI President will be sought from outside the Service concerned.

⁹ Refer to JSP 832 – Guide to Service Inquiries.

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18. Having already ► deployed a team of investigators ◄ to gather and secure evidence, once the SI is convened, Head DAIB will ► nominate a trained Accident investigator as a member to the SI panel. ◄ For ► non-DSA ◄ NSI investigations, the DAIB can provide advice and assistance upon request but will not augment the NSI panel. The DAIB will provide guidance relating to: the technical (including a technical report), operating and organizational elements of the investigation; investigative techniques and procedures; the procedural and regulatory aspects of aviation related SI or NSI; and access to specialist support and capabilities.

Liaison between stakeholders and the CA

19. ► ◄ Urgent ► ◄ Safety information arising from ► an investigation ◄ will be distributed to the relevant ODH or AM(MF) and lead Flight Safety organization by the CA (or SI or NSI President) for action and onward dissemination to any organization that may benefit from the information. Lead Flight Safety organizations will ensure that the relevant point of contact within MOD with Responsibility for notifying industry and other nations of Safety critical information receives the information immediately.

20. To ensure that urgent Flight Safety information has been adequately communicated and understood, the CA may require confirmation ► of ◄ what steps have been taken to notify interested parties of the Safety information ► and what steps have been taken to implement any advice. ◄

21. General liaison between the CA and the relevant Chain of Command will be directly with the ADH chain or AM(MF) ► ◄. Routine FLC internal communication within the Chain of Command, ► SWA ◄, legal and secretariat ► ◄ will be facilitated via the respective Flight Safety organizations and / or secretariat.

22. Any ADH or AM(MF) with a specific concern in relation to mitigating continuing Hazards may ► directly approach ◄ the CA to discuss any aspect of an ► ◄ Occurrence that presents them with such a Cause for concern.

23. At the discretion of the CA, the ► ◄ Occurrence owning ODH or AM(MF) may be provided with a personal update brief from the SI or NSI President on a privilege basis and in the presence of the CA ► (or their representative). ◄

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Observers

25. ► The criteria for observers is covered in JSP 832¹⁰. ◄

Return to Flying

26. Decisions on whether or not to cease and resume flying operations remain the Responsibility of the ADH or AM(MF) who will, where appropriate, seek and expect specialist advice from their TAA or Mil CAM and exercise their professional judgement on the evidence available to them. ► ◄ The CA and Head DAIB will assist where ► deemed appropriate ◄ by providing feedback where clear evidence raises Cause for concern with regard to continued flying operations or where possible Causes have been eliminated.

General Support from stakeholders

27. ADHs, AM(MF)s or ► AA ◄-Facing Organizations will provide 'kin-forming', Aircraft Post Crash ► and Incident ◄ Management¹¹ and media handling. Reasonable costs for the SI or NSI will be borne by the DSA ► (in the case of a DSA convened SI / NSI), ◄ but other stakeholders may be called upon to provide office accommodation, administrative and domestic support to the panel for the duration of the inquiry.

Final Report

28. Once the SI or NSI President has submitted the provisional ► ◄ Report, the ► senior stakeholders ◄ will have the opportunity to make formal comment ► on

¹⁰ Refer to JSP 832, Para 2.26, Observers.

¹¹ Refer to RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash Management and Significant Occurrence Management; and the Manual of Post Crash Management.

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factual content only. ◀ The internal publication of ▶ **an NSI** ◀ report to MOD stakeholders by email from ▶ **the CA's** ◀ office constitutes the formal sign off of the report. ▶ **In the case of a DSA SI, the report is deemed final when the formal review by DSA-DG has been completed.** ◀ The DSA secretariat will redact the report to Freedom Of Information standards and publish on the internet ▶ **(Gov.uk)** ◀ as soon as practicable following internal distribution.

29. Disclosure of the final report is effected iaw JSP 832 chapter 7 which reflects agreements between the DSA and Defence Inquest Unit (where there has been a fatality and resultant Coroner's inquest (or Fatal Accident Inquiry in Scotland)). There are specific requirements with regard to disclosing the report to the next of kin and to the Coroner (or Procurator Fiscal in Scotland) who will often use the content of the final report to inform ▶ **their proceedings.** ◀

Recommendations

30. Recommendations are designed to reduce the potential for ▶ **reoccurrence** ◀ and to improve Safety ▶ **across Defence.** ◀ Urgent Safety recommendations can be made at any stage during the inquiry. ▶ ◀ Once the final report is completed, ▶ **however, the inquiry President will circulate a consolidated list of recommendations to the appropriate Safety centre(s) for confirmation of recommendation owners and as an opportunity to make formal comment on the recommendations themselves.** ◀ Recommendations will aim to articulate an effect to be achieved, as opposed to a solution. ▶ **They will be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-bound (SMART) where possible, noting that definitive timeframes cannot be dictated.** ◀

31. The DAIB will monitor the implementation of the recommendations on behalf of the ▶ **DSA-DG** ◀ and will ensure that recommendations are initiated and tracked. ▶ **The designated implementation manager** ◀ will be ▶ **asked to contact** ◀ the DAIB to provide a plan of action and a ▶ **potential** ◀ timeframe for completion. The DAIB will advise on the background to the recommendation to assist the Accountable owner (of the recommendation) in determining a suitable solution that will meet ▶ **DSA-DG's** ◀ expectations for closure. The DAIB will request updates on progress ▶ **on a rolling basis throughout the year** ◀ and will report progress to DSA-DG ▶ **monthly.** ◀ Recommendations require the Approval of the CA before they can be closed. ▶ **In the case of recommendations from a DSA SI, DSA-DG is the sole closure authority. Recommendations from a DAIB-led NSI with an Accountable owner below 2*, have been delegated by DSA-DG to Head DAIB.** ◀

Criminal and Disciplinary Investigations

32. In addition to SI and NSI, the police or other investigative bodies may also investigate an Occurrence, with a view to deciding whether a criminal prosecution or disciplinary action may result. Where there is an investigation into potential criminal or disciplinary activity, it is vital that the Safety investigation ▶ ◀ continues in parallel wherever possible. This is to ensure that critical Safety information ▶ ◀ is uncovered, captured and acted upon ▶ ◀ as soon as possible. ▶ **Early** ◀ liaison with ▶ **other investigative bodies** ◀ will be essential to ensure de-confliction and continued effective Assurance of the independent and no blame nature of the SI or NSI.

Investigation of ▶ ◀ Occurrences involving military Air Systems and Weapons of foreign nations

33. The procedures for the Safety investigation ▶ ◀ of ▶ ◀ Occurrences involving military Air Systems and Weapons which involve the equipment, facilities and / or personnel of multiple nations (eg NATO / Partnership For Peace (PfP) nations, Five Eyes Air Force Interoperability Council (Five Eyes AFIC) nations, etc) are detailed in Standardization Agreement (STANAG) 3531^{12, 13}. Where an ▶ ◀ Occurrence has occurred to which the STANAG is not applicable ▶ **or appropriate (for example Signatory countries to the European Air Accident Investigation Group,** ◀ the relevant Memorandum of Understanding between the UK and the country / countries of the

¹² Refer to STANAG 3531 - Safety Investigation of Accidents / Serious Incidents involving Military Aircraft, Missiles, and / or UASs.

¹³ Historically Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the United States of America complied with the procedures in Air Standard 85/2A (which was authored by the Air Standardization Coordinating Committee (ASCC)). In 2005 the ASCC changed to the Air and Space Interoperability Council (ASIC), and then in 2017 the ASIC changed to the Five Eyes AFIC. The Five Eyes AFIC replaced Air Standard 85/2A with Air Standard ACS 4086 which is a part of STANAG 3531.

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military Air Systems involved in the ►◄ Occurrence is to be checked ►for◄ any special provision. ►◄

Investigation Policy

34. When a member of the UK Armed Forces or an MOD Contracted civilian organization is fatally or seriously injured in an Air Accident abroad, which is not covered by ►any formal agreement,◄ the UK MOD will always provide at least an Observer to the Accident inquiry and will participate in any Safety Investigation Committee. The Observer will be required to furnish a detailed report ►to DSA-DG◄ on the conclusion of the inquiry ►◄. If the UK is denied adequate access to observe the inquiry or the DSA-DG considers there are additional lessons to be learned, ►◄ a separate UK ►inquiry may◄ be convened.

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RA 1430 - Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management

Rationale

There is a requirement for Aviation Duty Holders (ADH), Heads of Establishment (HoE) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) to ensure that Aircraft¹ Post Crash and Incident Management (APCIM) and significant Occurrence Management is carried out following an Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence². The management measures and procedures that are required to be in place include correct reporting, preservation of evidence, Health and Safety precaution, Environmental Incident Management, appropriate corporate communications, and where required, activities to restore the Accident / Incident site to a satisfactory condition. If APCIM is inadequately prepared for, the handling of Accidents, Incidents and / or significant Occurrences could be compromised, which could impact the ability of organizations to conduct Aircraft Post Crash investigations. This RA ensures ADHs, HoEs and AM(MF)s are suitably prepared for APCIM. For the avoidance of doubt, APCIM does not encompass activation of emergency services or Accident / Incident investigation.

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1430(1) ADHs and HoEs³ **shall** ensure that there are appropriate APCIM plans and capabilities in place in the event of an Air System Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence.

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1. ADHs and HoEs **should** produce and maintain standalone orders and procedures to be used for APCIM and significant Occurrences which **should**:
 - a. Detail, as a minimum, the following:
 - (1) Reporting procedures.
 - (2) Health and Safety precautions.
 - (3) Environmental Protection precautions⁴.
 - (4) Actions to ensure the preservation of evidence.
 - (5) Corporate communications procedures.
 - (6) Unit APCIM individual roles and Responsibilities, along with resources available.
 - b. Provide specific instructions regarding the handling and procedures for the preservation and isolation of electronic and digital data post Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence, in order that the data is not lost or compromised.
 - c. Be reviewed on the following occasions:
 - (1) At least annually.
 - (2) In the event of an Air System Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence.
 - (3) A major change to the scope of Air System operations.
 - d. Be readily available and auditable.

¹ The term 'Aircraft' within the context of the acronym 'APCIM' also refers to an Air System.

² An Occurrence involving circumstances indicating that there was a high probability of an Accident and associated with the operation of an Air System. The difference between an Accident and a significant Occurrence lies only in the result.

³ Commanding Officers of aviation capable His Majesty (HM) and Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) Ships ►will◄ be regarded as HoEs for the purposes of this Regulation.

⁴ MOD Aircraft Crash Hazards (ACHaz) Document Set.

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2. APCIM plans **should** ensure:
 - a. The provision and availability of Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP) ► **as** ◀ APCIM Officers (APCIMO) ►⁵ ◀ ranked OF3 and above. Exceptionally, ADHs and HoEs can authorize ► **and justify APCIMOs ranked down to OR7 (or equivalent). The names and justification of APCIMOs ranked below OF3 (or equivalent) should** ◀ be recorded in an appropriate Safety Risk Register⁶.
 - b. That appropriate capabilities to cover Air System operations exist at permanent UK operating locations, on HM and RFA Ships, and overseas deployed operating locations.
 - c. MOD units and Defence Contractor Flying Organizations (DCFOs) with an APCIM Responsibility⁷ complete a live exercise with civil emergency service representation every 2 years, with multi-agency table-top exercises in the intervening years⁸.

► **Note:**

For HM / RFA Ships; as a minimum, proportionate APCIM live exercises will be conducted by HM / RFA Ships as part of 2nd Part Assurance (2PA) Fleet Operational Sea Training (FOST) activity, and include a Crash On Deck element. Live exercises will include the inspection and deployment of any APCIM equipment. ◀
 - d. That live and table-top exercises include consideration of the full response required, and for live exercises the inspection and deployment of the unit's APCIM Support Equipment.
 - e. The Defence Accident Investigation Branch (DAIB)⁹ is advised of exercise dates.
 - f. Exercise reports are submitted to the DAIB detailing lessons identified and / or learnt and confirming the suitability and serviceability of APCIM Support Equipment.
 - g. That in the event of unusual aerial activity (eg unit air display) or if circumstances dictate, additional APCIM training or exercises are carried out.
 - h. That appropriate Eng Tech Weapons, Air Weapons, Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives (Air WOME) Incident Support Team (AWIST), Ammunition Technical Officer or Qualified Maintainer (RN) personnel are rostered and that they are available to provide specialist guidance to Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) operators.
 - i. ► **Units with regional Responsibilities will conduct APCIM seminars every 2 years, under the guidance of the RAF Regional Liaison Officers (RAFRLO), to promote engagement and awareness of APCIM. ◀**

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3. Guidance on the capabilities required to conduct APCIM and the content of APCIM plans can be found within the MAA MAPCIM. Guidance on significant Occurrence Management can be found within the MAA MAPCIM and RA 1410(1)¹⁰.
4. Elements of APCIM activity or a full APCIM response may be required in response to a significant Occurrence or serious Incident¹¹, regardless of whether or not an Air System Accident / Incident has occurred.

⁵ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

⁶ Only those authorized by the ADH and HoE **should** attend the APCIMO course.

⁷ The Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (MAPCIM) Chapter 2 Annex A details APCIM Responsibilities.

⁸ In the event a unit responds to an Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence with a full APCIM response (utilizing all aspects of the APCIM response that would be tested in an exercise), it will be considered to have fulfilled the live ex requirement. The 2 yearly exercise requirement will reset to align with the date of the Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence.

⁹ DSA-DAIB-Air-Mailbox@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1410(1): Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹¹ ► Refer to MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary. ◀

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5. Advice on APCIM training can be sought from the DAIB and details of the APCIMO Course can be found in RA 1440⁵ and on the MAA website¹².
6. Unit specific training (including familiarisation with unit APCIM plans and equipment) is required biennially in addition to the APCIMO Course⁵.
7. Upon request, Air System Delivery Teams will supply the DAIB with completed Hazards Data Sheets (from the MOD ACHaz Document Set).

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Accountable Managers (Military Flying)

- 1430(2) AM(MF)s **shall** ensure that there are appropriate APCIM plans and capabilities in place in the event of a UK Military Registered Air System Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence.

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8. AM(MF)s **should** produce and maintain standalone documents and procedures which ►will◄ be used for APCIM and significant Occurrences which ►◄:
 - a. Detail as a minimum, the following:
 - (1) Actions to be carried out in the event of an Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence involving a UK Military Registered Air System, including actions to assist military APCIM activity.
 - (2) Reporting procedures.
 - (3) Health and Safety precautions.
 - (4) ►Environmental Protection precautions.◄
 - (5) Actions to ensure the preservation of evidence.
 - (6) Corporate communications procedures.
 - b. Provide specific instructions regarding the handling and procedures for the preservation and isolation of electronic and digital data post Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence, in order that the data is not lost or compromised.
 - c. Contain contact details of the relevant RAFRLO¹³ and details of the lead regional APCIM unit.
 - d. Be reviewed on the following occasions:
 - (1) At least annually.
 - (2) In the event of an Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence involving a UK Military Registered Air System.
 - (3) A major change to the DCFO's scope of UK Military Registered Air System operations.
 - e. Be readily available and auditable.
9. APCIM plans **should** ensure:
 - a. That appropriate capabilities to cover UK Military Registered Air System operations exist at permanent UK operating locations, on HM and RFA Ships, and overseas deployed operating locations.
 - b. Organizations with an APCIM Responsibility⁷ complete a live exercise with civil emergency service representation every 2 years, with multi-agency table-top exercises in the intervening years⁸.

¹² www.gov.uk/maa.

¹³ Contact details of the RAFRLO that covers a particular region can be obtained by contacting the following group email: Air-RAFRLOs@mod.gov.uk.

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c. That live and table-top exercises include consideration of the full nature of the DCFO's scope of UK Military Registered Air System operations.

► **Note:**

For HM / RFA Ships; as a minimum, proportionate APCIM live exercises will be conducted by HM / RFA Ships as part of 2PA FOST activity, and include a Crash On Deck element. Live exercises will include the inspection and deployment of any APCIM equipment. ◀

d. The DAIB is advised of exercise dates and exercise reports are submitted to the DAIB detailing lessons identified and / or learnt⁹.

e. That in the event of unusual aerial activity (eg air display) or if circumstances dictate, additional APCIM training and / or exercises are carried out.

f. That appropriate platform-specific engineering personnel can provide specialist Technical Information to EOD operators. ► ◀ Only those ► **Authorized and who are deemed to be** ◀ SQEP ► ◀ can conduct reconnaissance, evaluation, and positive interaction with crashed Aircraft containing WOME, beyond documented Aircraft procedures.

10. AM(MF)s **should** nominate SQEP ► ◀ within the DCFO that will have lead Responsibilities for APCIM in the event of an Accident, Incident or significant Occurrence involving a UK Military Registered Air System. Nominated personnel **should** be readily available throughout UK Military Registered Air System operations and have the APCIM Responsibility detailed within their post specification and Responsibilities.

11. In order to facilitate APCIM training and support the development of organizational APCIM plans, AM(MF)s **should** apply for places on the APCIMO Course for their personnel who have lead Responsibilities for APCIM; information on the process for applying for places on this Course can be accessed through RA 1440⁵ and the MAA website¹².

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12. Guidance on the capabilities required to conduct APCIM and the content of APCIM plans can be found within the MAA MAPCIM. Guidance on significant Occurrence Management can be found within the MAA MAPCIM and RA 1410(1)¹⁰. AM(MF)s are encouraged to regularly engage with their RAFRLO in order to benefit from APCIM expertise and gain awareness of upcoming APCIM events in their area.

13. Elements of APCIM activity or a full APCIM response may be required in response to a significant Occurrence or serious Incident¹¹, regardless of whether or not an Air System Accident / Incident has occurred.

14. Advice on APCIM training can be sought from the DAIB and details of the APCIMIO Course⁵ and on the MAA website¹².

15. Organization specific training (including familiarisation with unit APCIM plans and equipment) are required ► **every 2 years** ◀ in addition to the APCIMO Course⁵.

RA 1440 – Air Safety Training

Rationale

► *The Defence Air Environment (DAE) is an operational area with inherent Risks. These Risks can lead to Accidents, Incidents, and a potential for Risks to Life (RtL). A lack of individuals with appropriate Air Safety awareness poses a significant Hazard, which can manifest through various factors, such as: individual errors, team errors, and insufficient operational capability. To counter these Hazards, a multi-layered defence strategy is appropriate. Essential defence measures include robust Air Safety training for all involved, improving individual and team performance, reducing errors, enhancing operational capability, increasing Safety awareness, and fostering an engaged Air Safety culture.* ◀

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Air Safety Training

1. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organizations ►◀ **should** ensure that:
 - a. The Air Safety ► **training requirements (Competencies, qualifications, experience, and currencies)** ◀ are defined in orders, for all posts, appointments, and roles, within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
 - b. Their personnel successfully complete the Air Safety training courses⁶ (which are mandated for certain posts, appointments, and roles within the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP)) as detailed in Annex A.
 - c. Accurate and detailed records of Air Safety ► **training** ◀ are maintained.
2. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organizations **should** assess the individuals within their AoR to ensure a satisfactory level of Competence⁷, once the individuals have successfully completed the applicable Air Safety training courses detailed in Annex A.
3. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organizations who specify in their orders a requirement to attend the Air Safety training courses detailed in Annex A, **should** staff their requirement through the MAA Air Safety and Airworthiness ► **Training** ◀ Customer Executive Board (CEB) or through International Defence Training.

¹ Those AMs within: AA-Facing Organizations; Continuing Airworthiness Management Organizations (CAMO); Maintenance Approved Organizations; Air Traffic Management (ATM) Equipment Approved Organizations; or Design Approved Organizations.

² This RA applies to HoEs with aviation responsibilities, as per RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities.

³ 'Heads of ► **ADH** ◀-Facing Organizations' includes but is not limited to: Aviation Delivery Team (DT) Leaders, Commodity Chief Engineers (CE), Military Continuing Airworthiness Managers (Mil CAMs), etc.

⁴ Refer to RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing ► **Organizations** ◀ and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁵ Refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

⁶ A number of MAA courses are also open to Defence Contractor Flying Organizations (DCFO) and foreign military through International Defence Training.

⁷ Successfully completing Air Safety training courses (as detailed in Annex A) does not automatically signify that an individual is Competent.

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► Training non-compliances

4. ADHs⁸, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and Heads of AA-Facing Organizations **should** personally:
 - a. Authorize any Annex A Air Safety training requirement non-compliances, for initial training, on a case-by-case basis and:
 - (1) For Crown Servant posts, inform the MAA⁹.
 - (2) For industry posts, send an Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance, Waiver, or Exemption (AWE) application (in accordance with (iaw) MAA03¹⁰ Annex B) to the MAA for MAA endorsement as part of the relevant organizational Approval process.
 - b. Grant extensions to any Annex A Air Safety training requirements, and Human Factor (HF) 2 yearly continuation training (see paragraph 7), of individuals who exceed validity for continuation training, subject to an assessment that the Risk associated with their activity remains As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable. The MAA only need to be informed⁹ of the granted extensions for both Crown Servants and industry posts. A total maximum of 6 months' extension is permitted.

Notes:

When considering whether to approve extensions to an individual's training currency, consideration of the level of Competence at organizational, team, and individual level is required. Extension requests need to be supported by evidence of continuation training being booked.

5. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and Heads of AA-Facing Organizations **should** maintain a record of all Air Safety training requirement non-compliances for Audit by the MAA. The training non-compliance record details **should** be passed to the ODH / AM(MF)¹¹ for inclusion in the Air System Safety Case. ◀

Human Factors

6. All ► ◀ personnel as determined in orders¹² by ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and AA-Facing Organizations involved in the DAE **should** receive Foundation level Human Factor (HF) and Error Management (EM) training ► or UK CAA Part 66 Module 9A training¹³, ◀ delivered by a qualified and current HF Facilitator (HFF), HF Supervisor (HFS) or Civilian Qualified HF Instructor (CQHFI):
 - a. For military personnel, during basic training and / or single / joint Service phased training¹⁴.
 - b. For civilian personnel, during induction training in preparation for working within the DAE.
7. ► All personnel as determined in orders¹² by ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, and AA-Facing Organizations involved in the DAE **should** receive 2 yearly continuation training, delivered by a qualified and current HFF, HFS, or CQHFI. ◀
8. HFFs **should** complete the HF Facilitators Course (HFFC) and HFSs **should** complete the HFFC and the HF Supervisors Course (HFSC). ► ◀

⁸ ► Senior Duty Holders (SDH) can authorize SDH and Operating Duty Holder (ODH) level non-compliances. ODHs can authorize Delivery Duty Holder (DDH) level non-compliances. DDHs can authorize non-compliances for the personnel in their AoR.

⁹ DSA-MAA-OA-ACC@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁰ Refer to MAA03: MAA Regulatory Processes.

¹¹ HoEs only need pass their training non-compliance record details to the ODHs / AM(MF)s that operate their Air Systems out of the HoE's Safe Operating Environment. ◀

¹² Which include, but is not limited to, Aircrew, engineers within the Type Airworthiness and Continuing Airworthiness environment and ATM.

¹³ ► The UK CAA Part 66 Module 9A training focuses on individual human performance and limitations. Organizational HF requirements that are not covered by the UK CAA Part 66 Module 9A training are identified in the MAA HFEM Training Requirements document at paragraph 12 and need to be separately provided in accordance with this RA. ◀

¹⁴ This refers to Phase 1, Phase 2, or Phase 3 training.

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9. HFF, HFS and CQHFI qualified personnel **should** receive continuation training in order to maintain their personal 2 yearly Competence. This **should** be recorded in an appropriate system (eg JPA). This **should** be achieved as follows:
 - a. HFF personnel. Participate in a HF and EM (HFEM) continuation training session.
 - b. HFS personnel. Participate in a HFEM continuation training session or as a participant in a HFEM continuation training session at the time of completing HFS assessment duties.
 - c. CQHFI personnel. As above according to their qualification as either a facilitator or supervisor.
10. CQHFI **should** complete either the HFFC / HFSC or a Civilian HF instructors' course which is deemed suitable by the applicable ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organizations. As a minimum, the course **should** meet the requirements laid down in the MAA HFEM Training Requirements document¹⁵. The applicable ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, or AA-Facing Organizations **should** determine which appropriate civilian HF instructors' course to send their CQHFI on.
11. All ►◄ DAE HF training **should** be delivered iaw the HF Competency Framework that can be found in the MAA HFEM Training Requirements¹⁵ document.
12. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organizations **should** include HF delivery in their Assurance programs for compliance with the MAA HFEM Training Requirements document which is made relevant to their organization.
13. **HFF Currency and Validity.** To maintain currency, HFFs **should** deliver a minimum of one facilitated or instructional session every 6 months. HFF currency **should** be regained through an assessment by a current HFS. The HFS assessment sheet and any other supporting documentation **should** be maintained as evidence. If a HFF's session is judged to be ineffective or below standard during a HFS assessment, the Competency **should** be removed and the ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organization informed. The ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organization **should** agree any requirements for further training and / or assessment by an HFS before the HFF's qualification is restored. Once 5 years has elapsed since initial qualification, HFFs **should** successfully complete HFF refresher training conducted by the Defence Aviation HF Training School.
14. **HFS Currency and Validity.** To maintain currency, HFSs **should** deliver a minimum of one facilitated or instructional session and conduct at least one HFF assessment every 6 months. HFS currency **should** be regained through an assessment by a current HFS. The HFS assessment sheet and any other supporting documentation **should** be maintained as evidence. If ►HFS sessions are◄ judged to be ineffective or below standard during ►◄ HFS assessment, the Competency **should** be removed and the ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organization informed. The ADH, AM(MF), AM, HoEs, and AA-Facing Organization **should** agree any requirements for further training and / or assessment before the HFS's qualification is restored. Once 5 years has elapsed since initial qualification, all HFSs **should** successfully complete an HFSC course again, irrespective of currency.
15. **CQHFI Currency and Validity.** All CQHFI **should** meet the HFF or HFS currency and validity requirements detailed in paragraphs ►13-14.◄ Once 5 years has elapsed since initial qualification, CQHFI may opt to apply for the HFFRC or conduct further Civilian HF instructor training deemed suitable as per paragraph ►10.◄

MAA Endorsed Alternative MAA Centre of Air Safety Training (CoAST) Air Safety Training Courses

16. If an organization wishes to utilize a course in lieu of an MAA CoAST course listed in Annex A, they **should** submit a request to the MAA¹⁶ for assessment. If the MAA endorses the course, as a suitable alternative (to the Annex A MAA CoAST course), it will then require "Air Safety and Airworthiness Training Customer Executive Board" (ASAT CEB) endorsement. If the ASAT CEB endorses the course, as a

¹⁵ ►Found◄ via: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defence-human-factors-training-courses>.

¹⁶ These are the Flying Authorizers Course, the Flying Supervisors Course, and the Air Safety Officers Course.

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suitable alternative (to the Annex A MAA CoAST course), it will then be added to the Annex C list and the Regulated Community can start utilizing the alternative course.

17. To enable assessment of the proposed alternative MAA CoAST course, as a minimum the following **should** be provided:

- a. Joining Instruction paperwork,
- b. Instructor Terms of Reference,
- c. Statement of Training Requirements,
- d. Confirmation that all instructors, delivering the course, attend the Annex A course,
- e. Confirmation that all instructors, delivering the course, continue to be assessed as suitably Competent and experienced and maintain a 5-year currency,
- f. Confirmation that the course content is aligned with, and equivalent to, the Annex A course.

18. MAA endorsement of the Annex C training courses remains valid for 5 years. If the course provider (as detailed in Annex C) wishes to continue utilizing the Annex C endorsed training course beyond the validity date, the course provider **should** make all evidence requested available to the MAA CoAST team for re-assessment. Personnel who are awarded a qualification, by an Annex C endorsed training provider, remain current for the full period of that qualification, even if the provider's endorsement expires, and is not renewed, during that period.

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19. While courses are directed primarily towards Aircrew, engineers and Controllers, they also embrace those support personnel whose work does not necessarily bring them into direct and regular contact with Air Systems, but who underpin and enable aviation operations.

20. **Embarked Operations.** Due to the unique nature of embarked maritime operations, ADHs, AM(MF)s and AMs must consider the specific additional Air Safety requirements detailed in Book of Reference digital (BRd) 766¹⁷, BRd 767¹⁸, RA 1029¹⁹ and RA 1395²⁰.

21. ▶◀

Human Factors

22. HF training will be delivered face to face. However, when exceptionally required, it may be delivered virtually when authorized by the applicable ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, or AA-Facing Organizations.

23. All DAE HF continuation training will be ▶◀ relevant to the Unit / organization, ▶tailored to address◀ current HF issues ▶and challenges,◀ and be limited to no more than 15 people ▶lasting◀ approximately 3 hours.

¹⁷ Refer to BRd 766 – Embarked Aviation Orders.

¹⁸ Refer to BRd 767 – Naval Aviation Orders.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1029 – Ship-Air Release - Roles and Responsibilities.

²⁰ Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships.

Annex A²¹Air Safety training courses^{22, 23}

Course	Assignment / Post / Role ²⁴	► Pre-requisite training courses ◀	Validity
► Aerodrome Operators Study Period (AOSP)	Existing and prospective Aerodrome Operators, HoEs		Enduring
Air Safety Data Analysis (ASDA)	Air Safety data trend analysis personnel	HFEM foundation level training	Duration of Tour
Air Safety Management System Overview (ASMSO)	Air Safety Management Systems development personnel	HFEM foundation level training	Duration of Tour
Air Safety Officers Course (ASOC) ²⁵	Personnel in Air Safety Officer roles or holding Air Safety Officer duties		5 Years ◀
Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (APCIM) Officers Course (APCIMOC) ^{26, 27}	Nominated APCIM Officers	► Fundamentals of APCIM Brief (recommendation) ◀	5 Years
Aircraft Structural Integrity Course (ASIC)	Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO), and Civil Servants serving as Aircraft Structural Engineers or responsible for Aircraft Structural Integrity Management		5 Years
Airworthiness of Military Aircraft Course – Fundamentals (AMAC-F) ²⁸	Letter of Airworthiness Authority (LoAA) holders ²⁹ authorized to amend the Air System Document Set (ADS) below OF3 level (or equivalent), Letter of ► Air Safety ◀ Notification (LoAN) holding Commodity CEs, CAMO Quality Managers		5 Years
Airworthiness of Military Aircraft Course – Practitioner (AMAC-P) ²⁸	LoAA holders authorized to amend the ADS at OF3 level (or equivalent) and above, ► ◀ Type Airworthiness Managers (TAM), LoAN holding Commodity CEs, Chief Air Engineers (CAE) ³⁰ , Mil CAMs ³¹		5 Years
► Applying BowTie	Safety Managers, Risk Register / BowTie Owners, Safety Management personnel, Data Analysts, Auditors, Investigators interested in improving their familiarity with industry Safety and Risk Management tools		Duration of Tour

²¹ The courses detailed in Annex A are those that have been endorsed by the MAA, some of which are provided by the MAA.

²² Course aims, content, dates, ► pre-requisites, ◀ and application procedures can be found via the MAA ► Training ◀ website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/military-aviation-authority-training-courses>.

²³ Prior to attending Air Safety courses, personnel need to satisfy the course pre-requisites.

²⁴ This is the mandated requirement, ie the courses are not exclusive to these assignments, posts, and roles.

²⁵ FLAC, ASOC, and FSC count as 2 yearly HF continuation training.

²⁶ Attendance on the "Fundamentals of APCIM Brief" is a recommended pre-requisite.

²⁷ APCIM Officers are required to complete Module 4 of Defence Learning Environment Heat Illness Prevention Training, including Wet Bulb Globe Temperature QT34.

²⁸ All personnel attending this course when mandated by the MRP **should** complete the course in full, this includes successful completion of the post course assessment.

²⁹ Refer to RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility.

³⁰ Refer to RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineers - Air Safety Responsibilities.

³¹ This includes, but is not limited to, Mil CAMs and Deputy CAMs.

Course	Assignment / Post / Role ²⁴	► Pre-requisite training courses ◀	Validity
Introduction to BowTie	Flight Safety Officers, Risk Managers, Personnel who are responsible for Maintenance of specific BowTies or interfaces directly through manipulation software		Duration of Tour
CAA Oversight of Military Registered Aircraft (COMRA)	For those operating under Leaflet B40 – Mil CAMs, CAMO Technical Specialists, Assurance Staff, Airworthiness Review Staff		Enduring ◀
CAMO Functional Training (CAMO(FT)) ³²	CAMO personnel identified by the Mil CAM (including Contracted and Subcontracted personnel where appropriate)	► CAMO Regulatory Training (CAMO(RT)) ◀	5 Years
► CAMO(RT) ³²	CAMO personnel identified by the Mil CAM (including Contracted and Subcontracted personnel where appropriate), DT personnel with delegated CAMO responsibilities		5 Years
CAMO Modules	CAMO personnel identified by the Mil CAM (including Contracted and Subcontracted personnel where appropriate), DT personnel with delegated CAMO responsibilities		Enduring ◀
Contractor Flying Air Safety Course (CFASC) ^{33, 34, ►35 ◀}	AM(MF)s, TAMs ³⁶ , Flight Operations PHs, Crew Training PHs, Ground Operations PHs, Mil CAMs ³⁷		5 Years
Duty Holder Air Safety Course (DHASC) ^{38, 39, ►35 ◀}	ADHs, Senior Responsible Owners (SRO) ⁴⁰ , ► Programme Directors (that support SROs) ⁴⁰ , ◀ CAEs, ► Senior Operators, ◀ Mil CAMs ³⁷ , HoEs ⁴¹ , Defence Equipment & Support (DE&S) Operating Centre Directors, DE&S 1* LoAA holders, TAAs ⁴² , LoAN holding Commodity CEs		5 Years
Effective EM (EEM) ^{43, 44}	Individuals performing roles involving the management of errors including SEMSCs or other posts with similar responsibilities	► HFEM foundation level training ◀	5 Years
► ◀	► ◀		► ◀

³² For personnel with limited prior CAMO experience, the CAMO(RT) course may be completed as a pre-requisite to CAMO(FT), as determined by the Mil CAM.

³³ CFASC currency will remain valid for AM(MF)s and their Post Holders (PH) on the provision that they have held their appointment continuously since completing the CFASC and have attended at least one Contractor Flying Advisory Group in the last two years.

³⁴ To be completed within 6 months of taking up post.

³⁵ ► This course is not applicable to personnel related to Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS. ◀

³⁶ Where possible, TAMs **should** attend the same CFASC as their relevant AM(MF).

³⁷ Mil CAMs supporting ADHs need only attend the DHASC. Mil CAMs supporting AM(MF)s need only attend the CFASC if they ► have not ◀ attended the DHASC. Mil CAMs supporting ADHs and DCFOs need only ► ◀ attend the DHASC.

³⁸ The DHASC is available only to MOD Crown Servants.

³⁹ Completion of DHASC counts as both DHASC and FSC currency for nominated Duty Holders.

⁴⁰ Only applicable to SROs ► and Programme Directors (that support SROs) ◀ involved in aviation-related programmes.

⁴¹ Refer to RA 1010(2): Head of Establishment – Aviation Responsibilities for all Tiers.

⁴² Where possible, TAAs **should** attend the same DHASC as their relevant DDH(s).

⁴³ This course is not mandated for ► DCFOs ◀, Maintenance Approved Organizations, ATM Equipment Approved Organizations, and Design Approved Organizations; however, Error Managers within these organizations have to be Competent and appropriately trained to manage their respective organization's EM system(s).

⁴⁴ Those whose primary role is EM (eg Senior EM System Coordinators (SEMSCs)), or other posts with similar responsibilities, on behalf of the EM System owner.

Course	Assignment / Post / Role ²⁴	► Pre-requisite training courses ◀	Validity
Flying Authorizers Course (FLAC) ^{25, 45}	Authorizing Officers, Personnel authorizing flying activity		5 Years
Flying Display Directors (FDD) ²⁸	Flying Display Directors		3 Years
Flying Supervisors Course (FSC) ^{25, 45}	► Supervising Officers, Personnel supervising flying activity	FLAC ◀	5 Years
Fundamentals of APCIM Brief	Individuals performing roles in an Aircraft Incident Response Activity, Other posts with similar Responsibility		► Enduring ◀
HF Facilitators Course (HFFC)	► HFFs, CQHFI ◀		5 Years
HF Facilitators Revalidation Course (HFFRC)	► HFFs and CQHFI who have reached or are approaching the end of their 5-year HFFC Competency ◀		5 Years
HF Supervisors Course (HFSC)	► HFSs ◀		5 Years
► MAA Air Safety Risk Assessment & Management Practitioners (MASRAMP)	Risk Management requirements personnel	HFEM foundation level training	5 Years
Military Aerospace and Airworthiness Education Programme	Individuals seeking development for future engineering roles. The MAA sponsors 19 accredited MSc courses, which are aimed at those who require a Masters' level of understanding of military Air Systems		Enduring ◀
Occurrence Investigator (OI)	► Personnel undertaking the OI role for OSIs	HFEM foundation level training ◀	3 Years ⁴⁶
Occurrence Investigator Refresher (OI Ref) ⁴⁷	OIs requiring Continuing Professional Development (CPD) or currency extension	► HFEM foundation level training ◀	3 Years
Occurrence Review Group (ORG)	Those chairing or nominated as ORG members	► HFEM foundation level training ◀	5 Years
Occurrence Review Group Refresher (ORG Ref) ⁴⁸	ORG members requiring CPD or currency extension	► HFEM foundation level training ◀	3 Years
Overseas / Deployed APCIM Officer Brief (OSB)	Nominated APCIM Officers		1 Year
► Practical Skills for Auditors Course (PSAC)	Individuals with less than 2-year experience in the following roles: Quality Assurance personnel, Quality Control personnel, Compliance Monitoring Managers, Quality Managers		Enduring ◀

⁴⁵ Completion of FSC counts as both FSC and FLAC currency (provided that the FLAC has been previously completed).

⁴⁶ Unit Air Safety Teams are permitted to extend OI currency, up to 48 months beyond the RA 1440 Annex A validity requirements, when Competent use of OI skills has been demonstrated. ADHs, AM(MF)s, AMs, HoEs, ► and ◀ Heads of ► AA ◀ Facing Organizations ► ◀ should provide guidance to the Unit Air Safety Teams on how competency can be demonstrated.

⁴⁷ OI Ref should not be used to extend an individual's currency on 2 consecutive occasions.

⁴⁸ ORG Ref should not be used to extend an individual's currency on 2 consecutive occasions.

Course	Assignment / Post / Role ²⁴	► Pre-requisite training courses ◀	Validity
Propulsion Integrity Course (PIC)	Officers, NCOs, and Civil Servants serving as Aircraft Propulsion Engineers or responsible for Aircraft Propulsion Integrity Management		5 Years
► Root Cause Analysis (RCA)	Personnel with the Responsibility for owning and closing non-compliances, Individuals working within a Quality Assurance function		Enduring
Uncrewed Air System (UAS) Responsible Officer (RO) brief	The following assignments / posts / roles responsible for UAS operating in the Open A2, Open A3, and Specific S1 sub-categories ⁴⁹ : - UAS ROs - UAS OF3s delegated to supervise day-to-day operations - UAS Senior Operators		Duration of Tour
UAS Accountable Manager (AM) brief	The following assignments / posts / roles responsible for UAS operating in the Open A2, Open A3, and Specific S1 sub-categories ⁴⁹ : - UAS AMs - UAS Flight Operations PHs		Duration of Tour ◀

⁴⁹ Where directed by the MAA; the requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the ►UAS◀ categorization process and articulated in the Letter of Endorsed Categorization.

Annex B ►◄

► The content of Annex B has been subsumed into Annex A. ◄

Annex C

MAA Endorsed ► **Alternatives to** ◄ MAA CoAST Air Safety training courses

Course	Assignment / Post / Role	Provider	Alternative to	Validity	Date Endorsed
Gliding Authorizers Course (GLAC) ^{50, 51}	2 Flying Training School (FTS) Volunteer Gliding Squadrons: Authorizing Officers, personnel authorizing flying activity	Central Gliding School	FLAC	5 Years	October 2021
Royal Navy Flight Safety Course (AIR 302)	Royal Navy: Flight Safety Officers, Authorizing Officers, personnel authorizing flying activity (or those from other Services employed in posts that support maritime aviation operations)	Royal Navy Flight Safety Centre	ASOC	5 Years	March ► 2025 ◄
Volunteer Gliding Squadron Flying Supervisors Course (VGS FSC) ^{50, 51}	2 FTS Volunteer Gliding Squadrons: Flying Unit Executives, A2 Category Qualified Gliding Instructors	Central Gliding School	FSC	5 Years	October 2021

⁵⁰ The GLAC and VGS FSC count as 2 yearly HF continuation training.

⁵¹ Completion of VGS FSC counts as both VGS FSC and GLAC currency (provided that the GLAC has been previously completed).

► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization

Rationale

There is a requirement to acquire, categorize, develop, and operate appropriate Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS). Therefore, there needs to be in place a proportionate Regulatory and Certification framework; this is based on the UAS's operating intent and the level of Risk their proposed activity poses. Categorization sets a proportionate regulatory framework to ensure that UAS operations are conducted safely, based on the Risk that UAS operations pose to involved and Uninvolved Persons¹ on the ground and to other air users. The process of UAS Categorization considers both the UAS type and method of operation. The Risk is dependent on many factors including, but not limited to Uncrewed Aircraft (UA) physical attributes (eg mass, dimensions, speed, energy, etc), range of operation, duration of exposure², robustness of link, the nature of the airspace, the Quality of training, and the experience of the operating unit and Remote Pilot (RP). As the Risk increases, the robustness of the Assurance required to demonstrate that operations are safe will increase. Without agreed regulatory frameworks to assist organizations to acquire, categorize, develop, and operate appropriate UAS, UAS may present uncontrolled and unmitigated Risks to Life (RtL). The categorization of UAS (which considers both UAS type and method of operation) directs which Regulation and Acceptable Means of Compliance (AMC) apply. This Regulatory Article (RA) provides an overview of the Categorization system and directs the regulatory requirements to ensure that organizations acquire appropriate UAS and correctly operate them in the relevant Category³ to enable suitable regulatory frameworks to be applied to their operation. This will ensure that UAS are safe to operate and are being operated safely throughout their life.

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 - a. Air System.
 - b. Aircraft.
 - c. Aircrew.
 - d. Areas of high population density.
 - e. Armed Uncrewed Air System (Armed UAS).
 - f. Beyond Visual Line Of Sight (BVLOS).
 - g. Command and Control link.
 - h. Command Unit.
 - i. Congested Areas.
 - j. Controlled Airspace (CAS).
 - k. Controlled Flight Into Terrain (CFIT).
 - l. Danger Area.
 - m. Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Categories.

¹ Refer to MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

² Exposure is a function of the numbers of people at Risk from the operation and the time during which they are at Risk.

³ Hereafter “Category” refers to Category and / or sub-categories. Hereafter the terms ‘categorize’, ‘categorized’, and ‘categorization’ refers to the MAA-endorsed UAS Category and / or sub-category which defines an appropriate Regulatory framework.

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- n. Detect and Avoid.
- o. Drone.
- p. Dropping of materiel.
- q. Ground Control Station (GCS).
- r. Layered Safety Approach (LSA).
- s. Loitering Munition.
- t. Lost link.
- u. Medical Certificate.
- v. Payload.
- w. Period of Operation.
- x. Remote Pilot (RP).
- y. Remote Pilot Station (RPS).
- z. Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA).
- aa. Remotely Piloted Air System (RPAS).
- bb. Remotely Piloted Air System Accountable Manager (RPAS AM).
- cc. Remotely Piloted Air System Ground Operator (RGO).
- dd. Remotely Piloted Air System Responsible Officer (RPAS RO).
- ee. Segregated Airspace.
- ff. Sense and Avoid.
- gg. Special Purpose Clearance (SPC).
- hh. Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP).
- ii. Swarm.
- jj. Uncrewed Aircraft (UA).
- kk. Uncrewed Air System (UAS).
- ll. Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager (UAS AM).
- mm. Uncrewed Air System Ground Operator (UGO).
- nn. Uncrewed Air System Observer (UAS Observer).
- oo. Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer (UAS RO).
- pp. Uninvolved Person.
- qq. Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS).

2. Terms, not defined in MAA02, that are tangentially relevant to the RA 1600 Series:

- a. **Artificial Intelligence (AI).** A family of general-purpose technologies, any of which may enable machines to perform tasks normally requiring human or biological intelligence, especially when the machines learn from data how to do those tasks. (Sourced from: Defence AI Strategy June 2022)
- b. **Autonomous Operations.** An operation during which a UA operates without the RP being able to intervene, however autonomous operations are not inclusive of emergency procedures. (Source derived from: UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Publication (CAP) 722D)
- c. **First Person View (FPV) UAS Operations.** FPV UAS operations will be endorsed via the Categorization process. FPV UAS are UAS fitted with video cameras downlinking live video to the RP via the Command Unit or through video goggles. This capability provides the RP with a pseudo pilot's eye view from the UAS. FPV UAS Operations will have a UAS Observer to ensure safe separation. The UAS Observer will be situated alongside the RP and will not

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use aided vision (eg binoculars)⁴. In all cases, the RP is still responsible for the Safety of the flight⁵.

d. **Machine Learning.** Computer algorithms that can 'learn' by finding patterns in sample data and then apply this to new data to produce useful outputs, often using neural networks. (Sourced from: Defence AI Strategy June 2022)

e. **Small UAS (sUAS).** Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category (that have a Maximum Take-off Weight (MTOW) less than 25 kg) are deemed to be sUAS.

f. **Tethered UA.** A UA that remains securely attached (tethered) via a physical link to a person, the ground or an object at all times while it is flying. The tether normally takes the form of a flexible wire or a cable and may also include the power supply to the Aircraft as well. (Source derived from: UK CAA CAP 722).

g. **Extended Visual Line Of Sight (EVLOS).** *This definition has been deleted from MAA02 as the term is not used in the MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP). If future amendments include reference to EVLOS in the UAS Regulations, then a description will be added to the UAS Regulations. On a case-by-case basis EVLOS requirements can be discussed with the MAA (potentially with a Regulatory Waiver). The MRP does not prevent UAS organizations from utilizing EVLOS, however there is no current MAA regulatory requirements. Organizations operating EVLOS are to ensure compliance with the MRP throughout their Area of Responsibility.*

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3. RA 1600 applies to UK Military Registered UAS, whether Military-Owned or Civilian-Owned and / or Military Operated or Civilian Operated. This includes Civilian-Owned and Civilian Operated UAS operating extra-territorially under contract to the MOD.

4. RA 1600 does not apply to:

- a. Privately-owned UAS (ie non-MOD owned and not on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR)) operated by MOD personnel outwith their MOD duties (ie where the use is private or recreational).
- b. Civil Registered or Unregistered Civilian-Owned UAS and Civilian Operated UAS operating, in accordance with (iaw) the Air Navigation Order / Overseas National Regulations, under contract to the MOD.
- c. Other Nations's military UAS.
- d. Military owned and operated FPV UAS not being used for military purposes (eg racing Drones). These UAS have to be registered with the appropriate aviation regulator (eg UK CAA, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), etc).
- e. Flights within buildings, or within areas where there is no possibility for the UA to escape into the open air (such as a closed netted structure).

Note:

One of the key Risks in the event of a UAS fly away event is the danger this could present to other air users, clearly this is mitigated when operating in enclosed spaces (eg indoors or within netted areas). Good Health and Safety policy, Duty of Care (DoC), and detailed Risk Assessments will still be carried out and a common-sense approach to operations be taken.

⁴ The use of corrective lenses and Night Vision Devices are permitted for UAS Observers.

⁵ This is based on the UK CAA's FPV webpage: <https://www.caa.co.uk/drones/rules-and-categories-of-drone-flying/first-person-view-flying/>.

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5. UAS to be operated in the DAE are required to be categorized in one of three UAS Categories, which are:

a. Open Category

(1) Operations within the Open Category are those to be conducted with UAS that:

(a) Have the following mandatory requirements:

- (i) Are operated within VLOS^{6, 7} of the RP⁸,
- (ii) Are not flown at a Height greater than 120 m (400 ft),
- (iii) Have any maximum speed,
- (iv) Are registered on the UK MAR by type⁹,
- (v) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier displayed on the main fuselage, and
- (vi) Operate under the DAE Operating Framework¹⁰ and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category¹¹.

(b) Have the following optional requirements:

- (i) Are capable of Swarming,
- (ii) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,
- (iii) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),
- (iv) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo^{12, 13},
- (v) Are capable of Dropping of materiel, and
- (vi) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).

(2) The Open Category is divided into three sub-categories with the following mandatory requirements:

(a) **Open A1¹⁴**. Operations within the Open A1 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS that:

- (i) Have a MTOW of less than 250 g,
- (ii) Are capable of being operated safely to a minimum horizontal distance of 30 m from Uninvolved Persons, or down to 5 m horizontally if a 'low speed mode'¹⁵ is equipped

⁶ UAS Categorized as Open A1 may be operated BVLOS when operating within buildings, vessels, and structures.

⁷ Certain demands may necessitate operations beyond the limitations covered by extant Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC). In these cases, an additional RA 1600 Annex B Appendix 2 or equivalent CFAOS (BU) paperwork will need to be submitted, for the additional permissions beyond the baseline LEC.

⁸ In 'follow-me' mode (the UA will automatically follow the Command Unit), the UA may be flown up to a maximum distance of 50 m from the RP, even if this means that the UA is no longer VLOS.

⁹ For UAS that will be operated within the Open and Specific S1 sub-categories, UK MAR registration is applied for within the Categorization Submission, and registration is inherent in the issuing of an LEC. See RA 1600 paragraph 19, and refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

¹¹ The DAE Operating Category relates to the ownership and Safety governance of the Air System, whereas the UAS Category relates to the regulatory framework which is set by the MAA according to the Risk posed by the UAS and the manner in which it is operated.

¹² Refer to AAP-06 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French).

¹³ For example (non-exhaustive list): Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1601 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A1 sub-category (Fly 'Over' People).

¹⁵ "low-speed mode" limits the maximum speed to 3 m/s when selected by the RP, if the UAS has an UK / EU conformity marking of C2 or is designed to similar standards.

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and selected, and not within 50 m of Congested Areas, but not flight over Areas of high population density, and

(iii) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 or be designed to similar standards.

(b) **Open A2¹⁶**. Operations within the Open A2 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS that:

(i) Have a MTOW of less than 4 kg,

(ii) Are capable of being operated safely to a minimum horizontal distance of 30 m from Uninvolved Persons, or down to 5 m horizontally if a 'low speed mode'¹⁷ is equipped and selected, and not within 50 m of Congested Areas, but not over Areas of high population density, and

(iii) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C2 or be designed to similar standards.

(c) **Open A3¹⁸**. Operations within the Open A3 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS that:

(i) Have a MTOW of less than 25 kg,

(ii) Are capable of being operated safely to a minimum horizontal distance of 50 m from Uninvolved Persons and not within 50 m of Congested Areas, but not over Areas of high population density, and

(iii) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C4 or be designed to similar standards.

b. Specific Category

(1) Operations within the Specific Category are those to be conducted with UAS that:

(a) Have the following mandatory requirements:

(i) Have any maximum speed,

(ii) Operate under the DAE Operating Framework and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category.

(b) Have the following optional requirements:

(i) Are capable of Swarming,

(ii) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,

(iii) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),

(iv) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo,

(v) Are capable of Dropping of materiel, and

(vi) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).

(2) The Specific Category is divided into two sub-categories with the following mandatory requirements:

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1602 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A2 sub-category (Fly 'Close To' People).

¹⁷ "low-speed mode" limits the maximum speed to 3 m/s when selected by the RP, if the UAS has an UK / EU conformity marking of C2 or is designed to similar standards.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1603 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A3 sub-category (Fly 'Far From' People).

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- (a) **Specific S1¹⁹.** Operations within the Specific S1 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS that:
- (i) Have a MTOW of less than 25 kg,
 - (ii) Are required to operate BVLOS up to a maximum of 2,000 m from the RP,
 - (iii) Are not operated over Areas of high population density,
 - (iv) Are not flown at a Height greater than detailed within the manufacturer's guidelines,
 - (v) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C4 or be designed to similar standards,
 - (vi) Are registered on the UK MAR by type,
 - (vii) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier, or a local UAS serial number, displayed on the main fuselage, and
 - (viii) Are operated within Segregated Airspace.
- (b) **Specific S2²⁰.** Operations within the Specific S2 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS that:
- (i) Have a MTOW of any weight²¹,
 - (ii) Are required to operate BVLOS of any distance from the RP,
 - (iii) Are capable of being operated safely over Areas of high population density,
 - (iv) Can be flown at any Height,
 - (v) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C6 or be designed to similar standards,
 - (vi) Are registered on the UK MAR by type or tail (as detailed in RA 1161), and
 - (vii) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number (if registered by tail), or Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier (if registered by type), displayed on the main fuselage, and
 - (viii) Are operated within Segregated Airspace, iaw RA 2320, when BVLOS and within the UK Flight Information Region (FIR).
- c. **Certified Category²².** Operations within the Certified Category are those to be conducted with UAS that²³:
- (1) Have the following mandatory requirements:
 - (a) Have a MTOW of any weight,
 - (b) Are required to operate BVLOS of any distance from the RP,
 - (c) Are capable of being operated safely at a horizontal distance from Uninvolved Persons, and over Areas of high population density,
 - (d) Can be flown at any Height,

¹⁹ Refer to RA 1604 – Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S1 sub-category.

²⁰ Refer to RA 1605 – Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category.

²¹ Note: UAS operations conducted BVLOS and / or with a MTOW greater than 25 kg pose additional RtL, not only to those directly involved in launch and recovery but also, to Uninvolved Persons and other air users.

²² Refer to RA 1606 – Uncrewed Air Systems - Certified Category.

²³ These characteristics may be approved in a lower Category where the overall Safety argument supports it.

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- (e) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C6 or be designed to similar standards,
 - (f) Have any maximum speed,
 - (g) Are registered on the UK MAR by tail,
 - (h) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number displayed on the main fuselage,
 - (i) Are operated within Segregated Airspace, iaw RA 2320²⁴ (but not if the UAS is able to Detect and Avoid during Lost Link profiles)), and
 - (j) Operate under the DAE Operating Framework and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category.
- (2) Have the following optional requirements:
- (a) Are capable of Swarming,
 - (b) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,
 - (c) Are capable of being armed,
 - (d) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo,
 - (e) Are capable of Dropping of materiel,
 - (f) Can carry people, and
 - (g) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).
- (3) Are determined by the MAA to have residual RtL that is too great unless the UAS has undergone Certification, based on a combination of: MTOW, UA size, VLOS / BVLOS operation, overflight of people, airspace integration and classification, Detect and Avoid, etc.

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1600(1) All UK military registered UAS **shall** be categorized.

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6. Prior to operations commencing, the operating organizations / Type Airworthiness Authorities (TAAs) **should** ensure that the UAS are categorized into one of the following: Open A1, Open A2, Open A3, Specific S1, Specific S2 sub-categories or Certified Category.
7. Categorization Submissions **should not** be submitted for UAS intended to be operated by Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic UAS) (CFAOS (BU)) Defence Contractor Flying Organizations (under a UAS AM) in the Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category (ie in the Civilian Operated (In-Service), Civilian Operated (Development) and / or Special Case Flying DAE Operating Categories)²⁵.
8. **Responsibility for UAS Categorization.** Once an organization recognizes the need to categorize a UAS it intends to operate, an appropriate person within the organization **should** accept Responsibility for completing the MAA Categorization Submission as follows:

²⁴ Refer to [RA 2320 – Flight Procedures: Role Specific S2 and Certified Remotely Piloted Air Systems](#).

²⁵ Categorization of UAS operated under the CFAOS (BU) will be achieved / accomplished via the CFAOS (BU) Approval process iaw RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Uncrewed Air Systems).

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- a. **Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category.** The UAS RO / UAS AM **should** be responsible for submitting a Categorization Submission²⁶ to the MAA^{27, 28}.
 - b. **Specific S2 sub-category.** The TAA²⁹ (with Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) / Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) endorsement³⁰) or the AM(MF) only³¹ **should** be responsible for submitting the Categorization Submission to the MAA²⁷.
 - c. **Certified Category.** The TAA (with ADH / AM(MF) / SRO endorsement), or the AM(MF) only, **should** be responsible for submitting the Categorization Submission to the MAA²⁷.
9. **Categorization Submission.** Submitting personnel (UAS ROs and / or TAAs) **should** ensure that cases for Categorization are based on the operating Risk (which includes, but is not limited to: MTOW, dimensions, and speed of the remote air vehicle; and the nature of the proposed operations, including the range from the RP and the airspace).
10. The UAS RO / UAS AM **should** ensure that Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category Categorization Submissions provide detail to allocate a Category, identifying processes and aggravating factors coupled with mitigations that contribute to both the Safe to Operate and Operate Safely arguments. Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category Categorization Submission information, **should** as a minimum include:
- a. A statement detailing why the UAS belong in the proposed UAS Category and sub-category (Open A1, Open A2, Open A3, or Specific S1).
 - b. The applicable information as detailed within the Categorization Safety Checklist at RA 1600 Annex B.
11. The TAA **should** ensure that Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Categorization Submissions provide detail of the proposed regulatory governance construct the UAS will follow for MAA agreement, including substantiated arguments for any requested derogations from the MRP. Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Categorization Submissions **should** as a minimum include:
- a. A statement detailing why the UAS belongs in the proposed UAS Category and sub-category (Specific S2 or Certified).
 - b. A technical description of the UAS³².
 - c. A description of the organization's operating intent and environment, including an overview of any Test and Evaluation (T&E) objectives and strategies where applicable.
 - d. The aggravating and / or mitigating factors affecting or likely to affect the proposed UAS Category and sub-category.
 - e. Key stakeholders' details (eg ADH / AM(MF), TAA, etc).
 - f. A proposed Safety Target^{33, 34}.

²⁶ The Categorization Submission is in place of the Release To Service (RTS) / Military Permit To Fly (MPTF), the Air System Safety Case (ASSC), and the Application for Approval in Principle.

²⁷ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

²⁸ For organizations operating under a CFAOS (BU) Approval submission of a Categorization Safety Checklist is not required; this will be achieved / accomplished via the CFAOS (BU) Approval process (refer to paragraph 9c).

²⁹ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

³⁰ For UAS intended for embarked operations the Ship Platform Authority and Ship Duty Holder, where known, will be consulted and involved in the categorization process.

³¹ For UAS in the Special Case Flying operating category; Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

³² To include Make and Model if Commercial Off The Shelf, or a broad description if agreed already within the Concept, Assessment, Development, Manufacturing, In-Service, and Disposal cycle for the development of Air Systems.

³³ Refer to RA 1230 – Design Safety Targets.

³⁴ Refer to the Remotely Piloted Air Systems Manual - Regulatory Process, Categorization and Compliance.

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- g. A draft Type Airworthiness Strategy (TAWs)^{35, 36}.
 - h. Details of any dangerous Cargo to be carried / transported and the procedures required.
 - i. A statement detailing which MAA RAs are considered not applicable in the context of the Categorization Submission, or where an Alternative AMC approach is required to meet the intent. Each identified RA will be accompanied by a justification for the MAA to review.
 - j. A statement that all Categorization Submission documentation has been reviewed and accepted by the TAA.
 - k. A statement that all Categorization Submission documentation has been reviewed and accepted by the ADH / AM(MF).
 - l. Approach to RTS Recommendations (RTSR) / MPTF Recommendation or MPTF (Development).
 - m. Detail of any proposed kinetic, directed energy weapons or other effectors intended to alter target properties, to include munition type and deployment method³⁷.
 - n. Strategy for Approval of any ordnance and how its interaction / integration with the UAS will be safely managed (refer to the Defence Ordnance, Munitions and Explosives Safety Regulator).
 - o. Planned operating areas when armed and unarmed (for example, designated aviation Danger Areas and / or Ranges)^{1, 38}.
 - p. Any derogations (a list of example derogations is detailed in the UAS Manual) being applied for supported by a Safety claim, argument, and evidence; culminating in a coherent and robust Safety Assessment³⁹.
12. Organizations **should** submit a Categorization Submission to the MAA²⁷. Organizations planning on submitting a Categorization Submission **should** contact the MAA at the earliest opportunity to discuss intent and operation.
- Note:
- Following receipt of the completed UAS Categorization Submission; the MAA will form a Categorization Panel and either issue an LEC⁴⁰ or reject the submission. An LEC will need to be issued prior to first flight.
13. For Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS, the UAS RO / UAS AM **should** ensure the conditions specified in the LEC remains extant. These LECs **should** remain valid for a maximum of 24 months, provided the conditions specified in the LEC remain extant.
14. For Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category UAS, the TAA **should** ensure the conditions specified in the LEC remains extant. These LECs **should** remain valid for the duration of the organization's UAS operations provided the conditions specified in the LEC remain extant.
15. Where an operating organization / TAA wishes to expand beyond the conditions specified in the LEC, including changes to the equipment, operating intent, or operating environment:
- a. The organization⁴¹ **should** resubmit the Categorization Submission and an associated Safety argument to the MAA²¹, noting that the updated Category and / or sub-category may be different to that previously endorsed.

³⁵ Refer to RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy.

³⁶ The draft TAWs will need to be completed and signed prior to first flight.

³⁷ Only required for UAS designed or intended to be armed.

³⁸ Refer to DSA 03.OME Part 3 (Formerly JSP 403 Volume 2) - Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) for Ranges.

³⁹ Following LEC issue, requests for Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliances, Waivers or Exemptions to the MRP has to be formally applied for (iaw MAA03) and authorized by the MAA.

⁴⁰ For UAS operated under the CFAOS (BU), the CFAOS (BU) Approval Certificate together with the referenced Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (BU) will satisfy the requirement of the LEC (ie an LEC will not be issued).

⁴¹ Except for organizations operating under a CFAOS (BU) Approval (refer to paragraph 9c).

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- b. A new LEC **should** be in place prior to any operation under the new conditions⁴¹.
 - c. For new organizations and / or use cases for Specific S2 sub-category UAS, the ASSC (Live) / ASSC (Development), and RTSR⁴² / MPTF (In-Service) Recommendation⁴³ **should** be re-submitted to the MAA²⁷ for review.
 - d. If a requirement is identified for a UAS being operated in the Open Category / Specific S1 sub-category to be operated outside its extant LEC for a specific operational requirement, the UAS RO **should** submit a request for an SPC to the MAA.
16. Organizations⁴⁴ with an extant Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category LEC wishing to add or remove different UAS models **should** submit an Appendix 1 to the Categorization Safety Checklist at RA 1600 Annex B. UAS ROs **should** only submit Appendix 1 submissions if no changes have been made to the original endorsed Safety Checklist RA 1600 Annex B.
17. For Certified Category UAS, further LEC applications **should not** be submitted following completion of initial Certification activity iaw RA 5810⁴⁵. The full MRP will apply and further LEC submissions provide no additional benefit.
18. Development activity (including T&E, trials, and experimentation) **should** only be approved and undertaken by T&E endorsed organizations and SQEP⁴⁶.
19. **UK MAR Requirements.** UAS ROs / UAS AMs / SROs **should** ensure that UAS are registered on, and when required de-registered from, the UK MAR. For Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS, application for UK MAR registration is implicit in the Categorization Submission or CFAOS (BU) application and there is no requirement to submit a separate application. TAAs / SROs **should** ensure that Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category UAS comply with the RA 1161⁴⁷ requirements.
20. **First Person View (FPV) UAS Operations.** The Categorization Submission **should** note the different operating parameters. The use of FPV seriously limits the operators' wider airspace understanding. The use of a UAS Observer **should** be included in the submission to maintain situational awareness, or an acceptable alternative will need to be proposed. The use of FPV UAS has been demonstrated as an effective method in asymmetric warfighting. To support effective training FPV UAS may be permitted to conduct CFIT under an SPC if the criteria governing SPCs is met.

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21. Civil Registered, Military Operated UAS are regulated by RA 1166⁴⁸.
22. Defence personnel involved in the Development and procurement of UASs must comply with 2025DIN04-053⁴⁹.
23. Defence personnel involved in the Development and procurement of UASs must ensure the frequency Allocation process and considerations are complete, via the Defence Electromagnetic Authority annex within JSP 453⁵⁰, prior to purchasing and using UAS.
24. Early engagement with the MAA is encouraged to reduce impact on project timelines. Engagement will ideally be during the equipment assessment phase (or earlier if possible) to enable the Categorization Submission to be submitted no later than Full Business Case to ensure that the correct Certification and regulatory regime can be adopted.

⁴² Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

⁴³ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

⁴⁴ Except for organizations operating under a CFAOS (BU) Approval, who **should** follow the procedures as per RA 1031.

⁴⁵ Refer to RA 5810 - Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

⁴⁶ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

⁴⁷ Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Aircraft Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

⁴⁸ Refer to RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized by the Ministry of Defence.

⁴⁹ Refer to 2025DIN04-053 – Defence Uncrewed Systems Design Authority (DUxDA) Development and Procurement of Uncrewed Systems.

⁵⁰ Refer to JSP 453 – Digital Policies and Standards for Defence, Chapter 4 – Operations, Annex – Defence Electromagnetic Authority (DEMA) Standard.

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25. It is important that an organization wishing to bring a UAS into Service within the DAE fully understands the extent of its proposed usage in so far as is practicable throughout the life of the Air System, in order that an appropriate UAS can be acquired from the outset (future-proofing). Changes to the requirements once In-Service will require re-assessment of the Categorization which may lead to the categorized UAS not being suitable for the revised operating intent and / or conditions.

26. Selection of the correct UAS is dependent on the intended Concept of Use (CONUSE) and Concept of Employment. Organizations can refer to RA 1600 Annex A, Figure 1 to assist in determining appropriate UAS categories and physical attributes from the outset.

27. The procurement of UAS to be operated in the Open Category or Specific S1 sub-category is likely to be undertaken outside of the DE&S procurement process, by organizations with minimal UAS experience. DE&S UAS Delivery Team (DT), CATALYST DT or DE&S Airworthiness Team (DAT) are able to provide guidance on the procurement of such UAS. Whilst the Strat Com Integration Design Authority, DUxDA can provide Advice on the Acquisition of such Systems.

28. The Categorization Safety Checklist at RA 1600 Annex B provides a list of topics to be considered in the cases for Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category Categorization⁵¹. However, it is recognized that minimal detail may be available when a Categorization Submission is made during the UAS Concept phase. Nonetheless, it is in the best interests of the submitting organization to include as much detail as is available. This will, in turn, enable the MAA to make the best-informed UAS Category assessment.

29. The MAA recognizes that the full suite of Artefacts and evidence for Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category UAS may not be available to fully support the Categorization Submission and that ASSC and RTS / MPTF review will be completed prior to commencement of flight.

30. Where UAS will be operated in the maritime environment (ie embarked aviation), the Ship's Platform Authority and Ship Duty Holder are likely to be essential in the provision of Subject Matter Expertise for the Categorization Submission⁵². The UAS categorization⁵¹ needs to be reviewed to ensure the original UAS categorization remains accurate, or requires a re-categorization, with a change in CONUSE / Concept of Operations if used in maritime environment.

31. The MAA may categorize UAS into a different Category than that submitted if deemed appropriate.

32. The MAA will form a UAS Categorization Panel chaired by an Authorizing Officer to review the Categorization Submission. It is expected that the MAA Categorization process, from receipt of the Categorization Submission to issuance of an LEC or provisional Categorization response, will be no longer than 60 working days⁵³. Where the MAA has to request further information from the submitting organization to inform the Categorization decision, the response may be delayed.

33. The Specific S1 sub-category represents the greatest RtL that a UAS RO or UAS AM can manage. The RtL is bounded through the LEC or CFAOS (BU) Approval respectively. Elevation of Risk beyond this point requires entry into Specific S2 sub-category or Certified Category, and an ADH chain or AM(MF).

34. Any re-Categorization may require additional MRP compliance including Certification, Continuing Airworthiness management, etc. Therefore, organizations may wish to seek initial Categorization in an appropriate Category if they envisage operating intent and / or conditions being expanded later.

35. UAS operating in the Open and S1 sub-categories do not require a RTS / MPTF. UAS operating in the S2 sub-category and Certified Category require an RTS /

⁵¹ For organizations operating under a CFAOS (BU) Approval this will be achieved / accomplished via the CFAOS (BU) Approval process (refer to paragraph 9c).

⁵² Refer to RA 1029 – Ship Air-Release - Roles and Responsibilities; and RA 1395(5): Ship Air-Release Uncrewed Air Systems.

⁵³ Refer to RA 1031 for more details on CFAOS (BU) Approvals timescale: typically 3 to 6 months.

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MPTF. There may be a requirement to have an MPTF (Development)⁵⁴ for T&E activities.

36. **Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.** Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts will be planned, managed, organized, and delivered iaw RA 2335⁵⁵.

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1600(2)****Remotely Piloted Air System Regulatory Requirements**

1600(2) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1600(1).

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37. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1600(1).

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38. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1600(1).

⁵⁴ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P) for further information on MPTF (Development).

⁵⁵ Refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

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Figure 1 – Categorization Schematic (for illustrative purposes only – see RAs for definitive applicability)

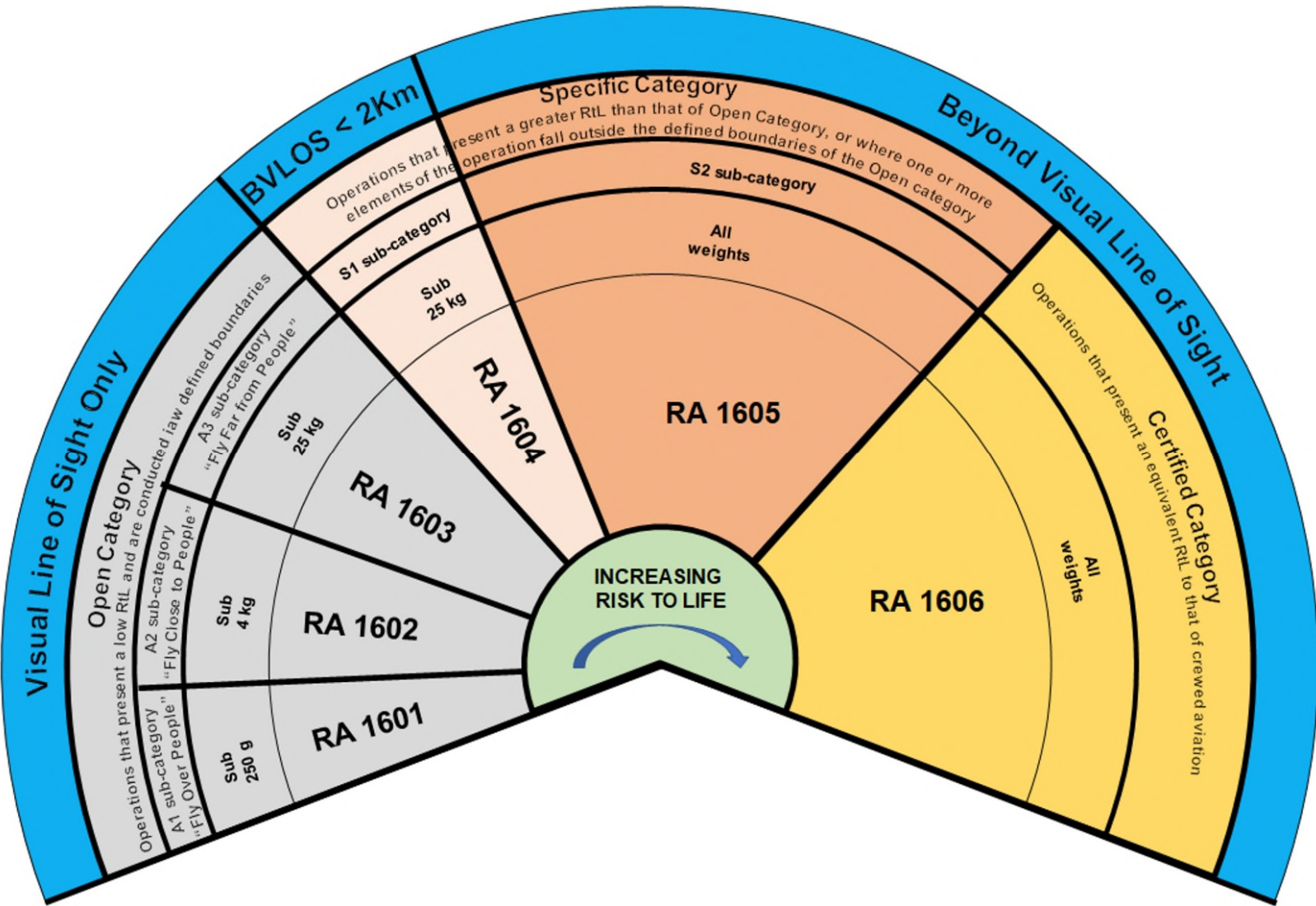


Table 1 – Requirements for operating an Uncrewed Air System

		Open			Specific		Certified
		A1	A2	A3	S1	S2	
Mandatory requirements	MTOW	Less than 250 g	Less than 4 kg	Less than 25 kg	Less than 25 kg	Any weight	Any weight
	Distance from RP	VLOS	VLOS	VLOS	BVLOS (up to 2,000 m)	Any	Any
	Horizontal distance from Uninvolved Persons	Any	Minimum 30 m (or minimum 5 m if a 'low speed mode' is equipped and selected)	Minimum 50 m	Any	Any	Any
	Horizontal distance from Congested Areas	Yes	Not within 50 m	Not within 50 m	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Operated over Areas of high population density	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Height	No greater than 120 m (400 ft)	No greater than 120 m (400 ft)	No greater than 120 m (400 ft)	No greater than detailed within manufacturers guidelines	Any	Any
	UK / EU conformity marking (or be designed to similar standards)	C0	C0 – C2	C0 – C4	C0 – C4	C0 – C6	C0 – C6
	Maximum speed	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any	Any
	UK MAR registration	By type	By type	By type	By type	By type or tail (as detailed in RA 1161)	By tail
	Military Aircraft Registration No. (displayed on the main fuselage)	Yes (and unit identifier)	Yes (and unit identifier)	Yes (and unit identifier)	Yes (and unit identifier) or local UAS serial no.	If registered by tail – Yes If registered by type – Yes (and unit identifier)	Yes
	Operate under DAE Operating Framework	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

		Open			Specific		Certified
		A1	A2	A3	S1	S2	
	Assigned a DAE Operating Category	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Segregated Airspace usage	No	No	No	Yes	Yes (iaw RA 2320, when BVLOS and within the UK FIR)	Yes (iaw RA 2320 (but not if the UAS is able to Detect and Avoid during Lost link profiles))
Optional requirements	Swarming	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Tethered flight	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Armed	Yes (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA)	Yes (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA)	Yes (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA)	Yes (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA)	Yes (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA)	Yes
	Dangerous Cargo (carry / transport)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Dropping of materiel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Autonomous operation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Carrying people	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Table 2 - People / Organizations required for operating an Uncrewed Air System

	Open			Specific		Certified
	A1	A2	A3	S1	S2	
Capability Owner	No	Yes (min OF5 or equivalent)	Yes (min OF5 or equivalent)	Yes (min OF5 or equivalent)	No	No
Sponsor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UAS RO	Yes (min OF2 or equivalent)	Yes (min OF4 or equivalent)	Yes (min OF4 or equivalent)	Yes (min OF4 or equivalent)	No	No
UAS AM	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
ADH	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
AM(MF)	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Senior Operator (SO)	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flight Operations Post Holder	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAA	No	No	No	No	Yes (MTOW $\geq$ 150 kg = OF5 or equivalent) (MTOW < 150 kg = OF4 or equivalent)	Yes
Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Chief Air Engineer	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
SRO	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

Table 3 – Paperwork required for operating an Uncrewed Air System

	Open			Specific		Certified
	A1	A2	A3	S1	S2 ⁵⁶	
RA 1600 Annex B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
SPC (optional to operate outside LEC limitations)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Manufacturer's User or Op Manual	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Application for Approval in Principle	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Type Airworthiness Strategy	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Certificate of Design	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Proposed / Agreed / Design Safety Targets	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
RTS / MPTF	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
ASSC	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Ageing Air System Audit	No	No	No	No (if Service Life < 6 yrs)	Yes	Yes
Integrity Mgmt	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Military Airworthiness Review Certificate	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Design Approved Organization Scheme	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Software Assurance	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Configuration Management Plan	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes

⁵⁶ All paperwork listed as being required, for Specific S2 sub-category UAS, are required unless there is an MAA approved derogation (iaw the UAS Manual).

Annex B

Categorization Safety Checklist⁵⁷

The Categorization Safety Checklist provides recommended headings and content to be considered for inclusion in the submission for Open Category and Specific S1 sub-category UAS Categorization. It is recognized that some of the content detailed below might not be available at the time the Categorization Submission is prepared. Nonetheless, it is in the best interests of the submitting organization to include as much information as available to inform the MAA Categorization.

1. Organization

*{Full details of the organization that is subject to the submission – all areas detailed below ought to be covered as a minimum. **Where examples are given, they are not exhaustive**}*

- 1.1. Structure of organization and management
{Brief description}
- 1.2. Key personnel
{As appropriate, eg UAS RO, UAS AM. Aviation qualifications and experience to be included if applicable}
- 1.3. Responsibility and duties of the RP
{Expected duties of the RP}
- 1.4. Responsibility and duties of support personnel in the operation of the UAS
{eg RPs might use an assistant to help with the operation of the UA. Give a brief description of this person's responsibilities and duties}
- 1.5. Flight team composition
{Composition of the flight team according to nature of operation, complexity, type of UA, etc}
- 1.6. Operation of multiple types of UAS
{Detail any limitations to the numbers and types of UAS that a RP might operate if appropriate}
- 1.7. Qualification requirements
{Details of the qualifications, experience or training necessary for the RP or support crew according to the types of UAS and roles employed by the RP}
- 1.8. Crew health
{A statement and any guidance to ensure that the crew are appropriately fit before conducting any operations}
- 1.9. Logs and records
{Requirements for logs and records of flights for the UAS and by the RP}
- 1.10. Details of the RP training programme
{Training and checking requirements for RPs and support crew as determined by the UAS RO / UAS AM to cover initial, refresher and conversion syllabi. Include any independent assessment of RP Competency and currency requirements}
- 1.11. Occurrence prevention, Occurrence reporting, and Flight Safety programme
{Include any reporting requirements and interface with Safety Management System}
- 1.12. Change Management (Modifications)
{Detail how the organization manages changes to the original design}
- 1.13. Repair and servicing
{Describe the Repair and servicing process used by the unit}
- 1.14. Other documents
{As considered necessary – copies of any documents ought to be attached}

2. Operations

*{Details of the operating environment and procedures subject to the submission – all areas detailed below ought to be covered as a minimum. **Where examples are given, they are not exhaustive**}*

⁵⁷ For organizations operating under a CFAOS (BU) Approval submission of a Categorization Safety Checklist is not required; this will be achieved / accomplished via the CFAOS (BU) Approval process (refer to paragraph 10a).

- 2.1. Operating Intent / Types of operation
{Detail nature of operation (eg VLOS / BVLOS, flexible / dynamic tasking, day / Night, weather, operating behaviour, etc)}
- 2.2. Operating Areas
{Full detail of expected areas of geographic operations including operating areas (eg Congested Areas, open countryside, roads, etc). Consideration of overflowed population density, suitability of launch and recovery locations and required services}
- 2.3. Operating limitations, conditions, and related factors
{Minimum and maximum operating conditions and limitations; reference any applicable limitations document if available and / or applicable; maximum kinetic energy; MTOW; maximum speed⁵⁸; population density}
- 2.4. Aggravating and / or mitigating factors table affecting or likely to affect the UAS Category or Categories.
- 2.5. Dangerous Cargo
{Details of any dangerous Cargo to be carried / transported and the procedures required}
- 2.6. Supervision of UAS operations
{A description of any system to supervise the operations of the RP}
- 2.7. Operating site planning and assessment
{Airspace operating environment considerations and procedures (eg controlled or restricted airspace, local avoids and Hazards, electromagnetic environment, etc)}
- 2.8. Communications
{Awareness and links with other users and Aircrew / RPs}
- 2.9. Weather
{Consideration of UAS environmental limitations}
- 2.10. On site procedures
 - a. Site Survey *{Methods of surveying operating area, identifying Hazards and any recorded Risk Assessment}*
 - b. Selection of operating area and alternate *{Methods of identifying and selecting operating area and how the alternate would be kept clear}*
 - c. Crew briefing *{Procedures to brief crew (eg task, responsibilities, duties, emergencies, etc)}*
 - d. Cordon Procedure *{Adherence of separation criteria}*
 - e. Communications *{Procedures to maintain contact with crew and adjacent air operations if appropriate}*
 - f. Weather Checks *{Met brief provision, limitations and operating considerations}*
 - g. Refuelling *{To include changing / charging of batteries}*
 - h. Loading of equipment *{Detail procedures taken to ensure security of loaded equipment}*
- 2.11. Assembly and functional checks
{Checks conducted on completion of assembly of the system}
- 2.12. Pre-flight checks
{Checks conducted immediately prior to flight}
- 2.13. Flight Procedures
{Start, take-off, in-flight, landing, shutdown}
- 2.14. Post-flight or between flight checks
{Detail the checks or inspections conducted both after flight and between flights, do appropriate Maintenance documents exist to return the Air System to a Serviceable state?}
- 2.15. Emergency Procedures
{Include Lost link, flyaway, airspace encroachment, fire (UA and Command Unit), etc. Preventive

⁵⁸ As part of the Categorization Submission, to justify operations faster than 19 m/s (68.4 km/h / 42.5 mph), UAS ROs and UAS AMs are required to detail the DoC and RtL implications of kinetic impact at those speeds and the mitigations required to minimize fatalities.

*measures ought to also be detailed, along with a list of alarms and associated instructions, etc.
Preventive measures ought to also be detailed}*

2.16. Surveillance of Operations

{Surveillance methods for Verification of UAS geospatial positioning}

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Technical descriptions and details of the UAS that is subject to the submission – all areas detailed below will need to be covered as a minimum. **Where examples are given, they are not exhaustive.**

3. Systems

- 3.1. Details of Design Organization and manufacturer / Production Organization
{The designer and manufacturer might be the same company, include details of any Approvals that such organizations hold}
- 3.2. Recognized standards, to which the equipment has been designed, built and tested
{Details of any standards that might or might not be aviation related and might add to the Safety argument. Where known this ought to include test and evaluation evidence}
- 3.3. The designed flight envelope
{Full description of the flight envelope including: MTOW, flight duration, communications range, max Height and speeds to maintain safe flight and glide profile (where appropriate). Include effects on flight envelope of differing Payloads}
- 3.4. UA dimensions
{Full dimensions to be given including mass with and without fuel; with and without any Payloads, etc}
- 3.5. UA energy
{maximum speed (m/s), maximum kinetic energy (joules)}
- 3.6. Design features
{Detail the design features of the system, materials used, type of Structure, etc}
- 3.7. Software Assurance
{Detail the software version, and the steps taken to assure the software}
- 3.8. Construction
{Detail the build nature of each Air System and how structural strength is assured}
- 3.9. Electrical power and distribution
{Detail the electrical power and distribution, include battery type and number, generator specifications, equipment ratings, load shedding where appropriate, etc. This section will also consider any storage considerations related to batteries (eg on board ship)}
- 3.10. Propulsion System
{Detail the Propulsion System(s) used, power output, type of propeller / rotor, etc}
- 3.11. Fuel System
{Detail the fuel system arrangement, type of fuel, fuel delivery, etc}
- 3.12. Flight Management System and Flight Control System
{Detail of how the UA is controlled, control linkages, control rigging, include any automatic stabilisation, etc}
- 3.13. Navigation and Guidance
{Detail the system used for navigation and guidance, include any automatic piloting, telemetry, etc}
- 3.14. Other avionics
{Detail any other avionics fitted to the system}
- 3.15. Launch and Recovery
{Describe the launch and recovery Systems and detail any landing aids fitted to the system}
- 3.16. Payloads
{For each UA give a technical description of the Payload expected to be installed or carried}
- 3.17. Emergency recovery or Safety systems
{Detail any Systems fitted to the UA or Command Unit that contribute to safe flight or handling including their modes of operation (eg ballistic parachutes, propeller guards, independent flight termination, flight recovery system, etc)}
- 3.18. Modifications to the system
{Detail any Modifications that have been made post initial design}

- 3.19. Command Unit
{Where a laptop / tablet is utilized give details of the type of operating system and other technical specifications. Give detail of process for firmware and software updates, and what flight parameters, commands, and data are recorded}
- 3.20. Command and Control Link (C2)
{Describe the C2 infrastructure, how its integrity is monitored and the reaction of the system to degraded signal strengths}
- 3.21. C2 Loss Prevention
{What design characteristics or procedures are in place to prevent and mitigate loss of data link whether due to Radio Frequency (RF) interference, equipment malfunctions (UA / Command Unit) or atmospheric conditions}
- 3.22. Lost link
{Describe the UA lost data link logic, profile and management for all phases of flight}
- 3.23. Whole system Single Points Of Failure (SPOF)
{For each element of the whole system, identify where SPOF might exist or alternatively where redundancy exists (eg motors, propellers, etc)}
- 3.24. Lifting, Maintenance schedules and inspections as applicable
{Describe the general Maintenance philosophy for the UA}
- 3.25. Repair and servicing as applicable
{Where Repairs to the system are necessary, describe the Repair and servicing philosophy}
{Specific requirements of the system will need to be detailed here}
- 3.26. Known failure modes
{For the whole system identify known failure modes and detail preventive strategy}
- 3.27. Failsafe features
{Detail any failsafe features in the design of the system}
- 3.28. Operating limitations and conditions (for Categorization phase only) as applicable
{List the minimum and maximum operating conditions to highlight any mitigating or aggravating factors}
- 3.29. Transportation requirements
{Detail how the system is transported between sites. Include all carry cases, transport description, etc}
- 3.30. UK / EU Conformity Standard / Similar Standards
{Detail the conformity standard of the UAS}

Annex B – Appendix 2**Specific Purpose Clearance Checklist**

Units who currently hold, or are in the process of applying for an Open / Specific S1 LEC, or have an existing SPC may submit this appendix to seek additional operating clearances. All areas below will need to be covered as a minimum. Where examples are given, they are not exhaustive.

4. Special Purpose Clearance Submission.**4.1 Details of the Operating Intent / additional clearance(s).**

{Please relate the request to the specific area of the Regulation that you require derogations from, including the MOD benefit in doing so (eg Operating Range)}

4.2 Operating Area(s).

{Detail the areas for operation including details of permissions where applicable}

a. Airspace considerations.

{Detail the airspace to be used, this will include details of how you will segregate airspace, provision of suitable surveillance of the operating area, communication methods between the Remote Pilot (RP) and the surveillance provider, a method for location of the Uncrewed Aircraft, methods of providing conspicuity to other air users (eg Automatic Dependent Surveillance Broadcast (ADS-B)), Methods for maintaining safe separation from other Air Systems.

b. Ground considerations.

{Details will be provided of any populated areas within the operating area(s) as well as suitable mitigation to prevent Risk to both involved and Uninvolved Persons. State any additional considerations towards Risk for involved persons}

4.3 Operating limitations, conditions, and related factors.

{Minimum and maximum operating conditions and limitations; reference any applicable limitations document if available and / or applicable}

4.4 Systems you require to utilize for the additional permission(s) and their suitability.

{Any system not on the LEC will also require Appendix 1 to Annex B to be submitted. For UAS already on the LEC their suitability will be derived from the Original Equipment Manufacturer}

4.5 Timeline for the clearance(s) to be applicable⁵⁹.

{For enduring timelines additional justification will be provided demonstrating an internal review and assessment process for the enduring validity of the clearance}

4.6 Independent Assurance Organization – Identify the Competent organization(s) that are responsible for your aviation Assurance.

{This is requested to provide a supporting Assurance Structure for all units wishing to apply for additional permissions.}

4.7 Training.

{Detail additional SO / Flight Operations Post Holder / RP Instructor / RP training considerations detailed by the UAS RO / UAS AM that have been or will be undertaken to enable the activity covered in 4.1. If the individual is deemed suitably qualified and experienced, please evidence this}

4.8 Additional mitigations.

{Highlight additional aggravating factors and their mitigations in support of the activity highlighted in 4.1. Demonstrate how the residual Risks remain As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable}

⁵⁹ Maximum of 24 months in line with the current validity of the LEC.

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RA 1601 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A1 sub-category (Fly ‘Over’ People)

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. Failure to appropriately address UAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL). This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the UAS Category and its physical attributes¹. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those UAS operating in the Open A1 sub-category. The regulatory framework is Structured to specifically permit appropriate operating freedom to ‘non-traditional’ aviation units (who are the prevalent users of UAS in the Open A1 sub-category).

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1. Operations within the Open A1 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS² that:

- a. Have the following mandatory requirements:
 - (1) Have a Maximum Take Off Weight of less than 250 g,
 - (2) Are operated within Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS)^{3, 4} of the Remote Pilot (RP)⁵,
 - (3) Are not flown at a Height greater than 120 m (400 ft),
 - (4) Have any maximum speed,
 - (5) Are capable of being operated safely over Uninvolved Persons but not flight over Areas of high population density,
 - (6) Are capable of being operated safely over Uninvolved Persons, and over Congested Areas, but not over Areas of high population density,
 - (7) Are registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) by type⁶,
 - (8) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier displayed on the main fuselage,

¹ For definitions of UAS Categories, UAS sub-categories, and UAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg, etc), refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

² Unless operating under the derogations requested and conditions set out in an approved Special Purpose Clearance (SPC).

³ UAS Categorized as Open A1 may be operated Beyond Visual Line Of Sight when operating within buildings, vessels, and structures.

⁴ Certain demands may necessitate operations beyond the limitations covered by extant Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC). In these cases, an additional RA 1600 Annex B Appendix 2 or equivalent Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic UAS) (CFAOS (BU)) paperwork will need to be submitted, for the additional permissions beyond the baseline LEC.

⁵ In ‘follow-me’ mode (the Uncrewed Aircraft (UA) will automatically follow the Command Unit), the UA may be flown up to a maximum distance of 50 m from the RP, even if this means that the UA is no longer VLOS.

⁶ For UAS that will be operated within the Open A1 sub-category, UK MAR registration is applied for within the Categorization Submission, and registration is inherent in the issuing of a LEC. Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization; and RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

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- (9) Operate under the Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Framework⁷ and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category⁸, and
- (10) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0⁹ or be designed to similar standards.
- b. Have the following optional requirements:
 - (1) Are capable of Swarming,
 - (2) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,
 - (3) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),
 - (4) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo^{10, 11},
 - (5) Are capable of Dropping of materiel, and
 - (6) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).
- 2. Unless detailed further in the LEC or CFAOS (BU)¹² Approval, only those MAA Regulatory Publication (MRP) documents detailed in this RA, RA 1600, and applicable Regulatory Instructions and Regulatory Notices, are applicable to UAS operating in Open A1 sub-category.
- 3. CFAOS (BU) organizations must also comply with RA 1031¹².
- 4. UAS publications are likely to include:
 - a. The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist for the UAS (MOD organizations).
 - b. The Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (Basic UAS) (CFOE (BU)) (non-MOD organizations).
 - c. Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - d. Specific Orders or Instructions from the UAS Responsible Officers (RO).
 - e. The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual from the UAS Accountable Manager (AM).
 - f. Local orders such as those published by a Head of Establishment (HoE) or Head of Unit.
- 5. Open A1 sub-category UAS operations are not required to be supported by a:
 - a. Aviation Duty Holder;
 - b. Accountable Manager (Military Flying);
 - c. Type Airworthiness Authority;
 - d. Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization;
 - e. Chief Air Engineer;
 - f. Capability Owner;
 - g. Senior Operator;
 - h. Flight Operations Post Holder;

⁷ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁸ The DAE Operating Category relates to the ownership and Safety governance of the Air System, whereas the UAS Category relates to the regulatory framework which is set by the MAA according to the Risk posed by the UAS and the manner in which it is operated.

⁹ Refer to [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1058](#) and [UK Regulation \(EU\) 2019/945](#).

¹⁰ Refer to AAP-06 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French).

¹¹ For example (non-exhaustive list): Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

¹² Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Uncrewed Air Systems).

Applicability	i. Sponsor; j. Senior Responsible Owner. 6. This Regulation does not cover Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity. UAS applicants wishing to operate in a manner or Configuration not supported by RA 1600¹³ and RA 1601 (ie T&E) will be subject to RA 2370¹⁴ and other MRP requirements. Discussion with the MAA¹⁵ will be required in order to confirm the applicable Regulations. 7. The endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or the CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations) will satisfy the requirement for an Air System Safety Case (ASSC) (An ASSC provides an evidenced and coherent argument that a system is safe to operate and is being operated safely).
Regulation 1601(1)	Responsibilities 1601(1) Organizations operating UAS in the Open A1 sub-category shall comply with the requirements of RA 1600 and RA 1601.
Acceptable Means of Compliance 1601(1)	Responsibilities 8. MOD organizations responsible for operating UAS in the Open A1 sub-category should ensure operations are in the MOD Interest⁷. 9. MOD organizations responsible for operating UAS should either: a. Nominate a UAS RO (minimum OF2 or equivalent); or b. Ensure that operations are carried out by an organization appropriately approved in accordance with (iaw) the CFAOS (BU). 10. Non-MOD organizations operating military registered UAS in the Open A1 sub-category should: a. Be appropriately approved iaw the CFAOS (BU). b. Nominate a UAS AM iaw RA 1031¹². 11. UAS organizations considering operating from MOD establishments or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships should ensure the MOD establishments' or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships' HoE has complied with RA 1010 and RA 1026¹⁶.
Guidance Material 1601(1)	Responsibilities 12. Not all potential RPs will have experience flying UAS; to gain sufficient experience, it is expected that organizations will provide appropriate training packages.
Regulation 1601(2)	Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities 1601(2) UAS in the Open A1 sub-category shall be operated under the authority of a UAS RO / UAS AM and supported by appropriate persons.

¹³ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹⁵ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEnquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1010 - Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities; and RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

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Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

13. UAS ROs / UAS AMs **should** ensure prior to operation of UAS in the Open A1 sub-category:

- a. MOD organizations hold an appropriate MAA UAS LEC.
- b. Non-MOD organizations hold an appropriate CFAOS (BU) Approval.

14. UAS ROs and UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Be responsible and Accountable for the operation of UAS within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- b. Ensure UAS Occurrences are reported, investigated, and recorded^{17, 18}.

Note:

Landings, or terminal phase manoeuvres, consistent with planned operations, incurring damage or destruction, will not normally be considered as Air Safety reportable Occurrences unless the UAS RO / UAS AM determines that there may be a wider Safety interest. Notwithstanding this derogation, UAS ROs and UAS AMs has to ensure that any significant deviation from the intended UAS behaviour, response, or UA flight path is reported.

- c. Ensure there are local procedures detailing the process for the transfer of Air Safety arrangements and general conditions of transfer (explicitly handover requirements, and requiring both the dispatching and receiving organizations to be responsible for compliance with the directed conditions of transfer)¹⁹.
- d. Detail in Orders the operating limitations and regulatory requirements applicable to operations in their AoR.
- e. Ensure UAS operating in the Open A1 sub-category are not:
 - (1) Operated over open-air assemblies of uninvolved people where in the event of UA failure, collision with uninvolved people is probable.
 - (2) Operated higher than 120 m (400 ft) above the surface (land or sea).
 - (3) Operated in a restricted area²⁰ (eg flight restriction zone of a protected Aerodrome²¹) unless in receipt of appropriate permission from the Airspace Controlling Authority.
- f. Ensure the requirement for a UAS SPC has been identified when a UAS operating in the Open A1 sub-category requires to be operated outside the bounds of its LEC.
- g. Ensure UAS SPCs (which are authorized by the MAA and issued to the UAS RO / UAS AM) are invoked when the RtL associated with its usage is greater than the Risk identified within the Open A1 LEC¹³.
- h. Supplement the original Categorization Submission, when applying for a UAS SPC, for the UAS with relevant details including a record of their judgement that the benefits of operating the UAS with a UAS SPC outweigh any increased RtL and submit it to the MAA iaw the RA 1600 Categorization submission process¹³.
- i. Ensure suitable Lost link, and Command and Control, procedures are implemented to maintain safe flight (or safe termination), safe separation from other Aircraft, and to enable Aircraft recovery (if possible). In the event of an

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹⁸ Refer to the Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management, Chapter 1: The Aircraft Post Crash Incident Management (APCIM) Task, paragraph 8: Applicability.

¹⁹ Explicitly the transfer of Responsibility of Air Systems in line with the RA 1164 requirements.

²⁰ Defined as: "Airspace of defined dimensions over the land areas or territorial waters of a State within which the flight of aircraft is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions". Sourced from: UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) [Publication](#) (CAP) 722D.

²¹ Details of UK Aerodromes that fall into the 'protected' category can be found within the [NATS eAIS Package](#). For Government Aerodromes see the [UK Mil AIP](#).

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emergency in the Command Unit that requires abandonment, or the loss of return feed data link that precludes safe control, Lost link procedures **should** be followed (if applicable).

- j. Produce orders or instructions detailing actions in the event that verbal communication becomes impossible (eg intercom failure or suspected incapacitation).
- k. Ensure that Risks to RPs, operating personnel, other organization / MOD personnel, and the general public through the operation of UAS are acceptable and cease operations if not.
- l. Hold appropriate Terms of Reference (ToR).
- m. Follow the intent of RA 2335²², for UAS operators working up for, or conducting, UAS flying at a Flying Display, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstration or Flypast event.
- n. Ensure that RPs are appropriately trained (iaw JSP 822²³) and Competent.
- o. Ensure that RPs are medically fit to operate the categorized UAS²⁴.
- p. Specify a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person to award UAS flying privileges.

15. UAS ROs **should**:

- a. Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1601(4), and LEC.
- b. Attend an MAA UAS RO briefing day²⁵ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA²⁶.
- c. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace are conducted either:
 - (1) For operations conducted with the nation's consent, iaw relevant local, national, and international legal requirements, and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{27, 28}, or
 - (2) For operations conducted without the nation's consent (ie conducted lawfully under the Law of Armed Conflict, UN Security Council resolution or other legal mandate), outside Controlled Airspace²⁹; unless the Controlled Airspace has been created or assigned for the purposes of the Operation.

16. UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1601(4) and CFAOS (BU) Approval.
- b. Attend an MAA UAS AM briefing day²⁵ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA³⁰.
- c. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace and with that nation's consent are conducted iaw relevant local,

²² Refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

²³ Refer to JSP 822: Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education.

²⁴ The baseline minimum Joint Medical Employment Standard for Military RPs of Open A1 Category UAS is A-4. There is no baseline minimum Medical Employment Standard for Civilian RPs of Open A1 Category UAS. There are no Initial or Periodic Medical Examination requirements (both Military and Civilian) to operate UAS in the Open Category and S1 sub-category. However, these baseline requirements may be further restricted via the LEC and / or the endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist.

²⁵ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

²⁶ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the categorization process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated in the LEC.

²⁷ Refer to AP1158 – Approval and Diplomatic Clearance for Flights to Destinations Abroad.

²⁸ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

²⁹ Refer to MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

³⁰ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the CFAOS (BU) Approval process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated in the Approval.

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national, and international legal requirements and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{27, 28}.

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17. UAS ROs and UAS AMs may waive the requirement for an Occurrence Safety Investigation (OSI) down to a Local Occurrence Investigation (LOI) for an Accident where the loss is consistent with the intended concept of operating use of the UAS. Ultimately it is for the UAS RO / UAS AM to decide that there is nothing to be gained from a formal OSI. As a minimum the subsequent LOI still requires codification by the Incident Manager prior to being closed.
18. When operating with reduced visibility (eg at Night, sandstorm, etc) over or in proximity to uninvolved people, the UAS RO / UAS AM will need to ensure the ability to operate safely (eg Night Vision Devices, etc).
19. The requirement to Authorize operations in the Open A1 sub-category is not mandated; however, UAS ROs / UAS AMs may elect to implement an Authorization process to formalize and account for any tasking conducted³¹.
20. When Segregated Airspace is used as a mitigation for mid-air collision. UAS ROs / UAS AMs will detail the procedures to be followed to ensure that the UAS remains within the Segregated Airspace (this might include restrictions on approaching the boundaries of allocated airspace or use of independent flight termination Systems)³².
21. A UAS RO may be required to employ Open A1 sub-category UAS outside limitations contained within their LEC, when there is an unplanned or unexpected operational imperative to do so³³. When such situations arise, the UAS RO (or their representative when the UAS RO is not deployed) needs to inform the operational commander³⁴ of the increased Risk associated with operating outside of the LEC. Although the urgency of a given situation may preclude formal process, a UAS RO needs to demonstrate in retrospect a Risk analysis suitable to the context. There needs to be an assessment of the impact on third-parties (for example crewed aviation or civilian population in the area)³⁵. The operational commander needs to agree to accept the Risk and record the decision to do so. Operations outside of the LEC have to cease immediately once the operational requirement has been met.
22. UAS SPCs are situation dependant and bound by time (length of Approval period) and airspace in which the operation will be conducted. They are not an alternative to long-term compliance.
23. A UAS SPC is comparable to a Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) and will only be used for flight under the following circumstances:
 - a. In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action, or;
 - b. In other conditions of operational imperative, to include training for actual or planned operations, when enabled by the UAS RO.
24. The UAS RO will ensure that a clear explanation of the Risks involved, and related operating instructions to support a UAS SPC are incorporated into the Categorization Submission.

³¹ If UAS ROs choose to implement the Authorization process, they are advised to use the principles of RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

³² If operating on a Defence Training Estate it is the RP's Responsibility to check Range Standing Orders for the area to be utilized to ensure compliance with the Airspace Controlling Authority.

³³ Where Safety, Environmental Protection or operational imperatives demand, the Regulations may be deviated from provided that a convincing case can be offered in retrospect.

³⁴ The empowered individual at the time with tactical awareness of the current operation or task.

³⁵ Bounded by the Laws of Armed Conflict, superior command direction, Rules of Engagement and RtL to own forces.

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25. The UAS RO will ensure that the authority required for a UAS SPC to be enabled, guidance on the Risk involved, and related operating instructions are specified in appropriate orders.

26. UAS ROs and UAS AMs must ensure compliance with UK Civil Aviation Authority Safety Notice Number: SN-2025/004³⁶.

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Remote Pilot Responsibilities

1601(3) RPs operating UAS in the Open A1 sub-category **shall** be qualified and Competent.

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Remote Pilot Responsibilities

27. RPs **should**:

- a. Maintain a level of Competence appropriate to the tasks being conducted.
- b. Be familiar with all publications, processes and orders required to safely operate the UAS.
- c. Be fully conversant with either the RA 1600¹³ Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual (non-MOD organizations), and local Orders.
- d. Be responsible for the safe operation of the UAS and not present undue Risk or Hazard to other airspace users or any person, vessel, vehicle or Structure.
- e. Record UAS operations via:
 - (1) The Centralised Aviation Data Service flight planning service (provided by BAE Systems Information) to help reduce the Risk of collision with other Aircraft and physical Hazards (eg overhead wires), and
 - (2) Notice to Aviation (NOTAMs).
- f. Adhere to:
 - (1) Orders promulgated by the UAS RO or UAS AM.
 - (2) The UAS Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - (3) The operating parameters and procedures detailed in:
 - (a) The RA 1600¹³ Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist and LEC (MOD organizations) or;
 - (b) The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual and CFOE (BU) (non-MOD organizations).
- g. Conduct Flight Planning and Risk Assessments iaw the most restrictive of Orders and adhere to the following operating limitations:
 - (1) Operated within VLOS of the RP.
 - (2) Operated whilst maintaining an ability to determine the UA's orientation³⁷.
 - (3) Any conditions stipulated in the LEC (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations).
- h. Ensure that when it is necessary to hand over control of a UAS, a formal instruction to take control and to accept control is made. In some cases (eg during instruction) it is necessary to take control in the first instance - this has to

³⁶ Refer to SN-2025/004 – UAS Software and Firmware Updates.

³⁷ In 'follow-me' mode (the UA will automatically follow the Command Unit), the UA may be flown up to a maximum distance of 50 m from the RP, even if this means that the UA is no longer VLOS.

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also be formally declared and accepted. Formal statements of 'I have control' and 'You have control' has to be made and acknowledged as appropriate.

28. When a planned UA sortie necessitates the handing over of control of the UA, the associated RPs **should** plan the timings and other requirements in advance of the sortie.

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29. RPs will be appropriately trained and Competent. RPs are required to understand and be fully conversant with all appropriate publications and RA 1601(3), to ensure that their UAS are safe to operate and are being operated safely.

**Regulation
1601(4)****Safe Operation and Limitations**

- 1601(4) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1601(1), (2) and (3).

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RA 1602 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A2 sub-category (Fly ‘Close To’ People)

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. Failure to appropriately address UAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL). This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the UAS Category and its physical attributes¹. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those UAS operating in the Open A2 sub-category. The regulatory framework is structured to specifically permit appropriate operating freedom to ‘non-traditional’ aviation units (who are the prevalent users of UAS in the Open A2 sub-category).

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1602(1): Responsibilities

1602(2): Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

1602(3): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)

1602(4): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)

1602(5): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)

1602(6): Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9)

1602(7): Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

1602(8): Remote Pilot Responsibilities

1602(9): Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

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1. Operations within the Open A2 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS² that:

- a. Have the following mandatory requirements:
 - (1) Have a Maximum Take Off Weight of less than 4 kg,
 - (2) Are operated within Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS)^{3, 4} of the Remote Pilot (RP)⁵,
 - (3) Are not flown at a Height greater than 120 m (400 ft),
 - (4) Have any maximum speed,
 - (5) Are capable of being operated safely to a minimum horizontal distance of 30 m from Uninvolved Persons, or down to 5 m horizontally if

¹ For definitions of UAS Categories, UAS sub-categories, and UAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg, etc), refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

² Unless operating under the derogations requested and conditions set out in an approved Special Purpose Clearance (SPC).

³ UAS Categorized as Open A2 may be operated Beyond Visual Line Of Sight when operating within buildings, vessels, and structures.

⁴ Certain demands may necessitate operations beyond the limitations covered by extant Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LECs). In these cases, an additional RA 1600 Annex B Appendix 2 or equivalent Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic UAS) (CFAOS (BU)) paperwork will need to be submitted, for the additional permissions beyond the baseline LEC.

⁵ In ‘follow-me’ mode (the UA will automatically follow the Command Unit), the UA may be flown up to a maximum distance of 50 m from the RP, even if this means that the Uncrewed Aircraft (UA) is no longer VLOS.

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a 'low speed mode'⁶ is equipped and selected, and not within 50 m of Congested Areas, but not over Areas of high population density,

- (6) Are registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register by type⁷,
 - (7) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier displayed on the main fuselage,
 - (8) Operate under the Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Framework⁸ and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category⁹, and
 - (9) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C2¹⁰ or be designed to similar standards.
- b. Have the following optional requirements:
- (1) Are capable of Swarming,
 - (2) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,
 - (3) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),
 - (4) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo^{11, 12},
 - (5) Are capable of Dropping of materiel, and
 - (6) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).
2. Unless detailed further in the LEC or CFAOS (BU)¹³ Approval, only those MAA Regulatory Publication (MRP) documents detailed in this RA, RA 1600, and applicable Regulatory Instructions and Regulatory Notices, are applicable to UAS operating in Open A2 sub-category.
3. CFAOS (BU) organizations must also comply with RA 1031¹³.
4. Where the requirement for a UAS to be operated from one of His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ship exists, the combination must be Authorized through an appropriate Ship Air-Release process¹⁴.
5. UAS publications are likely to include:
- a. The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist for the UAS (MOD organizations).
 - b. The Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (Basic UAS) (CFOE (BU)) (non-MOD organizations).
 - c. Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - d. Specific Orders or Instructions from the UAS Responsible Officer (RO).
 - e. The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual from the UAS Accountable Manager (AM).

⁶ "low-speed mode" limits the maximum speed to 3 m/s when selected by the RP, if the UAS has an UK / EU conformity marking of C2 or is designed to similar standards.

⁷ For UAS that will be operated within the Open A2 sub-category, UK MAR registration is applied for within the Categorization Submission, and registration is inherent in the issuing of a LEC. Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization; and RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

⁸ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁹ The DAE Operating Category relates to the ownership and Safety governance of the Air System, whereas the UAS Category relates to the regulatory framework which is set by the MAA according to the Risk posed by the UAS and the manner in which it is operated.

¹⁰ Refer to [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1058](#) and [UK Regulation \(EU\) 2019/945](#).

¹¹ Refer to AAP-06 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French).

¹² For example (non-exhaustive list): Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

¹³ Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Uncrewed Air Systems).

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships.

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- f. Local orders such as those published by a Head of Establishment (HoE) or Head of Unit.
- 6. Open A2 sub-category UAS operations are not required to be supported by a:
 - a. Aviation Duty Holder;
 - b. Accountable Manager (Military Flying);
 - c. Type Airworthiness Authority;
 - d. Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization;
 - e. Chief Air Engineer;
 - f. Sponsor;
 - g. Senior Responsible Owner.
- 7. This Regulation does not cover Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity. UAS applicants wishing to operate in a manner or Configuration not supported by RA 1600 and RA 1602 (ie T&E) will be subject to RA 2370¹⁵ and other MRP requirements. Discussion with the MAA¹⁶ will be required in order to confirm the applicable Regulations.
- 8. The endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or the CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations) will satisfy the requirement for an Air System Safety Case (ASSC) (An ASSC provides an evidenced and coherent argument that a system is safe to operate and is being operated safely).

**Regulation
1602(1)****Responsibilities**

- 1602(1) Organizations operating UAS in the Open A2 sub-category **shall** comply with the requirements of RA 1600 and RA 1602.

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- 9. MOD organizations responsible for operating UAS **should** either:
 - a. Nominate:
 - (1) A Capability Owner (minimum OF5 or equivalent), and
 - (2) A UAS RO (minimum OF4 or equivalent).
 - b. Or ensure that operations are carried out by an organization appropriately approved in accordance with (iaw) the CFAOS (BU).
- 10. Non-MOD organizations operating military registered UAS in the Open A2 sub-category **should**:
 - a. Be appropriately approved iaw the CFAOS (BU).
 - b. Nominate a UAS AM iaw RA 1031¹³.
- 11. UAS organizations considering operating from MOD establishments or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **should** ensure the MOD establishments' or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships' HoE has complied with RA 1010 and RA 1026¹⁷.

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12. Nil.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹⁶ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1010 - Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities; and RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

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Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

1602(2) UAS in the Open A2 sub-category **shall** be operated under the authority of a UAS RO / UAS AM and supported by appropriate persons.

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13. UAS ROs / UAS AMs **should** ensure prior to operation of UAS in the Open A2 sub-category:

- a. MOD organizations hold an appropriate MAA UAS LEC.
- b. Non-MOD organizations hold an appropriate CFAOS (BU) Approval.

14. UAS ROs and UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Be responsible and Accountable for the operation of UAS within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- b. Ensure UAS Occurrences are reported, investigated, and recorded^{18, 19}.

Note:

Landings, or terminal phase manoeuvres, consistent with planned operations incurring damage or destruction, will not normally be considered as Air Safety reportable Occurrences unless the UAS RO / UAS AM determine that there may be a wider Safety interest. Notwithstanding this derogation, UAS ROs and UAS AMs has to ensure that any significant deviation from the intended UAS behaviour, response, or UA flight path is reported.

- c. Ensure there are local procedures detailing the process for the transfer of Air Safety arrangements and general conditions of transfer (explicitly handover requirements, and requiring both the dispatching and receiving organizations to be responsible for compliance with the directed conditions of transfer)²⁰.
- d. Detail in Orders:
 - (1) The operating limitations and regulatory requirements applicable to operations in their AoR.
 - (2) The relevant types of RP Instructor (RPI) (ie First Person View RPI) within their AoR.
 - (3) The experience level and course(s) required by personnel in their AoR to become an RPI.
 - (4) The required currencies and competencies required for an RPI qualification to remain valid.
- e. Ensure UAS operating in the Open A2 sub-category are not:
 - (1) Intentionally operated over Uninvolved Persons.
 - (2) Operated higher than 120 m (400 ft) above the surface (land or sea).
 - (3) Operated over or within a horizontal distance of 50 m of any Congested Area³⁰.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹⁹ Refer to the Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management, Chapter 1: The Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (APCIM) Task, paragraph 8; Applicability.

²⁰ Explicitly the transfer of Responsibility of Air Systems in line with the RA 1164 requirements.

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(4) Operated in a restricted area²¹ (eg flight restriction zone of a protected Aerodrome²²) unless in receipt of appropriate permission from the Airspace Controlling Authority.

- f. Ensure the requirement for a UAS SPC has been identified when a UAS operating in the Open A2 sub-category requires to be operated outside the bounds of its LEC.
 - g. Ensure UAS SPCs (which are authorized by the MAA and issued to the UAS RO / UAS AM) are invoked when the RtL associated with its usage is greater than the Risk identified within the Open A2 LEC²³.
 - h. Supplement the original Categorization Submission, when applying for a UAS SPC, for the UAS with relevant details including a record of their judgement that the benefits of operating the UAS with a UAS SPC outweigh any increased RtL and submit it to the MAA iaw the RA 1600 Categorization submission process²³.
 - i. Ensure suitable Lost link, and Command and Control, procedures are implemented to maintain safe flight (or safe termination), safe separation from other Aircraft, and to enable Aircraft recovery (if possible). In the event of an emergency in the Command Unit that requires abandonment, or the loss of Return feed data link that precludes safe control, Lost link procedures **should** be followed (if applicable).
 - j. Produce orders or instructions detailing actions in the event that verbal communication becomes impossible (eg intercom failure or suspected incapacitation).
 - k. Ensure that Risks to RPs, operating personnel, other organization / MOD personnel, and the general public through the operation of UAS are As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable, and cease operations if not.
 - l. Hold appropriate Terms of Reference (ToR).
 - m. Follow the intent of RA 2335²⁴, for UAS operators working up for, or conducting, UAS flying at a Flying Display, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstration, or Flypast event.
 - n. Ensure that, where training provided does not include flying under MRP rules, the UAS SO / UAS Flight Operations Post Holder (FOPH) receives additional local training on MRP UAS flying either by an RPI or an appropriately Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) individual²⁵ as approved by the UAS RO / UAS AM.
15. UAS ROs **should**:
- a. Be answerable to a designated Capability Owner within the chain of command.
 - b. Ensure that the UAS is operated and maintained in line with the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1602(4), and LEC.
 - c. Attend an MAA UAS RO briefing day²⁶ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA²⁷.
 - d. Nominate a Senior Operator (SO).
 - e. Issue a Letter of Delegation when delegating supervisory day-to-day operating responsibilities to a SQEP (minimum OF3 (or equivalent)) within their

²¹ Defined as: "Airspace of defined dimensions over the land areas or territorial waters of a State within which the flight of aircraft is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions". Sourced from: UK [Civil Aviation Authority](#) (CAA) [Publication](#) (CAP) 722D.

²² Details of UK Aerodromes that fall into the 'protected' category can be found within the [NATS eAIS Package](#). For Government Aerodromes see the [UK Mil AIP](#).

²³ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

²⁴ Refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

²⁵ Attendance at either the UAS RO Briefing Day or UAS AM Briefing day will satisfy this requirement.

²⁶ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

²⁷ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the Categorization process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated in the LEC.

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AoR. The appointed UAS RO and delegated individual will attend the MAA UAS RO briefing day prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA. Whilst day-to-day supervisory Responsibility may be delegated by the UAS RO, accountability will remain with the UAS RO.

f. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace are conducted either:

- (1) For operations conducted with the nation's consent, iaw relevant local, national, and international legal requirements, and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{28, 29}, or
- (2) For operations conducted without the nation's consent (ie conducted lawfully under the Law of Armed Conflict, UN Security Council resolution or other legal mandate), outside Controlled Airspace³⁰; unless the Controlled Airspace has been created or assigned for the purposes of the Operation.

16. UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1602(4), and CFAOS (BU) Approval.
- b. Attend an MAA UAS AM briefing day²⁷ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA³¹.
- c. Nominate a FOPH in order to provide the UAS AM with appropriate specialist support³².
- d. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace and with that nation's consent are conducted iaw relevant local, national, and international legal requirements and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{28, 29}.

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17. UAS ROs / UAS AMs may waive the requirement for an Occurrence Safety Investigation (OSI) down to a Local Occurrence Investigation (LOI) for an Accident where the loss is consistent with the intended concept of operating use of the UAS. Ultimately it is for the UAS RO / UAS AM to decide that there is nothing to be gained from a formal OSI. As a minimum the subsequent LOI still requires codification by the Incident Manager prior to being closed.

18. It is anticipated that, in many instances, UAS will be operated by organizations with either limited or no prior aviation experience. In such cases, the Unit Commander or civilian middle manager (who may have limited or no previous aviation experience) may be appointed as the UAS RO / UAS AM. Therefore, the MAA will provide appropriate UAS RO / UAS AMs briefings²⁶ to those assessed as requiring further training in order that they may be considered Competent to manage the Rtl associated with operation of the UAS.

19. When operating with reduced visibility (eg at Night, sandstorm, etc) over or in proximity to uninvolved people, the UAS RO / UAS AM will need to ensure the ability to operate safely (eg Night Vision Devices, etc).

20. The requirement to Authorize operations in the Open A2 sub-category is not mandated; however, UAS ROs / UAS AMs may elect to implement an Authorization process to formalize and account for any tasking conducted³³.

²⁸ Refer to AP1158 – Approval and Diplomatic Clearance for Flights to Destinations Abroad.

²⁹ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

³⁰ Refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

³¹ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the CFAOS (BU) Approval process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated via the Approval.

³² To include Test and Evaluation (T&E) when in the organization's CFAOS (BU) Approval and the UAS AM is not appropriately T&E qualified.

³³ If UAS ROs choose to implement the Authorization process, they are advised to use the principles of RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

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21. When Segregated Airspace is used as a mitigation for mid-air collision. UAS ROs / UAS AMs will detail the procedures to be followed to ensure that the UAS remains within the Segregated Airspace (this might include restrictions on approaching the boundaries of allocated airspace or use of independent flight termination Systems)³⁴.
22. A UAS RO may be required to employ Open A2 sub-category UAS outside limitations contained within their LEC, when there is an unplanned or unexpected operational imperative to do so³⁵. When such situations arise, the UAS RO (or their representative when the UAS RO is not deployed) needs to inform the operational commander³⁶ of the increased Risk associated with operating outside of the LEC. Although the urgency of a given situation may preclude formal process, a UAS RO needs to demonstrate in retrospect a Risk analysis suitable to the context. There needs to be an assessment of the impact on third-parties (for example crewed aviation or civilian population in the area)³⁷. The operational commander needs to agree to accept the Risk and record the decision to do so. Operations outside of the LEC have to cease immediately once the operational requirement has been met.
23. UAS SPCs are situation dependant and bound by time (length of Approval period) and airspace in which the operation will be conducted. They are not an alternative to long-term compliance.
24. A UAS SPC is comparable to a Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) and will only be used for flight under the following circumstances:
- In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action, or;
 - In other conditions of operational imperative, to include training for actual or planned operations, when enabled by the UAS RO.
25. The UAS RO will ensure that a clear explanation of the Risks involved, and related operating instructions to support a UAS SPC are incorporated into the Categorization Submission.
26. The UAS RO will ensure that the authority required for a UAS SPC to be enabled, guidance on the Risk involved, and related operating instructions are specified in appropriate orders.
27. UAS ROs and UAS AMs must ensure compliance with UK Civil Aviation Authority Safety Notice Number: SN-2025/004³⁸.

**Regulation
1602(3)**

Remote Pilot Competence

1602(3) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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28. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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29. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

³⁴ If operating on a Defence Training Estate it is the RP's Responsibility to check Range Standing Orders for the area to be utilized to ensure compliance with the Airspace Controlling Authority.

³⁵ Where Safety, Environmental Protection or operational imperatives demand, the Regulations may be deviated from provided that a convincing case can be offered in retrospect.

³⁶ The empowered individual at the time with tactical awareness of the current operation or task.

³⁷ Bounded by the Laws of Armed Conflict, superior command direction, Rules of Engagement and RTL to own forces.

³⁸ Refer to SN-2025/004 – UAS Software and Firmware Updates.

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Safe Operation and Limitations

1602(4) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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30. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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31. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

1602(5) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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32. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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33. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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1602(6) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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34. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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35. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1602(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1602(7)**
Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

1602(7) Operations of UAS in the Open A2 sub-category **shall** be supported by UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs.

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36. UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs **should**:
- Support and be answerable to the respective UAS RO / UAS AM.
 - Have completed an approved UAS training package provided by a Defence Systems Approach to Training (DSAT) compliant UAS course, or an

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equivalent UK CAA approved Recognized Assessment Entity (RAE)³⁹ that includes a flying assessment.

- c. Ensure that all RPs within their AoR have successfully completed a flying assessment under the supervision of the UAS SO / UAS FOPH, and document accordingly.
- d. Ensure that RPs are medically fit to operate the categorized UAS⁴⁰.
- e. Ensure any RPI complies with RA 1602(9).
- f. Assure themselves that a UAS operating training package and flying assessment of the RPs is conducted.
- g. Specify SQEP individuals (eg RPIs) to award UAS flying privileges.

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- 37. Training provided by a CAA approved RAE that includes a flying assessment or an equivalent DSAT compliant UAS course has been assessed as appropriate by the MAA to provide suitable training and assessment for UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs.
- 38. The UAS SO / UAS FOPH may also hold a dual role as an RPI.
- 39. UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs will ensure that all RPs receive Conversion To Type (CTT) training from an RPI.

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Remote Pilot Responsibilities

1602(8) RPs operating UAS in the Open A2 sub-category **shall** be qualified and Competent.

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- 40. RPs **should**:
 - a. Conduct a UAS operating training package and flying assessment under the supervision of the UAS SO / UAS FOPH.
 - b. Maintain a level of Competence appropriate to the tasks being conducted.
 - c. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training and flying activity.
 - d. Be familiar with all publications and processes required to safely operate the UAS.
 - e. Be fully conversant with either the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual (non-MOD organizations), and local orders.
 - f. Maintain a log of the inspections and Maintenance carried out on their UAS.
 - g. Be responsible for the safe operation of the UAS and not present undue Risk or Hazard to other airspace users or any person, vessel, vehicle or Structure.
 - h. Record UAS operations via:
 - (1) The Centralised Aviation Data Service flight planning service (provided by BAE Systems Information) to help reduce the Risk of collision with other Aircraft and physical Hazards (eg overhead wires), and

³⁹ The list of CAA approved RAEs is found in the Unmanned Aircraft section of the CAA website.

⁴⁰ The baseline minimum Joint Medical Employment Standard for Military RPs of Open A2 Category UAS is A-4. There is no baseline minimum Medical Employment Standard for Civilian RPs of Open A2 Category UAS. There are no Initial or Periodic Medical Examination requirements (both Military and Civilian) to operate UAS in the Open Category and S1 sub-category. However, these baseline requirements may be further restricted via the LEC and / or the endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist.

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- (2) Notice to Aviation (NOTAMS).
 - i. Adhere to:
 - (1) Orders promulgated by the UAS RO / UAS AM.
 - (2) The UAS Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - (3) The operating parameters and procedures detailed in:
 - (a) The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist and LEC (MOD organizations) or;
 - (b) The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual and CFOE (BU) (non-MOD organizations).
 - j. Conduct Flight Planning and Risk Assessments iaw the most restrictive of Orders and adhere to the following operating limitations:
 - (1) Operated within VLOS of the RP.
 - (2) Operated with a minimum safe horizontal distance of 30 m from any vessel, vehicle or Structure not under the control of the RP^{41, 42} or Uninvolved Person.
 - (3) Any conditions stipulated in the LEC (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations).
 - k. Ensure that when it is necessary to hand over control of a UAS, a formal instruction to take control and to accept control is made. In some cases (eg during instruction) it is necessary to take control in the first instance - this has to also be formally declared and accepted. Formal statements of 'I have control' and 'You have control' has to be made and acknowledged as appropriate.
41. When a planned UA sortie necessitates the handing over of control of the UA, the associated RPs **should** plan the timings and other requirements in advance of the sortie.

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42. RPs will be appropriately trained and Competent. RPs are required to understand and be fully conversant with all appropriate publications and RA 1602(8), to ensure that their UAS are safe to operate and are being operated safely.

Regulation 1602(9)

Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

- 1602(9) RPIs **shall** be trained and Competent.

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43. RPIs are required to possess skills that enable the effective transfer of knowledge to their students, and **should** be trained to achieve the following baseline Competences:
- a. Plan, prepare and deliver appropriately structured theoretical and practical teaching events.
 - b. Manage trainees, students and instructional resources.
 - c. Deliver specialist instruction to incorporate a range of differing learning styles.
 - d. Integrate Human Factors training²⁶.
 - e. Confirm / check learning has taken place, using appropriate practical techniques on the ground and in the air.

⁴¹ This requirement does not mean that the RP is 'at the controls' of the vessel or vehicle. Rather, it means that the RP is in control of the positioning, speed, location, etc and has direct influence of the person at the controls to ensure the safe operation of the UAS.

⁴² Or down to 5 m horizontally if its 'low speed mode' is fitted and selected by the RP.

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- f. Monitor and review trainee or student progress across the full range of RP training events.
- g. Produce comprehensive written reports on individual training outcomes.
44. RPIs **should**:
- a. Have qualified as a UAS operator following successful completion of a DSAT compliant course or a National Qualified Entity / RAE civilian course that includes a flying assessment.
- b. If operating under a UAS RO:
- (1) Be qualified as a Defence Trainer⁴³.
 - (2) Achieve Practitioner Level prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- c. If operating under a UAS AM:
- (1) Hold an appropriate trainer qualification, approved as an equivalent to a Defence Trainer by the UAS AM responsible for the UAS they will operate.
 - (2) Achieve suitable level of training Competence, approved as an equivalent to Practitioner level of the Defence Trainer, by the UAS AM prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- d. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training, instructional training / assessment, and flying activity.
- e. Assess Competence at least annually. UAS ROs / UAS AMs have to stipulate in orders how and by whom the assessment may be conducted.
- f. Ensure Competence checks include the following baseline Competencies:
- (1) Ability to impart skill and knowledge, utilizing effective analysis and debriefing.
 - (2) Proficiency in flying or airborne operating skills, and knowledge of the Air System on which tested.
 - (3) Standardization of current training practice.
 - (4) Knowledge of subjects allied to flying / Air System operation.
- g. Document evidence of assessments of Competence in the RPI's training record.
- h. Provide RPs with CTT training.

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Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

45. Nil.

⁴³ Refer to JSP 822 – Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education.

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RA 1603 – Uncrewed Air Systems Open A3 sub-category (Fly ‘Far From’ People)

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. Failure to appropriately address UAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL). This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the UAS Category and its physical attributes¹. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those UAS operating in the Open A3 sub-category. The regulatory framework is Structured to specifically permit appropriate operating freedom to ‘non-traditional’ aviation units (who are the prevalent users of UAS in the Open A3 sub-category).

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1. Operations within the Open A3 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS² that:

- a. Have the following mandatory requirements:
 - (1) Have a Maximum Take Off Weight of less than 25 kg,
 - (2) Are operated within Visual Line Of Sight (VLOS)^{3, 4} of the Remote Pilot (RP)⁵,
 - (3) Are not flown at a Height greater than 120 m (400 ft),
 - (4) Have any maximum speed,

¹ For definitions of UAS categories, UAS sub-categories, and UAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg, etc), refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

² Unless operating under the derogations requested and conditions set out in an approved Special Purpose Clearance (SPC).

³ UAS Categorized as Open A3 may be operated Beyond Visual Line Of Sight when operating within buildings, vessels, and structures.

⁴ Certain demands may necessitate operations beyond the limitations covered by extant Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LECs). In these cases, an additional RA 1600 Annex B Appendix 2 or equivalent Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic UAS) (CFAOS (BU)) paperwork will need to be submitted, for the additional permissions beyond the baseline LEC.

⁵ In ‘follow-me’ mode (the Uncrewed Aircraft (UA) will automatically follow the Command Unit), the UA may be flown up to a maximum distance of 50 m from the RP, even if this means that the UA is no longer VLOS.

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- (5) Are capable of being operated safely to a minimum horizontal distance of 50 m from Uninvolved Persons and not within 50 m of Congested Areas, but not over Areas of high population density,
 - (6) Are registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) by type⁶,
 - (7) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier displayed on the main fuselage,
 - (8) Operate under the Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Framework⁷ and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category⁸, and
 - (9) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C4⁹ or be designed to similar standards.
- b. Have the following optional requirements:
- (1) Are capable of Swarming,
 - (2) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements,
 - (3) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),
 - (4) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo^{10, 11},
 - (5) Are capable of Dropping of materiel, and
 - (6) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).
2. Unless detailed further in the LEC or CFAOS (BU)¹² Approval, only those MAA Regulatory Publication (MRP) documents detailed in this RA, RA 1600¹³, and applicable Regulatory Instructions and Regulatory Notices, are applicable to UAS operating in Open A3 sub-category.
3. CFAOS (BU) organizations must also comply with RA 1031¹².
4. Where the requirement for a UAS to be operated from one of His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ship exists, the combination must be Authorized through an appropriate Ship Air-Release process¹⁴.
5. UAS publications are likely to include:
- a. The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist for the UAS (MOD organizations).
 - b. The Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (Basic UAS) (CFOE (BU)) (non-MOD organizations).
 - c. Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - d. Specific Orders or Instructions from the UAS Responsible Officer (RO).
 - e. The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual from the UAS Accountable Manager (AM).

⁶ For UAS that will be operated within the Open A3 sub-category, UK MAR registration is applied for within the Categorization Submission, and registration is inherent in the issuing of a LEC. Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization; and RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

⁷ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁸ The DAE Operating Category relates to the ownership and Safety governance of the Air System, whereas the UAS Category relates to the regulatory framework which is set by the MAA according to the Risk posed by the UAS and the manner in which it is operated.

⁹ Refer to [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1058](#) and [UK Regulation \(EU\) 2019/945](#).

¹⁰ Refer to AAP-06 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French).

¹¹ For example (non-exhaustive list): Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

¹² Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Uncrewed Air Systems).

¹³ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships.

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- f. Local orders such as those published by a Head of Establishment (HoE) or Head of Unit.
- 6. Open A3 sub-category UAS operations are not required to be supported by a:
 - a. Aviation Duty Holder;
 - b. Accountable Manager (Military Flying);
 - c. Type Airworthiness Authority;
 - d. Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization;
 - e. Chief Air Engineer;
 - f. Sponsor;
 - g. Senior Responsible Owner.
- 7. This Regulation does not cover Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity. UAS applicants wishing to operate in a manner or Configuration not supported by RA 1600¹³ and RA 1603 (ie T&E) will be subject to RA 2370¹⁵ and other MRP requirements. Discussion with the MAA¹⁶ will be required in order to confirm the applicable Regulations.
- 8. The endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or the CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations) will satisfy the requirement for an Air System Safety Case (ASSC) (An ASSC provides an evidenced and coherent argument that a system is safe to operate and is being operated safely).

**Regulation
1603(1)****Responsibilities**

- 1603(1) Organizations operating UAS in the Open A3 sub-category **shall** comply with the requirements of RA 1600 and RA 1603.

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- 9. MOD organizations responsible for operating UAS **should** either:
 - a. Nominate:
 - (1) A Capability Owner (minimum OF5 or equivalent), and
 - (2) A UAS RO (minimum OF4 or equivalent).
 - b. Or ensure that operations are carried out by an organization appropriately approved in accordance with (iaw) the CFAOS (BU).
- 10. Non-MOD organizations operating military registered UAS in the Open A3 sub-category **should**:
 - a. Be appropriately approved iaw the CFAOS (BU).
 - b. Nominate a UAS AM iaw RA 1031.
- 11. UAS organizations considering operating from MOD establishments or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **should** ensure the MOD establishments' or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships' HoE has complied with RA 1010 and RA 1026¹⁷.

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12. Nil.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹⁶ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities; and RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

Regulation 1603(2)

Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

1603(2) UAS in the Open A3 sub-category **shall** be operated under the authority of a UAS RO / UAS AM and supported by appropriate persons.

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Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

13. UAS ROs / UAS AMs **should** ensure prior to operation of UAS in the Open A3 sub-category:

- a. MOD organizations hold an appropriate MAA UAS LEC.
- b. Non-MOD organizations hold an appropriate CFAOS (BU) Approval.

14. UAS ROs and UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Be responsible and Accountable for the operation of UAS within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- b. Ensure UAS Occurrences are reported, investigated, and recorded^{18, 19}.

Note:

Landings, or terminal phase manoeuvres, consistent with planned operations incurring damage or destruction, will not normally be considered as Air Safety reportable Occurrences unless the UAS RO / UAS AM determine that there may be a wider Safety interest. Notwithstanding this derogation, UAS ROs and UAS AMs has to ensure that any significant deviation from the intended UAS behaviour, response, or UA flight path is reported.

- c. Ensure there are local procedures detailing the process for the transfer of Air Safety arrangements and general conditions of transfer (explicitly handover requirements, and requiring both the dispatching and receiving organizations to be responsible for compliance with the directed conditions of transfer)²⁰.
- d. Detail in Orders:
 - (1) The operating limitations and regulatory requirements applicable to operations in their AoR.
 - (2) The relevant types of RP Instructor (RPI) (ie First Person View RPI) within their AoR.
 - (3) The experience level and course(s) required by personnel in their AoR to become an RPI.
 - (4) The required currencies and competencies required for an RPI qualification to remain valid.
- e. Ensure UAS operating in the Open A3 sub-category are not:
 - (1) Intentionally operated over Uninvolved Persons.
 - (2) Operated higher than 120 m (400 ft) above the surface (land or sea).
 - (3) Operated over or within a horizontal distance of 50 m of any Congested Area²¹.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹⁹ Refer to the Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management, Chapter 1: The Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (APCIM) Task, paragraph 8: Applicability.

²⁰ Explicitly the transfer of Responsibility of Air Systems in line with the RA 1164 requirements.

²¹ Refer to MAA02 – Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

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(4) Operated in a restricted area²² (eg flight restriction zone of a protected Aerodrome²³) unless in receipt of appropriate permission from the Airspace Controlling Authority.

- f. Ensure the requirement for a UAS SPC is identified when a UAS operating in the Open A3 sub-category requires to be operated outside the bounds of its LEC.
- g. Ensure UAS SPCs (which are authorized by the MAA and issued to the UAS RO / UAS AM) are invoked when the RtL associated with its usage is greater than the Risk identified within the Open A3 LEC¹³.
- h. Supplement the original Categorization Submission, when applying for a UAS SPC, for the UAS with relevant details including a record of their judgement that the benefits of operating the UAS with a UAS SPC outweigh any increased RtL and submit it to the MAA iaw the RA 1600 Categorization submission process¹³.
- i. Ensure suitable Lost link, and Command and Control, procedures are implemented to maintain safe flight (or safe termination), safe separation from other Aircraft, and to enable Aircraft recovery. In the event of an emergency in the Command Unit that requires abandonment, or the loss of return feed data link that precludes safe control, Lost link procedures **should** be followed.
- j. Produce orders or instructions detailing actions in the event that verbal communication becomes impossible (eg intercom failure or suspected incapacitation).
- k. Ensure that Risks to RPs, operating personnel, other organization / MOD personnel, and the general public through the operation of UAS are As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable, and cease operations if not.
- l. Hold appropriate Terms of Reference (ToR).
- m. Follow the intent of RA 2335²⁴, for UAS operators working up for, or conducting, UAS flying at a Flying Display, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstration or Flypast event.
- n. Ensure that, where training provided does not include flying under MRP rules, the UAS Senior Operator (SO) / UAS Flight Operations Post Holder (FOPH) receives additional local training on MRP UAS flying either by an RPI or an appropriately Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) individual²⁵ as approved by the UAS RO / UAS AM.

15. UAS ROs **should**:

- a. Be answerable to a designated Capability Owner within the chain of command.
- b. Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1603(4), and LEC.
- c. Attend an MAA UAS RO briefing day²⁶ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA²⁷.
- d. Nominate a SO.
- e. Issue a Letter of Delegation when delegating supervisory day-to-day operating Responsibilities to a SQEP (minimum OF3 (or equivalent)) within their AoR. The appointed UAS RO and delegated individual will attend the MAA UAS RO briefing day prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so

²² Defined as: "Airspace of defined dimensions over the land areas or territorial waters of a State within which the flight of aircraft is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions". Sourced from: UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Publication (CAP) 722D.

²³ Details of UK Aerodromes that fall into the 'protected' category can be found within the [NATS eAIS Package](#). For Government Aerodromes see the [UK Mil AIP](#).

²⁴ Refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

²⁵ Attendance at either the UAS RO Briefing Day or UAS AM Briefing day will satisfy this requirement.

²⁶ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

²⁷ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the categorization process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated in the LEC.

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by the MAA. Whilst day-to-day supervisory Responsibility may be delegated by the UAS RO, accountability will remain with the UAS RO.

f. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace are conducted either:

(1) For operations conducted with the nation's consent, iaw relevant local, national, and international legal requirements, and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{28, 29}, or

(2) For operations conducted without the nation's consent (ie conducted lawfully under the Law of Armed Conflict, UN Security Council resolution or other legal mandate), outside Controlled Airspace²¹; unless the Controlled Airspace has been created or assigned for the purposes of the Operation.

16. UAS AMs **should**:

a. Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1603(4), and CFAOS (BU) Approval.

b. Attend an MAA UAS AM briefing day²⁶ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA³⁰.

c. Nominate¹² a FOPH in order to provide the UAS AM with appropriate specialist support³¹.

d. Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace and with that nation's consent are conducted iaw relevant local, national, and international legal requirements and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{28, 29}.

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17. UAS ROs / UAS AMs may waive the requirement for an Occurrence Safety Investigation (OSI) down to a Local Occurrence Investigation (LOI) for an Accident where the loss is consistent with the intended concept of operating use of the UAS. Ultimately it is for the UAS RO / UAS AM to decide that there is nothing to be gained from a formal OSI. As a minimum the subsequent LOI still requires codification by the Incident Manager prior to being closed.

18. It is anticipated that, in many instances, UAS will be operated by organizations with either limited or no prior aviation experience. In such cases, the Unit Commander or civilian middle manager (who may have limited or no previous aviation experience) may be appointed as the UAS RO / UAS AM. Therefore, the MAA will provide appropriate UAS RO / UAS AM briefings²⁶ to those assessed as requiring further training in order that they may be considered Competent to manage the Rtl associated with the operation of the UAS.

19. When operating with reduced visibility (eg at Night, sandstorm, etc) over or in proximity to uninvolved people the UAS RO / UAS AM will need to ensure the ability to operate safely (eg Night Vision Devices, etc).

20. The requirement to Authorize operations in the Open A3 sub-category is not mandated; however, UAS ROs / UAS AMs may elect to implement an Authorization process to formalize and account for any tasking conducted³².

21. When Segregated Airspace is used as a mitigation for mid-air collision. UAS ROs / UAS AMs will detail the procedures to be followed to ensure that the UAS

²⁸ Refer to AP1158 – Approval and Diplomatic Clearance for Flights to Destinations Abroad.

²⁹ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

³⁰ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the CFAOS (BU) Approval process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated via the Approval.

³¹ To include Test and Evaluation (T&E) when in the organization's CFAOS (BU) Approval and the UAS AM is not appropriately T&E qualified.

³² If UAS ROs choose to implement the Authorization process, they are advised to use the principles of RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

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remains within the Segregated Airspace (this might include restrictions on approaching the boundaries of allocated airspace or use of independent flight termination Systems)³³.

22. A UAS RO may be required to employ Open A3 sub-category UAS outside limitations contained within their LEC, when there is an unplanned or unexpected operational imperative to do so³⁴. When such situations arise, the UAS RO (or their representative when the UAS RO is not deployed) needs to inform the operational commander³⁵ of the increased Risk associated with operating outside of the LEC. Although the urgency of a given situation may preclude formal process, a UAS RO needs to demonstrate in retrospect a Risk analysis suitable to the context. There needs to be an assessment of the impact on third-parties (for example crewed aviation or civilian population in the area)³⁶. The operational commander needs to agree to accept the Risk and record the decision to do so. Operations outside of the LEC have to cease immediately once the operational requirement has been met.

23. UAS SPCs are situation dependant and bound by time (length of Approval period) and airspace in which the operation will be conducted. They are not an alternative to long-term compliance.

24. A UAS SPC is comparable to a Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) and will only be used for flight under the following circumstances:

- a. In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action, or;
- b. In other conditions of operational imperative, to include training for actual or planned operations, when enabled by the UAS RO.

25. The UAS RO will ensure that a clear explanation of the Risks involved, and related operating instructions to support a UAS SPC are incorporated into the Categorization Submission.

26. The UAS RO will ensure that the authority required for a UAS SPC to be enabled, guidance on the Risk involved, and related operating instructions are specified in appropriate orders.

27. UAS ROs and UAS AMs must ensure compliance with UK CAA Safety Notice Number: SN-2025/004³⁷.

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1603(3)**
Remote Pilot Competence

1603(3) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Remote Pilot Competence

28. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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29. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

³³ If operating on a Defence Training Estate it is the RP's Responsibility to check Range Standing Orders for the area to be utilized to ensure compliance with the Airspace Controlling Authority.

³⁴ Where Safety, Environmental Protection or operational imperatives demand, the Regulations may be deviated from provided that a convincing case can be offered in retrospect.

³⁵ The empowered individual at the time with tactical awareness of the current operation or task.

³⁶ Bounded by the Laws of Armed Conflict, superior command direction, Rules of Engagement and RTL to own forces.

³⁷ Refer to SN-2025/004 – UAS Software and Firmware Updates.

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1603(4)**
Safe Operation and Limitations

1603(4) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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30. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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31. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1603(5)**
Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

1603(5) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

32. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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33. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1603(6)**
Remote Pilot Instructors

1603(6) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Remote Pilot Instructors

34. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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35. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1603(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1603(7)**
Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

1603(7) Operations of UAS in the Open A3 sub-category **shall** be supported by UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs.

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Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

36. UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs **should**:
- a. Support and be answerable to the respective UAS RO / UAS AM.
 - b. Have completed an approved UAS training package provided by a Defence Systems Approach to Training (DSAT) compliant UAS course, or an

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equivalent UK CAA approved Recognized Assessment Entity (RAE)³⁸ that includes a flying assessment.

- c. Ensure that all RPs within their AoR have successfully completed a flying assessment under the supervision of the UAS SO / UAS FOPH, and document accordingly.
- d. Ensure that RPs are medically fit to operate the Categorized UAS³⁹.
- e. Ensure any RPI complies with RA 1603(5).
- f. Assure themselves that a UAS operating training package and flying assessment of the RPs is conducted.
- g. Specify SQEP individuals (eg RPIs) to award UAS flying privileges.

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- 37. Training provided by a CAA approved RAE that includes a flying assessment or an equivalent DSAT compliant UAS course has been assessed as appropriate by the MAA to provide suitable training and assessment for UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs.
- 38. The UAS SO / UAS FOPH may also hold a dual role as an RPI.
- 39. UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs will ensure that all RPs receive Conversion To Type (CTT) training from an RPI.

**Regulation
1603(8)**

Remote Pilot Responsibilities

- 1603(8) RPs operating UAS in the Open A3 sub-category **shall** be qualified and Competent.

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Remote Pilot Responsibilities

- 40. RPs **should**:
 - a. Conduct a UAS operating training package and flying assessment under the supervision of the UAS SO / UAS FOPH.
 - b. Maintain a level of Competence appropriate to the tasks being conducted.
 - c. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training and flying activity.
 - d. Be familiar with all publications and processes required to safely operate the UAS.
 - e. Be fully conversant with either the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual (non-MOD organizations), and local Orders.
 - f. Maintain a log of the inspections and Maintenance carried out on their UAS.
 - g. Be responsible for the safe operation of the UAS and not present undue Risk or Hazard to other airspace users or any person, vessel, vehicle or Structure.
 - h. Record UAS operations via:
 - (1) The Centralised Aviation Data Service flight planning service (provided by BAE Systems Information) to help reduce the Risk of

³⁸ The list of CAA approved RAEs is found in the Unmanned Aircraft section of the CAA website.

³⁹ The baseline minimum Joint Medical Employment Standard for Military RPs of Open A3 Category UAS is A-4. There is no baseline minimum Medical Employment Standard for Civilian RPs of Open A3 Category UAS. There are no Initial or Periodic Medical Examination requirements (both Military and Civilian) to operate UAS in the Open Category and S1 sub-category. However, these baseline requirements may be further restricted via the LEC and / or the endorsed RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems, Annex B: Categorization Safety Checklist.

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- collision with other Aircraft and physical Hazards (eg overhead wires), and
- (2) Notice to Aviation (NOTAMs).
- i. Adhere to:
- (1) Orders promulgated by UAS RO / UAS AM.
- (2) The UAS Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
- (3) The operating parameters and procedures detailed in:
- (a) The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist and LEC (MOD organizations) or:
- (b) The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual and CFOE (BU) (non-MOD organizations).
- j. Conduct Flight Planning and Risk Assessments iaw the most restrictive of Orders and adhere to the following operating limitations:
- (1) Operated within VLOS of the RP.
- (2) Operated with a minimum safe horizontal distance of 50 m from any vessel, vehicle or Structure not under the control of the RP⁴⁰ or Uninvolved Person.
- (3) Any conditions stipulated in the LEC (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations).
- k. Ensure that when it is necessary to hand over control of a UAS, a formal instruction to take control and to accept control is made. In some cases (eg during instruction) it is necessary to take control in the first instance - this has to also be formally declared and accepted. Formal statements of 'I have control' and 'You have control' has to be made and acknowledged as appropriate.
41. When a planned UA sortie necessitates the handing over of control of the UA, the associated RPs **should** plan the timings and other requirements in advance of the sortie.

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42. RPs will be appropriately trained and Competent. RPs are required to understand and be fully conversant with all appropriate publications and RA 1603(8), to ensure that their UAS are safe to operate and are being operated safely.

Regulation 1603(9)

Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

- 1603(9) RPis **shall** be trained and Competent.

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Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

43. RPis are required to possess skills that enable the effective transfer of knowledge to their students, and **should** be trained to achieve the following baseline Competences:
- a. Plan, prepare and deliver appropriately structured theoretical and practical teaching events.
- b. Manage trainees, students and instructional resources.
- c. Deliver specialist instruction to incorporate a range of differing learning styles.
- d. Integrate Human Factors training²⁶.
- e. Confirm / check learning has taken place, using appropriate practical techniques on the ground and in the air.

⁴⁰ This requirement does not mean that the RP is 'at the controls' of the vessel or vehicle. Rather, it means that the RP is in control of the positioning, speed, location, etc and has direct influence of the person at the controls to ensure the safe operation of the UAS.

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- f. Monitor and review trainee or student progress across the full range of RP training events.
- g. Produce comprehensive written reports on individual training outcomes.
44. RPIs **should**:
- a. Have qualified as a UAS operator following successful completion of a DSAT compliant course or a National Qualified Entity / RAE civilian course that includes a flying assessment.
- b. If operating under a UAS RO:
- (1) Be qualified as a Defence Trainer⁴¹.
 - (2) Achieve Practitioner Level prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- c. If operating under a UAS AM:
- (1) Hold an appropriate trainer qualification, approved as an equivalent to a Defence Trainer by the UAS AM responsible for the UAS they will operate.
 - (2) Achieve suitable level of training Competence, approved as an equivalent to Practitioner level of the Defence Trainer, by the UAS AM prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- d. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training, instructional training / assessment, and flying activity.
- e. Assess Competence at least annually. UAS ROs / UAS AMs have to stipulate in orders how and by whom the assessment may be conducted.
- f. Ensure Competence checks include the following baseline Competencies:
- (1) Ability to impart skill and knowledge, utilizing effective analysis and debriefing.
 - (2) Proficiency in flying or airborne operating skills, and knowledge of the Air System on which tested.
 - (3) Standardization of current training practice.
 - (4) Knowledge of subjects allied to flying / Air System operation.
- g. Document evidence of assessments of Competence in the RPI's training record.
- h. Provide RPs with CTT training.

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Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

45. Nil.

⁴¹ Refer to JSP 822 – Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education.

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RA 1604 – Uncrewed Air Systems Specific S1 sub-category

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Uncrewed Air Systems (UAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. Failure to appropriately address UAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL). This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the UAS Category and its physical attributes¹. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those UAS operating in the Specific S1 sub-category. The regulatory framework is Structured to specifically permit appropriate operating freedom to 'non-traditional' aviation units (who are the prevalent users of UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category).

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1. Operations within the Specific S1 sub-category are those to be conducted with UAS² that:
 - a. Have the following mandatory requirements:
 - (1) Have a Maximum Take Off Weight of less than 25 kg,
 - (2) Are required to operate Beyond Visual Line Of Sight (BVLOS)³ up to a maximum of 2,000 m from the Remote Pilot (RP),
 - (3) Have any maximum speed,
 - (4) Are not operated over Areas of high population density,
 - (5) Are not flown at a Height greater than detailed within the manufacturers guidelines,
 - (6) Are registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) by type⁴,

¹ For definitions of UAS Categories, UAS sub-categories, and UAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg, etc), refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

² Unless operating under the derogations requested and conditions set out in an approved Special Purpose Clearance (SPC).

³ Refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

⁴ For UAS that will be operated within the Specific S1 sub-category, UK MAR registration is applied for within the Categorization Submission, and registration is inherent in the issuing of a Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC). Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization; and RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

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- (7) Have a Military Aircraft Registration Number and unit identifier, or a local UAS serial number, displayed on the main fuselage,
 - (8) Are operated within Segregated Airspace,
 - (9) Operate under the Defence Air Environment (DAE) Operating Framework⁵ and be assigned to a DAE Operating Category⁶; and
 - (10) Carry a UK / EU conformity marking of C0 – C4⁷ or be designed to similar standards.
- b. Have the following optional requirements:
- (1) Are capable of Swarming;
 - (2) If conducting tethered operations; Adhere to noise limits, Height limits, and requirements for remote identification and geo-awareness Systems and additional requirements;
 - (3) Are capable of being armed (only where an SPC has been endorsed by the MAA),
 - (4) Are capable of carrying / transporting dangerous Cargo^{8, 9};
 - (5) Are capable of Dropping of materiel; and
 - (6) Are capable of autonomous operations, with procedures covering the activities the RP is not directly controlling (including unplanned emergency conditions such as Lost link profiles).
2. Unless detailed further in the LEC or Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic UAS) (CFAOS (BU))¹⁰ Approval, only those MAA Regulatory Publication (MRP) documents detailed in this RA, RA 1600¹¹, and applicable Regulatory Instructions and Regulatory Notices, are applicable to UAS operating in Specific S1 sub-category.
3. CFAOS (BU) organizations must also comply with RA 1031¹⁰.
4. Where the requirement for a UAS to be operated from one of His Majesty's (HM) / MOD Ship exists, the combination must be Authorized through an appropriate Ship Air-Release process¹².
5. UAS publications are likely to include:
- a. The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist for the UAS (MOD organizations).
 - b. Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - c. Specific orders or Instructions from the UAS Responsible Officer (RO).
 - d. The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual from the UAS Accountable Manager (AM).
 - e. Local orders such as those published by a Head of Establishment (HoE) or Head of Unit.
6. Specific S1 sub-category UAS operations are not required to be supported by a:
- a. Aviation Duty Holder;
 - b. Accountable Manager (Military Flying);
 - c. Type Airworthiness Authority;

⁵ Refer to RA 1160 – The Defence Air Environment Operating Framework.

⁶ The DAE Operating Category relates to the ownership and Safety governance of the Air System, whereas the UAS Category relates to the regulatory framework which is set by the MAA according to the Risk posed by the UAS and the manner in which it is operated.

⁷ Refer to [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2020/1058](#) and [UK Regulation \(EU\) 2019/945](#).

⁸ Refer to AAP-06 – The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Glossary of Terms and Definitions (English and French).

⁹ For example (non-exhaustive list): Explosives, radioactive material, flammable liquids, dangerous or volatile chemicals, strong acids, compressed gases, biological agents, poisons.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1031 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme (Basic Uncrewed Air Systems).

¹¹ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

¹² Refer to RA 1395 – Authorization to Permit Embarked Aviation in His Majesty's / MOD Ships.

Applicability

- d. Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization;
 - e. Chief Air Engineer;
 - f. Sponsor;
 - g. Senior Responsible Owner.
7. There is no requirement to have a Certificate of Design or meet Design Safety Targets.
8. There is no requirement to demonstrate and sustain Airworthiness via an Airworthiness / Air Safety Strategy.
9. If the UAS Service life is under 6-years, then there is no requirement to hold an Ageing Air System Audit (AAA). If the UAS Service life is 6-years or longer, then an AAA is required¹³.
10. This Regulation does not cover Test and Evaluation (T&E) activity. UAS applicants wishing to operate in a manner or Configuration not supported by RA 1600 and RA 1604 (ie T&E) will be subject to RA 2370¹⁴ and other MRP requirements. Discussion with the MAA¹⁵ will be required in order to confirm the applicable Regulations.
11. The endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or the CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations) will satisfy the requirement for an Air System Safety Case (ASSC) (An ASSC provides an evidenced and coherent argument that a system is safe to operate and is being operated safely).

**Regulation
1604(1)****Responsibilities**

- 1604(1) Organizations operating UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category **shall** comply with the requirements of RA 1600 and RA 1604.

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12. MOD organizations responsible for operating UAS **should** either:
- a. Nominate:
 - (1) A Capability Owner (minimum OF5 or equivalent), and
 - (2) A UAS RO (minimum OF4 or equivalent).
 - b. Or ensure that operations are carried out by an organization appropriately approved in accordance with (iaw) the CFAOS (BU).
13. Non-MOD organizations operating military registered UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category **should**:
- a. Be appropriately approved iaw the CFAOS (BU).
 - b. Nominate a UAS AM iaw RA 1031¹⁰.
14. UAS organizations considering operating from MOD establishments or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships **should** ensure the MOD establishments' or aviation capable HM / MOD Ships' HoE has complied with RA 1010 and RA 1026¹⁶.

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15. Nil.

¹³ Refer to RA 5723 – Ageing Air System Audit.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

¹⁵ Contact via DSA-MAA-MRPEquiries@mod.gov.uk.

¹⁶ Refer to RA 1010 - Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities; and RA 1026 – Aerodrome Operator and Aerodrome Supervisor (Recreational Flying) Roles and Responsibilities.

**Regulation
1604(2)**
Uncrewed Air System Responsible Officer and Uncrewed Air System Accountable Manager Responsibilities

1604(2) UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category **shall** be operated under the authority of a UAS RO / UAS AM and supported by appropriate persons.

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16. UAS ROs / UAS AMs **should** ensure prior to operation of UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category:

- a. MOD organizations hold an appropriate MAA UAS LEC¹⁷.
- b. Non-MOD organizations hold an appropriate CFAOS (BU) Approval.

17. UAS ROs / UAS AMs **should**:

- a. Be responsible and Accountable for the operation of UAS within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
- b. Ensure UAS Occurrences are reported, investigated, and recorded^{18, 19}.

Note:

Landings, or terminal phase manoeuvres, consistent with planned operations incurring damage or destruction, will not normally be considered as Air Safety reportable Occurrences unless the UAS RO / UAS AM determine that there may be a wider Safety interest. Notwithstanding this derogation, UAS ROs and UAS AMs has to ensure that any significant deviation from the intended UAS behaviour, response, or UA flight path is reported.

- c. Ensure there are local procedures detailing the process for the transfer of Air Safety arrangements and general conditions of transfer (explicitly handover requirements, and requiring both the dispatching and receiving organizations to be responsible for compliance with the directed conditions of transfer)²⁰.
- d. Detail in Orders:
 - (1) The operating limitations and regulatory requirements applicable to operations in their AoR.
 - (2) The relevant types of RP Instructor (RPI) (ie First Person View RPI) within their AoR;
 - (3) The experience level and course(s) required by personnel in their AoR to become an RPI.
 - (4) The required currencies and competencies required for an RPI qualification to remain valid.
 - (5) The applicable emergency procedures, including any requirements for pre-planned emergency recovery sites.
 - (6) The protocols required to manage control data-links.
- e. Ensure UAS operating in the Specific S1 sub-category are not:

¹⁷ Military Organizations (ie Military Operated) that have previously operated under an Open Category Sub 250 g UAS LEC will require to establish an appropriate UAS RO construct and undertake additional RP training beyond that required for Open Category operations, as defined within this RA. Civilian Organizations (ie Civilian Operated) that have previously operated under an Open Category UAS LEC will require to undertake additional RP training beyond that required for Open Category operations, as defined within this RA.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

¹⁹ Refer to the Manual of Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management Chapter 1: The Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management (APCOM) Task, paragraph 8: Applicability.

²⁰ Explicitly the transfer of Responsibility of Air Systems in line with the RA 1164 requirements.

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- (1) Operated within 50 m of any vessel, vehicle or Structure not under the control of the RP or Uninvolved Person except during take-off or landing²¹.
 - (2) Operated over or within a horizontal distance of 50 m of any Congested Area³.
 - (3) Operated in a restricted area²² (eg flight restriction zone of a protected Aerodrome²³) unless in receipt of appropriate permission from the Airspace Controlling Authority.
- f. Ensure the requirement for a UAS SPC is identified when a UAS operating in the Specific S1 sub-category requires to be operated outside the bounds of its LEC.
- g. Ensure UAS SPCs (which are authorized by the MAA and issued to the UAS RO / UAS AM) are invoked when the RtL associated with its usage is greater than the Risk identified within the Specific S1 LEC²⁴.
- h. Supplement the original Categorization Submission, when applying for a UAS SPC, for the UAS with relevant details including a record of their judgement that the benefits of operating the UAS with a UAS SPC outweigh any increased RtL and submit it to the MAA iaw the RA 1600 Categorization submission process¹¹.
- i. Ensure suitable Lost link, and Command and Control, procedures are implemented to maintain safe flight (or safe termination), safe separation from other Aircraft, and to enable Aircraft recovery. In the event of an emergency in the Command Unit that requires abandonment, or the loss of Return feed data link that precludes safe control, Lost link procedures **should** be followed.
- j. Produce orders or instructions detailing actions in the event that verbal communication becomes impossible (eg intercom failure or suspected incapacitation).
- k. Ensure that Risks to RPs, operating personnel, other organization / MOD personnel, and the general public through the operation of UAS are As Low As Reasonably Practicable and Tolerable, and cease operations if not.
- l. Hold appropriate Terms of Reference (ToR).
- m. Follow the intent of RA 2335²⁵, for UAS operators working up for, or conducting, UAS flying at a Flying Display, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstration or Flypast event.
- n. Ensure that, where training provided does not include flying under MRP rules, the UAS SO / UAS Flight Operations Post Holder (FOPH) / RP receives additional local training on MRP UAS flying either by an RPI or an appropriately Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) individual²⁶ as approved by the UAS RO / UAS AM.
- o. Ensure that RP training is provided by a Defence Systems Approach to Training (DSAT) compliant organization providing an MAA approved UAS course, or an equivalent UK CAA approved Recognized Assessment Entity (RAE).
- p. Ensure that if RP training does not include a period of BVLOS flight, the RP completes BVLOS practical flying training either under the supervision of an RPI / UAS SO / UAS FOPH until deemed qualified as Competent to operate BVLOS, or iaw their CFAOS (BU) Approval (for CFAOS (BU) organizations).

²¹ This requirement does not mean that the RP is 'at the controls' of the vessel or vehicle. Rather, it means that the RP is in control of the positioning, speed, location, etc and has direct influence of the person at the controls to ensure the safe operation of the UAS.

²² Defined as: "Airspace of defined dimensions over the land areas or territorial waters of a State within which the flight of Aircraft is restricted in accordance with certain specified conditions". Sourced from: UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Publication (CAP) 722D.

²³ Details of UK Aerodromes that fall into the 'protected' Category can be found within the [NATS eAIS Package](#). For Government Aerodromes see the [UK Mil AIP](#).

²⁴ Refer to RA 1600 – Uncrewed Air Systems Categorization.

²⁵ Refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

²⁶ Attendance at either the UAS RO Briefing Day or UAS AM Briefing day will satisfy this requirement.

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- q. Ensure a level of Safety is provided in respect of collision avoidance, equivalent to that provided by the pilot of a crewed Aircraft^{27, 28} (for operations either inside or outside UK airspace).
- r. Ensure operations inside the UK Flight Information Region are flown in Segregated Airspace³.
18. UAS ROs **should**:
- Be answerable to a designated Capability Owner within the chain of command.
 - Ensure that the UAS is operated and maintained in line with the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1604(8), and LEC.
 - Attend an MAA UAS RO briefing day²⁹ prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA³⁰.
 - Nominate a Senior Operator (SO).
 - Issue a Letter of Delegation when delegating supervisory day-to-day operating Responsibilities to a SQEP (minimum OF3 (or equivalent)) within their AoR. The appointed UAS RO and delegated individual will attend the MAA UAS RO briefing day prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA. Whilst day-to-day supervisory Responsibility may be delegated by the UAS RO, accountability will remain with the UAS RO.
 - Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace are conducted either:
 - For operations conducted with the nation's consent, iaw the relevant local, national, and international legal requirements, and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{31, 32}, or
 - For operations conducted without the nation's consent (ie conducted lawfully under the Law of Armed Conflict, UN Security Council resolution or other legal mandate), under 'Due Regard'³³ and outside Controlled Airspace; unless the Controlled Airspace³ has been created or assigned for the purposes of the Operation.
19. UAS AMs **should**:
- Ensure that UAS are operated and maintained in line with the CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual, Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual, RA 1604(8), and CFAOS (BU) Approval.
 - Attend an MAA UAS AM briefing day prior to commencement of UAS operations if required to do so by the MAA³⁴.
 - Nominate a FOPH in order to provide the UAS AM with appropriate specialist support³⁵.
 - Ensure that UAS operations within another sovereign nation's territorial Airspace and with that nation's consent are conducted iaw the relevant local, national, and international legal requirements and satisfy diplomatic clearance requirements^{31, 32}.

²⁷ Refer to RA 2320 – Flight Procedures: Role Specific S2 and Certified Uncrewed Air Systems.

²⁸ For definition refer to MAA02: Military Aviation Authority Master Glossary.

²⁹ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

³⁰ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the categorization process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated in the LEC.

³¹ Refer to AP1158 – Approval and Diplomatic Clearance for Flights to Destinations Abroad.

³² Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

³³ Refer to RA 2307 – Rules of the Air.

³⁴ This requirement will be reviewed by the MAA during the CFAOS (BU) Approval process; and any requirement / dispensation articulated via the Approval.

³⁵ To include T&E when in the organization's CFAOS (BU) Approval and the UAS AM is not appropriately T&E qualified.

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20. UAS ROs / UAS AMs may waive the requirement for an Occurrence Safety Investigation (OSI) down to a Local Occurrence Investigation (LOI) for an Accident where the loss is consistent with the intended concept of operating use of the UAS. Ultimately it is for the UAS RO / UAS AM to decide that there is nothing to be gained from a formal OSI. As a minimum the subsequent LOI still requires codification by the Incident Manager prior to being closed.

21. It is anticipated that, in many instances, UAS will be operated by organizations with either limited or no prior aviation experience. In such cases, the Unit Commander or civilian middle manager (who may have limited or no previous aviation experience) may be appointed as the UAS RO / UAS AM. Therefore, the MAA will provide appropriate UAS RO / UAS AM briefings to those assessed as requiring further training in order that they may be considered Competent to manage the Rtl associated with operation of the UAS.

22. When operating with reduced visibility (eg at Night, sandstorm, etc) over or in proximity to uninvolved people, the UAS RO / UAS AM will need to ensure the ability to operate safely (eg Night Vision Devices, etc).

23. The requirement to Authorize operations in the Specific S1 sub-category is not mandated; however, UAS ROs / UAS AMs may elect to implement an Authorization process to formalize and account for any tasking conducted³⁶.

24. When Segregated Airspace is used as a mitigation for mid-air collision. UAS ROs / UAS AMs will detail the procedures to be followed to ensure that the UAS remains within the Segregated Airspace (this might include restrictions on approaching the boundaries of allocated airspace or use of independent flight termination Systems)³⁷.

25. A UAS RO may be required to employ Specific S1 sub-category UAS outside limitations contained within their LEC, when there is an unplanned or unexpected operational imperative to do so³⁸. When such situations arise, the UAS RO (or their representative when the UAS RO is not deployed) needs to inform the operational commander³⁹ of the increased Risk associated with operating outside of the LEC. Although the urgency of a given situation may preclude formal process, a UAS RO needs to demonstrate in retrospect a Risk analysis suitable to the context. There needs to be an assessment of the impact on third-parties (for example crewed aviation or civilian population in the area)⁴⁰. The operational commander needs to agree to accept the Risk and record the decision to do so. Operations outside of the LEC have to cease immediately once the operational requirement has been met.

26. UAS SPCs are situation dependant and bound by time (length of Approval period) and airspace in which the operation will be conducted. They are not an alternative to long-term compliance.

27. A UAS SPC is comparable to a Specific S2 sub-category and Certified Category Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC) and will only be used for flight under the following circumstances:

- a. In conditions of actual or potential hostile enemy action, or;
- b. In other conditions of operational imperative, to include training for actual or planned operations, when enabled by the UAS RO.

28. The UAS RO will ensure that a clear explanation of the Risks involved, and related operating instructions to support a UAS SPC are incorporated into the Categorization Submission.

³⁶ If UAS ROs choose to implement the Authorization process, they are advised to use the principles of RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

³⁷ If operating on a Defence Training Estate it is the RP's Responsibility to check Range Standing Orders for the area to be utilized to ensure compliance with the Airspace Controlling Authority.

³⁸ Where Safety, Environmental Protection or operational imperatives demand, the Regulations may be deviated from provided that a convincing case can be offered in retrospect.

³⁹ The empowered individual at the time with tactical awareness of the current operation or task.

⁴⁰ Bounded by the Laws of Armed Conflict, superior command direction, Rules of Engagement and Rtl to own forces.

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29. The UAS RO will ensure that the authority required for a UAS SPC to be enabled, guidance on the Risk involved, and related operating instructions are specified in appropriate orders.

30. UAS ROs and UAS AMs must ensure compliance with UK Civil Aviation Authority Safety Notice Number: SN-2025/004⁴¹.

**Regulation
1604(3)**
Remote Pilot Competence

1604(3) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Remote Pilot Competence

31. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Remote Pilot Competence

32. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1604(4)**
Safe Operation and Limitations

1604(4) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1604(4)**
Safe Operation and Limitations

33. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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1604(4)**
Safe Operation and Limitations

34. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1604(5)**
Special Purpose Clearances

1604(5) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Acceptable
Means of
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1604(5)**
Special Purpose Clearances

35. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Special Purpose Clearances

36. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

⁴¹ Refer to SN-2025/004 – UAS Software and Firmware Updates.

**Regulation
1604(6)**

Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

1604(6) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

37. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

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Handing over Control of Remotely Piloted Aircraft

38. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1604(1), (2), (7), (8) and (9).

**Regulation
1604(7)**

Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

1604(7) Operations of UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category **shall** be supported by UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1604(7)**

Uncrewed Air System Senior Operator and Uncrewed Air System Flight Operations Post Holder Responsibilities

39. UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs **should**:
- a. Support and be answerable to the respective UAS RO / UAS AM.
 - b. Have completed an approved UAS training package provided by a DSAT compliant UAS course, or an equivalent UK CAA approved RAE⁴² that includes a flying assessment. If the training does not include a period of BVLOS flight, the UAS SO and UAS FOPH **should** complete BVLOS practical flying training either under the supervision of an RPI until deemed qualified as Competent to operate BVLOS, or iaw their CFAOS (BU) Approval (for non-MOD organizations).
 - c. Ensure that all RPs within their AoR have successfully completed a DSAT compliant UAS course, or an equivalent approved UAS training package provided by a RAE that includes a flying assessment.
 - d. Be qualified on similar type UAS to be operated.
 - e. Ensure that RPs are medically fit to operate the Categorized UAS⁴³.
 - f. Ensure any RPI complies with RA 1604(5).
 - g. Specify SQEP individuals (eg RPIs) to award UAS flying privileges.

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40. Training provided by a CAA approved RAE that includes a flying assessment or an equivalent DSAT compliant UAS course has been assessed as appropriate by the MAA to provide suitable training and assessment for UAS SOs and UAS FOPHs.
41. The UAS SO / UAS FOPH may also hold a dual role as an RPI.
42. UAS SOs / UAS FOPHs will ensure that all RPs receive Conversion To Type (CTT) training from an RPI.

⁴² The list of CAA approved RAEs is found in the Unmanned Aircraft section of the CAA website.

⁴³ The baseline minimum Joint Medical Employment Standard for Military RPs of Specific S1 Category UAS is A-4. There is no baseline minimum Medical Employment Standard for Civilian RPs of Specific S1 Category UAS. There are no Initial or Periodic Medical Examination requirements (both Military and Civilian) to operate UAS in the Open Category and S1 sub-category. However, these baseline requirements may be further restricted via the LEC and / or the endorsed RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist.

**Regulation
1604(8)**
Remote Pilot Responsibilities

1604(8) RPs operating UAS in the Specific S1 sub-category **shall** be qualified and Competent.

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Compliance
1604(8)**
Remote Pilot Responsibilities

43. RPs **should**:

- a. Complete a UAS training package, designed for RPs flying UAS under MRP rules, that includes a flying assessment.
- b. Maintain a level of Competence appropriate to the tasks being conducted.
- c. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training and flying activity.
- d. Be familiar with all publications and processes required to safely operate the UAS.
- e. Be fully conversant with either the RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual (non-MOD organizations), and local Orders.
- f. Maintain a log of the inspections and Maintenance carried out on their UAS.
- g. Be responsible for the safe operation of the UAS and not present undue Risk or Hazard to other airspace users or any person, vessel, vehicle or Structure.
- h. Record UAS operations via:
 - (1) The Centralised Aviation Data Service flight planning service (provided by BAE Systems Information) to help reduce the Risk of collision with other Aircraft and physical Hazards (eg overhead wires), and
 - (2) Notice to Aviation (NOTAMs).
- i. Adhere to:
 - (1) Orders promulgated by the UAS RO / UAS AM.
 - (2) The UAS Manufacturer's User or Operating Manual.
 - (3) The operating parameters and procedures detailed in
 - (a) The RA 1600 Annex B Categorization Safety Checklist and LEC (MOD organizations) or;
 - (b) The CFAOS (BU) Operations Manual and Contractor Flying Organization Exposition (Basic UAS) (non-MOD organizations).
- j. Conduct flight planning and Risk Assessments iaw the most restrictive of Orders and adhere to the following operating limitations:
 - (1) Operations are conducted in Segregated Airspace³.
 - (2) Operated, BVLOS³, up to a maximum range of 2,000 m⁴⁴ from the RP.
 - (3) Any conditions stipulated in the LEC (MOD organizations) or CFAOS (BU) Approval (non-MOD organizations).
- k. Ensure that when it is necessary to hand over control of a UAS, a formal instruction to take control and to accept control is made. In some cases (eg during instruction) it is necessary to take control in the first instance - this has to also be formally declared and accepted. Formal statements of 'I have control' and 'You have control' has to be made and acknowledged as appropriate.

⁴⁴ Operations beyond 2,000 m may be approved but the range, justification, and ability to support this range needs to be covered and approved in either the Categorization Submission or CFAOS (BU) application.

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44. When a planned UA sortie necessitates the handing over of control of the UA, the associated RPs **should** plan the timings and other requirements in advance of the sortie.

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1604(8)**

Remote Pilot Responsibilities

45. RPs will be appropriately trained and Competent. RPs are required to understand and be fully conversant with all appropriate publications and RA 1604(8), to ensure that their UAS are safe to operate and are being operated safely.

**Regulation
1604(9)**

Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

1604(9) RPIs **shall** be trained and Competent.

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Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities

46. RPIs are required to possess skills that enable the effective transfer of knowledge to their students, and **should** be trained to achieve the following baseline Competences:

- a. Plan, prepare and deliver appropriately structured theoretical and practical teaching events.
- b. Manage trainees, students and instructional resources.
- c. Deliver specialist instruction to incorporate a range of differing learning styles.
- d. Integrate Human Factors training⁴⁵.
- e. Confirm / check learning has taken place, using appropriate practical techniques on the ground and in the air.
- f. Monitor and review trainee or student progress across the full range of RP training events.
- g. Produce comprehensive written reports on individual training outcomes.

47. RPIs **should**:

- a. Have qualified as a UAS operator following successful completion of a DSAT compliant course or a National Qualified Entity / RAE civilian course that includes a flying assessment.
- b. If operating under a UAS RO:
 - (1) Be qualified as a Defence Trainer⁴⁵.
 - (2) Achieve Practitioner Level prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- c. If operating under a UAS AM:
 - (1) Hold an appropriate trainer qualification, approved as an equivalent to a Defence Trainer by the UAS AM responsible for the UAS they will operate.
 - (2) Achieve suitable level of training Competence, approved as an equivalent to Practitioner level of the Defence Trainer, by the UAS AM prior to awarding qualification / Competency for a RP to fly UAS in this sub-category.
- d. Maintain an Auditable record of UAS training, instructional training / assessment, and flying activity.
- e. Assess Competence at least annually. UAS ROs / UAS AMs have to stipulate in orders how and by whom the assessment may be conducted.

⁴⁵ Refer to JSP 822 – Defence Direction and Guidance for Training and Education.

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- f. Ensure Competence checks include the following baseline Competencies:
- (1) Ability to impart skill and knowledge, utilizing effective analysis and debriefing.
 - (2) Proficiency in flying or airborne operating skills, and knowledge of the Air System on which tested.
 - (3) Standardization of current training practice.
 - (4) Knowledge of subjects allied to flying / Air System operation.
- g. Document evidence of assessments of Competence in the RPI's training record.
- h. Provide RPs with CTT training.

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1604(9)****Remote Pilot Instructor Responsibilities**

48. Nil.

► This RA has been substantially re-written; for clarity no change marks are presented – please read RA in its entirety ◀

RA 1605 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems Specific S2 sub-category

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. Failure to appropriately address RPAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL). This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the RPAS Category and its physical attributes¹. RPAS operations conducted Beyond Visual line of Sight (BVLOS) and / or with remote air vehicles with a Maximum Take-Off Weight (MTOW) greater than 25 kg, pose additional RtL not only to those directly involved in launch and recovery, but also uninvolved persons and other air users. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those RPAS operating in the Specific S2 sub-category.

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Regulation 1605(1)

Regulatory Requirements

1605(1) The regulatory framework to be applied to RPAS in the Specific S2 sub-category **shall** be agreed by the MAA and adhered to by the Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) responsible for their operation.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1605(1)

Regulatory Requirements

1. Organizations² responsible for RPAS in the Specific S2 sub-category **should** comply with all applicable RAs.
2. ADH / AM(MF) **should**:
 - a. Ensure an appropriate MAA RPAS Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC) is in place prior to operation of RPAS in the Specific S2 sub-category.
 - b. Ensure that RPAS are operated in compliance with the LEC.
3. ADHs / AM(MF)s **should** be accountable for the operation of RPAS in the Specific S2 sub-category within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).
4. Derogations additional to those listed in this RA and the RPAS Manual **should** be applied for through the Categorization submission supported by a Safety claim, argument, and evidence; culminating in a coherent and robust Safety Assessment³.
5. The MAA **should** approve the regulatory framework and stipulate all agreed derogations in the LEC, including the agreed Safety Target.
6. RPAS **should** be registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register⁴.
7. Categorization submission information **should** as a minimum include:
 - a. A statement detailing why the RPAS belong in the proposed RPAS Category.

¹ For definitions of RPAS Categories, RPAS sub-categories, and RPAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg etc), refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

² ie those organizations responsible for design, Maintenance, Airworthiness, operation.

³ Following LEC issue, requests for Alternative Acceptable Means of Compliance, Waiver or Exemption to the MRP are to be formally applied for and authorized by the MAA.

⁴ Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

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- b. A technical description of the RPAS⁵.
- c. A description of the organization's operating intent and environment.
- d. The aggravating and / or mitigating factors affecting or likely to affect the proposed RPAS Category.
- e. Key stakeholders' details (eg ADH / AM(MF), Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)⁶, etc).
- f. A proposed Safety Target⁷.
- g. The Type Airworthiness Strategy⁸.
- h. A statement detailing which MAA RAs are considered not applicable in the context of the Categorization Submission, or where an AAMC approach is required to meet the intent. Each identified RA **should** be accompanied by a justification for the MAA to review.
- i. A statement that all Categorization submission documentation has been reviewed and accepted by the TAA.
- j. A statement that all Categorization submission documentation has been reviewed and accepted by the ADH / AM(MF).
- k. Approach to Release To Service Recommendations (RTSR) / Military Permit To Fly (MPTF) Recommendation or MPTF (Development).
- l. Detail of any proposed kinetic, directed energy weapons or other effectors intended to alter target properties, to include munition type and deployment method⁹.
- m. Strategy for approval of any ordnance and how its interaction / integration with the RPAS will be safely managed (refer to DSA Ordnance Safety Regulator (DOSR)).
- n. Planned operating areas when armed and unarmed (for example, designated aviation Danger Areas and / or Ranges)¹⁰.

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8. The applicant is required to state how the RPAS is Safe to Operate and can be Operated Safely for the proposed context. The Categorization submission will state how this will be achieved. Applicants are advised to engage with the MAA at the earliest opportunity to discuss the Categorization strategy.
9. The LEC may stipulate actions for completion prior to commencement of flying.
10. The level of technical and operating Assurance required to support the Air System Safety Case (ASSC) will be proportionate to the RtL posed by the operations. This RtL will depend on multiple factors, including, but not limited to, Remote Air Vehicle dimensions, MTOW, speed, range of operations and airspace. Applicants will need to make the case that the proposed levels of Assurance are appropriate for the RtL associated with the RPAS operations using a structured argument.
11. **Specified Derogations from the MRP.** Suggested derogations that may be appropriate for Specific S2 sub-category RPAS are detailed in the RPAS Manual Annex B.
12. For the avoidance of doubt:

⁵ To include Make and Model if Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS), or a broad description if agreed already within the Concept, Assessment, Development, Manufacturing, In-Service, and Disposal (CADMID) cycle for the Development of Air Systems.

⁶ Where the Air System is Civilian-Owned, ownership of regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model for Type Airworthiness (TAW) management; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁷ Refer to RA 1230 – Design Safety Targets.

⁸ Refer to RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy.

⁹ Only required for RPAS designed or intended to be weaponized.

¹⁰ Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary; and DSA 03.OME Part 3 (Formerly JSP 403 Volume 2) - Defence Code of Practice (DCOP) for Ranges.

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- a. Accountability for operating RtL is owned by:
- (1) Either an ADH chain (ie Senior Duty Holder, Operating Duty Holder and Delivery Duty Holder) or;
 - (2) An AM(MF).

13. **Alternative approach to Categorization Submissions.** The Joint Authorities for Rulemaking of Unmanned Systems (JARUS)¹¹ guidelines on Specific Operations Risk Assessment (SORA) are considered a valid methodology for assessing the RtL and provide a framework to argue the associated levels of Assurance required for operations in the Specific S2 Category. Consideration will include the range of Type Airworthiness Management responsibilities and the competency required of a TAA when considering alternate Assurance methods¹². For alternative approaches to Categorization submissions, the ADH / AM(MF) chain may be responsible for submitting the categorization request.

Note:

This methodology does not cater for armed or swarming RPAS, or those that involve dropping materiel. For such operations, additional Safety arguments will be required to justify operation in the Specific S2 Category.

**Regulation
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Equipment Safety

1605(2) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual.

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Equipment Safety

14. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual.

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15. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual.

**Regulation
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Airworthiness / Air Safety Strategy

1605(3) Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual

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Airworthiness / Air Safety Strategy

16. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual.

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Airworthiness / Air Safety Strategy

17. Withdrawn – Incorporated into RA 1605(1) and the RPAS Manual.

¹¹ <http://jarus-rpas.org/>.

¹² Refer to RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management - Roles and Responsibilities.

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RA 1606 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems – Certified Category

Rationale

There is a requirement to determine and apply an appropriate regulatory framework to Remotely Piloted Air Systems (RPAS) to ensure they are safe to operate and are being operated safely. ► *Failure to appropriately address RPAS specific Hazards could lead to an increased Risk to Life (RtL).* ◀ This regulatory framework will be proportionate to the RPAS Category and its physical attributes¹. This Regulatory Article (RA) defines the regulatory framework for those RPAS operating in the Certified Category.

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Regulatory Requirements

1606(1) The MAA Regulatory Publications (MRP) **shall** apply to RPAS in the Certified Category.

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Regulatory Requirements

1. Organizations² responsible for RPAS in the Certified Category **should** comply with all applicable RAs as would be ► *required for crewed* ◀ aviation.
2. Aviation Duty Holders / Accountable Managers (Military Flying) **should**:
 - a. Ensure an appropriate MAA RPAS Letter of Endorsed Categorization (LEC) is in place prior to operation of RPAS in the Certified Category.
 - b. Ensure that RPAS are operated in compliance with the LEC.
3. RPAS in the Certified Category **should** be certified in accordance with ► *the Military Air System Certification Process*^{3, 4}. ◀
4. RPAS operating in the Certified Category **should** be registered on the UK Military Aircraft Register⁵.

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5. The operation of RPAS in the Certified Category presents RtL similar to that of ► *crewed* ◀ aviation. Therefore, excepting the Categorization and LEC requirements of RA 1600⁶, RPAS in the Certified Category are subject to the same regulatory regime as ► *crewed* ◀ aviation.
6. **Ageing Air System Audit.** RPAS with an anticipated service life of less than 6 years are exempt from the requirements of an Ageing Air System Audit ► *7* ◀.

¹ For definitions of RPAS Categories, RPAS sub-categories, and RPAS physical attributes (eg Sub 250 g, Sub 4 kg etc), refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

² ie those organizations responsible for design, Maintenance, Airworthiness, operation.

³ Refer to RA 5810 – Military Type Certificate (MRP Part 21 Subpart B).

⁴ ► *Refer to RA 5820 – Changes to Type Design.* ◀

⁵ Refer to RA 1161 – Military Registration of Air Systems Operating within the Defence Air Environment.

⁶ Refer to RA 1600 – Remotely Piloted Air Systems.

⁷ ► *Refer to RA 5723 – Ageing Air System Audit.* ◀

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RA 1700 - Airborne Equipment

Rationale

The delivery of personnel or equipment from Aircraft using Airborne Equipment (AE)^{1, 2} is a key enabler of military capability and for Force Development. Failure to manage AE activity appropriately could result in increased Risk to Life (RtL) to personnel, 3rd parties, damage to Aircraft, and / or damage to the AE. This Regulatory Article (RA) identifies the Regulations to ensure organizations³ understand the Safety aspects, and their Responsibilities, associated with their AE activity and to enable application of a suitable regulatory framework. This will ensure that AE is safe to operate and is being operated safely throughout its life.

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Definitions relevant to this RA

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Definitions

Definitions relevant to this RA

1. **Airborne Equipment.** The generic term covering the wide variety of parachuting assemblies for personnel and equipment, Airdrop Platforms, supply dropping equipment and ancillary items that are used in the insertion of personnel and equipment onto Drop Zones. This equipment can be split into two areas: Airborne Forces Equipment and Aerial Delivery Equipment.

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Airborne Equipment Regulatory Requirements

1700(1) Organizations conducting AE activity within Defence Aviation (DA) and the Defence Air Environment (DAE) **shall** be appropriately regulated.

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Airborne Equipment Regulatory Requirements

2. Organizations responsible for the use of AE **should** ensure compliance with the regulatory requirements detailed as follows:

- a. MOD-approved Airborne Forces Equipment – refer to RA 1701⁴.
- b. MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment – refer to RA 1702⁵.
- c. Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment – refer to RA 1703⁶.
- d. Non-Combat Parachuting – refer to RA 1704⁷.

3. Organizations **should** ensure that Assurance is conducted for all their AE activity. These organizations will be 2nd party assured by their Chains of Command, and 3rd party assured by the MAA.

4. Organizations conducting AE **should** clearly bound the Duty Holder delineation of the activity. For static line parachuting this is the point at which the parachute assembly is no longer attached to the Aircraft. For freefall parachuting this is when the parachutist clears the Aircraft and is free from direct contact with the Aircraft or any associated wake turbulence.

¹ Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary.

² The use of "Airborne Equipment" includes the associated ancillary equipment.

³ This includes the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH), Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization, Delivery Team, Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme, Design Approved Organization Scheme, and operators of AE authorized to conduct Aerial Despatch descents for any given AE.

⁴ Refer to RA 1701 – MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment.

⁵ Refer to RA 1702 – MOD-Approved Aerial Delivery Equipment.

⁶ Refer to RA 1703 – Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment.

⁷ Refer to RA 1704 – Non-Combat Parachuting.

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5. The RA 1700 Series applies to all use of AE within the DA and DAE.

RA 1701 – MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment

Rationale

The delivery of personnel from Aircraft using MOD-approved¹ Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE)^{2, 3} is a key enabler of military capability. Failure to manage MOD-approved AFE activity appropriately could result in increased Risk to Life (RtL) to personnel, 3rd parties, or damage to Aircraft. This Regulatory Article (RA) identifies the Regulations to ensure organizations⁴ understand the Safety aspects of their MOD-approved AFE activity and to enable application of a suitable regulatory framework. This will ensure that MOD-approved AFE is safe to operate and is operated safely throughout its life.

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1701(6): Qualification, Approval and Use of Parachute Training Devices

Applicability

Applicability

1. RA 1701 is applicable for the conduct of parachuting using MOD-approved AFE. This includes parachuting activities conducted by:
 - a. UK military Parachute Units⁵ (including attached foreign troops where applicable).
 - b. Organizations conducting MOD-approved AFE trials activity.

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

2. **Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE).** Equipment and ancillary items used to insert personnel into Drop Zones.
3. **Parachute Training Device (PTD).** A device which is an Advanced Parachute Training Device or Basic Ground Training Apparatus.
4. **Advanced Parachute Training Device (APTD).** A virtual reality trainer or vertical wind tunnel which provides realistic simulation of the activity.
5. **Basic Ground Training Apparatus (BGTA).** A training aid other than an APTD which facilitates training where a complete environmental simulation is not necessary.
6. **Parachuting Operating Duty Holder (ODH).** An Accountable individual, who is at minimum a 2* Crown Servant, with formal delegated Responsibilities for actively managing Air Safety for operation of AE via an effective Air Safety Management System⁶ to ensure that associated RtL is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable within their defined Areas of Responsibility.

¹ "MOD-approved" is defined as any equipment that has been approved by the MOD (by the Airborne Equipment (AE) Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)) for inclusion in the Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates (CAERC).

² Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary.

³ The use of "MOD-approved AFE" includes the associated ancillary equipment.

⁴ This includes the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH), Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization (CAMO), Delivery Team (DT), Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme (MAOS), Design Approved Organization Scheme (DAOS), and operators of AE authorized to conduct Aerial Despatch descents for any given AE.

⁵ This includes the Royal Air Force Falcons Parachute Display Team.

⁶ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management Systems.

Definitions

7. **Parachuting Commander.** A 2* Crown Servant who is in the direct Chain of Command of the unit participating in the activity. They have a personal Duty of Care (DoC)⁷ for their troops throughout the activity.
8. **Airborne Equipment Safety Case (AESC).** A structured argument, supported by a body of evidence, that provides a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that AE is safe for a given application in a given environment. It is through-life, pan-Defence Lines of Development and addresses a combination of the physical components, procedures and human resources organized to deliver the capability. AE is not an Air System and so use of the term Air System Safety Case (ASSC) is inappropriate. However, the Regulatory intent of RA 1205⁸ can be applied to AESC as equally relevant.
9. **Qualification Statement (QS).** The documented output of successful completion of the qualification requirements identified in paragraph 50.c. This is developed, managed and owned by the Senior Responsible Owner (SRO)^{2, 9} or Parachuting ODH.

**Regulation
1701(1)****Governance Responsibilities**

- 1701(1) MOD-approved AFE **shall** be operated under the authority of the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), the Parachuting ODH and the Parachuting Commander.

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1701(1)****Governance Responsibilities**

10. The ADH / AM(MF) is legally Accountable for ensuring that RtL associated with operating Aircraft under their Area of Responsibility (AoR) to deliver MOD-approved AFE is ALARP and Tolerable. This **should** be achieved by:
- Ensuring that the RtL associated with the use of MOD-approved AFE is reflected in the claims made in the ASSC for the Aircraft within their AoR.
 - Discharging RtL and DoC Responsibilities associated with MOD-approved AFE in accordance with (iaw) Annex A.
11. Where MOD-approved AFE is used from foreign military-registered or civil-registered Aircraft, the Parachuting ODH and / or Parachuting Commander as the Accountable individual(s) **should** ensure the activity is ALARP and Tolerable (Annex A refers).
12. The Parachuting ODH **should**:
- Have their nomination endorsed by the Director Military Aviation Authority (D MAA) iaw MAA03 Annex G¹⁰. The Parachuting ODH and the ADH may be the same person.
 - Ensure that the RtL is ALARP and Tolerable for personnel using MOD-approved AFE and to other 3rd parties that might be affected after the MOD-approved AFE has left the Aircraft¹¹.
 - Be responsible and Accountable for the safe operation of MOD-approved AFE within their AoR and only authorize MOD-approved AFE iaw the relevant CAERC entry.
 - Define the Responsibility for the transfer of RtL management, in consultation with the ADH / AM(MF), between flying activity and MOD-approved AFE activity (DH delineation).

⁷ Duty of Care is a legal Responsibility that applies at every level to all Defence activities.

⁸ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁹ Where an SRO is not appointed, the Parachuting ODH, or In-Service Capability Manager on behalf of the Parachuting ODH, will fulfil this responsibility.

¹⁰ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

¹¹ Defined for static line parachuting as the point at which the parachute assembly is no longer attached to the Aircraft or, for freefall, when the parachutist clears the Aircraft and is free from direct contact with it or any associated wake turbulence.

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e. Ensure that Parachute Jumping Instructors (PJI) and Drop Zone Safety personnel are Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP).

13. The Headquarters 1 Group Air Staff Orders (HQ 1 Gp ASOs), or equivalent ADH Orders, Air Mobility Operations Manual Parts A and B, Air System Release To Service (RTS), and CAERC **should** be used as the definitive documents for the use of all MOD-approved AFE.

14. The Parachuting Commander **should** publish orders and instructions that detail how their Responsibilities related to Annex A will be discharged.

15. In order to ensure that Parachutists are appropriately Competent and current, Parachuting Commanders **should** publish orders specifying how this is monitored.

16. All units conducting parachuting activities using MOD-approved AFE **should** ensure that the correct Notice to Aviation and / or Notice to Mariners action has been put in place for the duration of the activity.

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Governance Responsibilities

17. It is essential that, throughout the flying and parachuting activity, the ADH / AM(MF), Parachuting ODH and Parachuting Commander understand their Responsibilities, communicate as required with each of the stakeholders involved and have robust orders and instructions. The table at Annex A illustrates these Responsibilities throughout the activity.

18. Fundamental to effective governance and Risk Management is a clear understanding of when the Responsibility for the management of RtL associated with the parachuting activity is transferred between stakeholders as illustrated in Annex A.

Regulation 1701(2)

Regulatory Requirements

1701(2) The through life requirements associated with MOD-approved AFE **shall** be adhered to by the ADH / AM(MF), the Parachuting ODH, the Parachuting Commanders and AE TAA responsible for their operation.

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Regulatory Requirements

19. ADH / AM(MF), the Parachuting ODH, Parachuting Commanders and organizations¹² responsible for MOD-approved AFE **should** comply with the intent of the elements (Regulations, AMCs, or GM) of the RAs listed at Annex B, noting that there are Air System specific requirements in the RAs that are not relevant to MOD-approved AFE. The Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) requirements, and any appropriate equivalent or MOD-approved AFE specific information, **should** (where possible) be identified by the CAMO and listed in the CAw Management Exposition. The Type Airworthiness (TAW) requirements, and any appropriate equivalent or MOD-approved AFE specific information, **should** (where possible) be identified by the Design Organization and listed in the Design Organization Exposition.

20. MOD-approved AFE **should** be included within the CAERC. It **should** be authorized for use on specific platforms through the relevant CAERC entry and despatch Air System's RTS¹³ or applicable Military Permit To Fly (MPTF)^{14, 15}.

21. The AE TAA **should** ensure that the MOD-approved AFE is safe to operate within the limitations of the CAERC.

22. Wherever possible, the AE TAA **should** ensure that all MOD-approved AFE has a valid Certificate of Design¹⁶.

23. The AE TAA **should** inform the ADH of all identified equipment contributions to RtL.

¹² This includes the ADH, CAMO, DT, MAOS, DAOS and operators of AE authorized to conduct parachute descents for any given AE.

¹³ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹⁵ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

¹⁶ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 5103 – Certification of Design.

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24. The CAERC **should**:
 - a. Be Certified by the AE TAA and authorized by the Delegated Release To Service Authority (DRTSA) (RAF).
 - b. Record all Operational Emergency Clearances (OEC) and Clearances with Limited Evidence (CLE)¹³, and be suitably marked.
 - c. Be subject to a 5 yearly review by the DRTSA (RAF).
 - d. Follow the format shown in the CAERC template as detailed in the CAERC Instructions at Annex C.
25. The master copy of the CAERC is held by the Release To Service Authority (RTSA) (RAF). All pages within the CAERC **should** show the issue status of the document and amendment status for the specific page.
26. Where the despatching Aircraft is not on the UK Military Aircraft Register any limitations or restrictions **should** be incorporated into the CAERC.
27. RA 1167¹⁷ **should** be complied with for the use of Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.
28. The Parachuting ODH's Chief Air Engineer (CAE) **should** manage CAw by ensuring that MOD-approved AFE is maintained iaw the Regulatory intent of RA 4800 to RA 4849: MRP Part 145. To help ensure the Airworthiness of MOD-approved AFE, an approved Mil CAMO is required iaw the Regulatory intent of RA 4947¹⁸.
29. **Maintenance and packing.** The Parachuting ODH's CAE **should** ensure appropriate processes in place to ensure the individuals conducting Maintenance and packing of MOD-approved AFE are SQEP.
30. **Supervision of Parachuting.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure parachute operations, including Maintenance and packing, are supervised by SQEP.
31. **Authorization of Parachuting.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure parachute operations, including Maintenance and packing, are authorized by SQEP.

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Regulatory Requirements

32. **Supervision of Parachuting.** Some of the supervisory processes detailed in RA 2305¹⁹ may be considered suitable for the supervision of MOD-approved AFE activities.
33. **Authorization of Parachuting.** Some of the Authorization processes detailed in RA 2306²⁰ may be considered suitable for the Authorization of MOD-approved AFE activities.
34. The MAA Regulatory Publications are specifically written with respect to Air Systems. Their application is equally suitable for aspects of MOD-approved AFE activities and to the Risk management framework²¹ necessary to allow ADH / AM(MF), Parachuting ODH and other members of the Airborne Forces Community to ensure RtL is managed appropriately.

Endorsement / Approval of the CAERC

35. The CAERC will be amended once all evidence has been collated. Recommended amendments, with supporting evidence, will be presented to the AE TAA for endorsement. The AE TAA will provide a recommendation to the DRTSA (RAF).
36. The DRTSA (RAF) approval process will take into consideration the Aircraft that the MOD-approved AFE is to be despatched from.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 4947 – Continuing Airworthiness Management – MRP Part M Subpart G.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

²⁰ Refer to RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

²¹ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management, and RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

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37. The CAERC, certified by the AE TAA and authorized by the DRTSA (RAF) (along with supporting evidence), will be passed to the TAAs²² of the despatching UK military-registered Aircraft.
38. The TAA of the despatching UK military-registered Aircraft will:
- Provide recommendation to the DRTSA (RAF) / Operating Centre Director of the despatching UK military-registered Aircraft to authorize the use of the MOD-approved AFE within their Aircraft RTS / MPTF.
 - Return the completed Acknowledgement Sheet to the AE TAA, detailing the acceptance of the MOD-approved AE for use on the Aircraft or stating the reason for non-acceptance.
39. A matrix, which identifies the compatibility between Aircraft types and AE, controlled by the RTSA, will be maintained on the MOD Intranet alongside the CAERC.
40. For the purposes of this RA, Risk Management and ADH / AM(MF) Responsibilities of MOD-approved AFE undergoing Test and Evaluation trials is managed by the Air and Space Warfare Centre (ASWC) ADH chain. Trials activity using equipment that is not yet MOD-approved, or that is used on a civil or foreign military Aircraft undergoing development, requires Subject Matter Experts to define who is responsible for RtL to manage the additional Risks. These activities must comply with the Regulatory intent of RA 2370²³ and advice sought from the ASWC.

**Regulation
1701(3)**

Approval for Static Line and Freefall Parachuting

- 1701(3) ADH or AM(MF) **shall** approve all cleared static line and freefall parachuting from UK military-registered Aircraft.

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Approval for Static Line and Freefall Parachuting

41. ADH or AM(MF) **should** only approve static line and freefall parachuting on Aircraft that are specifically cleared for this role in the RTS or the MPTF.
42. ADH or AM(MF) Orders **should** specify the requirements for static line and freefall parachuting from UK military-registered Aircraft taking account of the HQ 1 Gp ASOs and Air Mobility Operations Manual Parts A and B.

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Approval for Static Line and Freefall Parachuting

43. Nil.

**Regulation
1701(4)**

Operating MOD-approved Airborne Forces Equipment

- 1701(4) The Parachuting ODH **shall** ensure the RtL associated with operating MOD-approved AFE is managed within their AoR and that Safety Responsibilities associated with the activity are properly defined.

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Operating MOD-approved Airborne Forces Equipment

44. The Parachuting ODH **should** publish orders and instructions that include the following detail, where relevant to the activity, as a minimum:

²² Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, TAA management regulatory Responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAA responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

²³ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

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- a. How and when Parachutists are fitted with location equipment^{24, 25} dependent on the operating environment to locate Parachutists in the event of an Accident or Incident.
- b. Minimum Heights²⁶ (Above Ground Level / Above Mean Sea Level) for main parachutes:
 - (1) For each discipline being conducted, minimum planned deployment heights articulated.
 - (2) The minimum altitude for a parachutist to be under a fully developed main canopy.
 - (3) Procedures for automatic activation devices regarding minimum Height settings account for uneven topography.
- c. Guidance on the use of ancillary and associated equipment.
- d. The periodicity of currency training for emergency procedures.

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45. Nil.

**Regulation
1701(5)**

Parachutist and Parachute Jumping Instructor Requirements

- 1701(5) Parachutists and PJI **shall** be qualified to operate MOD-approved AFE. PJIs **shall** be appropriately trained, qualified, experienced and assured to deliver instruction in their parachuting discipline.

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Parachutist and Parachute Jumping Instructor Requirements

46. The Parachuting ODH **should** define in orders the Parachutist and PJI qualifications and experience required for the safe conduct of parachuting utilizing MOD-approved AFE within their AoR.
47. PJIs are required to possess skills that enable the effective transfer of knowledge to their trainees, and **should** be trained to achieve the following baseline Competences:
- a. Plan, prepare and deliver appropriately structured theoretical and practical teaching events.
 - b. Manage trainees and instructional resources.
 - c. Deliver specialist instruction to incorporate a range of differing learning styles.
 - d. Integrate Human Factors training into all serials²⁷.
 - e. Confirm / check learning has taken place, using appropriate practical techniques on the ground and in the air.
 - f. Monitor and review trainee progress across the full range of training events.
 - g. Produce comprehensive written reports on individual training outcomes.

**Guidance
Material
1701(5)**

Parachutist and Parachute Jumping Instructor Requirements

48. Nil.

²⁴ This equipment **should** be cleared in the CAERC.

²⁵ All location equipment **should** be classed as Portable Electronic Devices. Refer to RA 2360 – Portable Electronic Devices.

²⁶ The Height at which the parachute is to be fully inflated and be in a condition to be controlled by the user.

²⁷ Refer to RA 1440 – Air Safety Training.

**Regulation
1701(6)**

Qualification, Approval and Use of Parachute Training Devices

1701(6) The SRO (for future MOD-approved AFE) and Parachuting ODH (for in service MOD-approved AFE) **shall** ensure that the PTDs within their AoR are Qualified, Approved and used as intended.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1701(6)**

Qualification, Approval and Use of Parachute Training Devices

49. PTD that misrepresent the real behaviour, performance or have significant material differences to the associated parachute system could jeopardize the safe operation of the live MOD-approved AFE. The SRO or Parachuting ODH **should** ensure that PTD within their AoR are appropriately qualified and fit for purpose for the approved use.

50. The SRO **should**:

- a. Define the intended use of the device, including any specific military or training tasks that may be performed.
- b. Define the desired training output and what level of fidelity is required for each training objective, including any environmental considerations.
- c. Produce a QS which **should** include as a minimum:
 - (1) The training objectives the PTD can and cannot support, including the currency limitations, qualifications, ratings and supervisory checks that may be carried out using the device.
 - (2) Detail the implications of any environmental misrepresentation and the environmental conditions in which the PTD may be used.
 - (3) Detail any relevant material differences between the PTD and the 'as flown' parachute system. This may be referenced to an appropriate document that is available to trainees and training staff.
 - (4) Detail any areas where there is a reasonable prospect of negative training occurring, specifying any associated limitations or exceptions and where RtL may be increased in the live parachute system as a result.
- d. Ensure qualification of the PTD is conducted by SQEP (eg Test Parachutists, PJIs, etc), as determined by the SRO.

51. The Parachuting ODH **should** approve a PTD for use based on the QS specific to that device. PTD **should** be approved on initial entry into service and Approval **should** be renewed and recorded at least annually. This annual assessment **should** be conducted by SQEP identified at paragraph 50.d above. The PTD Approval **should** be renewed following any Modification to the QS and be subject to an assessment by SQEP.

52. The Parachuting ODH **should** assess the material differences between the PTD and the parachute phase it is designed to simulate (exit, flight or landing) as part of the AESC and ensure that any differences are published and reflected in the training documentation.

53. The Parachuting ODH **should** use the QS to determine the suitability of a PTD to conduct Qualifications, and type of training, including currency and Competency requirements.

54. The Parachuting ODH **should** specify in orders and instructions the amount of synthetic parachuting time / descents and the training objectives that **should** be conducted with a PTD, the periodicity that applies and how the training is to be recorded.

55. Currency on a PTD **should** be recorded in the relevant section of the PJI or Parachutist's logbook.

56. The Parachuting ODH, to ensure PJIs are trained and Competent to operate PTDs, **should** stipulate in orders the training and currency requirements for PJIs.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1701(6)**

57. The Parachuting ODH **should** define in orders, criteria and periodicity for PJI assessment for operating PTDs. This **should** include an element of independent assessment.

58. In addition to the assessment at paragraph 57, the Parachuting ODH **should** stipulate in orders the periodicity of independent PJI assessments of PTDs.

**Guidance
Material
1701(6)**

Qualification, Approval and Use of Parachute Training Devices

59. Assessment of PTD may include the following considerations:

- a. Handling characteristics for 'flight' phase trainers.
- b. Mission realism, including specific military role tasks.
- c. Accuracy of parachute harness and ancillary equipment layout.
- d. Representative malfunctions where they are included in PTD training.
- e. Representative visual and motion cues.
- f. Instructor Operating Station, operator and system interaction capabilities for APTDs.

60. It may not be appropriate to report all training events resulting in adverse outcomes that occur in the PTD, however the requirement to report any Air Safety Occurrence is mandated²⁸. Adverse events within a PTD outside the requirements of RA 1410 are to be reported via establishment Health and Safety and training event reporting systems. If the event was caused by incorrect procedures or poor handling or if there is value to other users from lessons identified, Defence Air Safety Occurrence Report (DASOR) action is to be considered.

²⁸ In accordance with RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

Annex A

MOD-approved and Foreign military AFE DoC and RtL Duty Holder (DH) Responsibilities

Parachutist	UK Personnel	UK Personnel	Foreign Armed Forces Personnel	Foreign Armed Forces Personnel
Parachute Equipment	MOD-approved AFE	MOD-approved AFE	MOD-approved AFE	MOD-approved AFE
Aircraft	UK military-registered	Non-UK military-registered*	UK military-registered	Non-UK military-registered*
Individual with personal DoC ^{29, 30, 31} – on Aircraft / Parachute descent	Parachuting Commander	Parachuting Commander	Parachuting Commander of foreign troops	Parachuting Commander of foreign troops
DH – on Aircraft	ADH / AM(MF)	Parachuting ODH**	ADH / AM(MF)	Parachuting ODH (DoC only in respect of the Safety of the equipment)
DH – Parachute descent	Parachuting ODH	Parachuting ODH	Parachuting ODH	Parachuting ODH (DoC only in respect of the Safety of the equipment)

The table above illustrates those Responsible for the management of the MOD's DoC and RtL DH responsibilities. The inclusion of the Parachuting Commander of foreign troop is to illustrate where those responsibilities are outside of the MOD and will be managed by that Commander iaw their own Regulations.

*Non-UK includes foreign military Aircraft and civil Aircraft. If civil Aircraft is chartered for parachuting activities, then guidance in RA 1167¹⁷, **should** be followed.

** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure that the Aircraft is correctly configured for the parachuting activity and confirm that it is routinely used and authorized by the Aircraft's national or military aviation authority for such activity³².

²⁹ "DoC Owner" refers to the individual responsible for managing the MOD's DoC for the personnel undertaking the specific activity.

³⁰ DoC as defined in JSP 815 Part 2. This includes the requirement to ensure the parachutists are trained and fit for the activity.

³¹ The Parachuting Commander of foreign troops retains DoC over their troops whilst they are using UK MOD-approved AFE from the foreign military Aircraft.

³² 1 Group has produced an Advice Note which can be used as best practice.

Annex B

List of RAs related to MOD-approved AFE³³

RA Series	RA Number / Title
1000 Series	RA 1002 – Airworthiness Competent Persons RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations RA 1006 – Delegation of Engineering Authorizations RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities RA 1011 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems RA 1014 – Design Organizations and Co-ordinating Design Organizations – Airworthiness Responsibilities RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1021 – Release to Service Authorities - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1022 – Senior Operator - Air Safety Responsibilities RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineer – Air Safety Responsibilities RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes RA 1200 – Air Safety Management RA 1202 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases RA 1207 – Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation RA 1208 – Flight Data Monitoring RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life) RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail RA 1230 – Design Safety Targets RA 1300 – Release To Service RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task) RA 1310 – Air System Document Set RA 1380 – Performance Based Navigation RA 1400 – Flight Safety RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management RA 1420 – Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management RA 1440 – Air Safety Training
4000 Series	RA 4009 – Aviation Engineering Orders and Local Procedures RA 4051 – Airborne Checks RA 4103 – Removal of Body Fluid Contamination from Aircraft RA 4213 – Control of Air System Components used in Ground Test Facilities RA 4253 – Loose Articles Recovery RA 4600 – Aircraft Assisted Escape Systems – Safety and Maintenance RA 4800 – General Requirements (MRP Part 145) RA 4801 – Certifying Staff RA 4802 – Scope of the MRP Part 145 (MRP 145.A.10) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4803 – Method of Application for Approval (MRP 145.A.15) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4804 – Terms of Approval (MRP 145.A.20) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4805 – Facility Requirements (MRP 145.A.25) RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30)

³³ The Parachuting ODH is responsible for determining the applicability of the Regulations, Acceptable Means of Compliance, and Guidance Material within each RA listed in this annex.

RA Series	RA Number / Title
	RA 4807 – Certifying Staff and Support Staff (MRP 145.A.35) RA 4808 – Equipment Tools and Material (MRP 145.A.40) RA 4809 – Acceptance of Components (MRP 145.A.42) RA 4810 – Technical Information (MRP 145.A.45) RA 4811 – Maintenance Planning (MRP 145.A.47) RA 4812 – Certification of Air System Release and Component Release (MRP 145.A.50) RA 4813 – Maintenance Records (MRP 145.A.55) RA 4814 – Occurrence Reporting (MRP 145.A.60) RA 4815 – Maintenance Procedures and Safety and Quality Policy (MRP 145.A.65) RA 4816 – Maintenance Organization Exposition (MRP 145.A.70) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4817 – Privileges of the Organization (MRP 145.A.75) RA 4818 – Limitations on the Organization (MRP 145.A.80) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4819 – Changes to the Organization (MRP 145.A.85) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4820 – Continued Validity of Approval (MRP 145.A.90) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4821 – Findings (MRP 145.A.95) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4941 – Application - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4943 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4947 – Continuing Airworthiness Management - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4948 – Documentation - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4951 – Quality System - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4954 – Continued Validity of Approval - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4955 – Findings - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4956 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks Performed by Other Organizations - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4961 – Aircraft Maintenance Programme and Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Responsibilities for Air System Release - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4962 – Special Instructions (Technical) - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4963 – Modifications and Repairs - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4964 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Records - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4965 – Local Manufacture Assurance – MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4966 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Instructions – MRP Part M Sub Part C
5000 Series	RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy RA 5011 – Type Airworthiness Safety Management System RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment RA 5013 – Air Safety Management of Equipment and Commodity Items RA 5103 – Certificate of Design RA 5212 – Weight and Moment Determination RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes RA 5320 – Air System Maintenance Schedule – Design and Validation RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical) RA 5406 – Aircrew Publications RA 5407 – Support Policy Statement RA 5724 – Life Extension Programme RA 5725 – Out of Service Date Extension Programme RA 5726 – Integrity Management RA 5805 – Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins (MRP Part 21 Subpart A) RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness RA 5825 – Fault Reporting and Investigation RA 5835 – Production Organizations (MRP Part 21 Subpart G) RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J) RA 5855 – Parts and Appliances (MRP Part 21 Subpart K) RA 5865 – Repairs (MRP Part 21 Subpart M) RA 5875 – (European) Technical Standard Order (MRP Part 21 Subpart O) RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P)

RA Series	RA Number / Title
	RA 5885 – Identification of Products, Parts and Appliances (MRP 21 Subpart Q)

Annex C

Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates – Structure and Instructions for use

Presentation

1. In this template the following conventions are used:

- a. All normal text, including headings, must be used as shown.
- b. Italic text within brackets *{example}* show where text must be replaced.

c. *Italic text presented within shaded boxes is not required in the CAERC; rather it provides guidance on the required CAERC content.*

d. Normal text shown within unshaded boxes is where mandatory content is defined, but the presentation is not specified.

e. Italic text within shaded tables (as below) shows an example of an acceptable format.

<i>Mod N^o</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Affects CAERC or not fully integrated into Airborne Equipment Document Set (AEDS)</i>	<i>CAERC Reference</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

Sections Applicability

2. All Parts (A to G), sections, and headings are mandatory and must exist within the CAERC.
3. In the case of sections not being applicable to specific AFE or ADE, the text 'This section is not applicable' must be used.
4. In the case where the section is applicable, but there are no limitations that need to be expressed, the text 'Information and procedures within *{Document Name}*' must be used.

Sub-Section Titles and Numbering

5. Each CAERC section may be divided into as many sub-sections as required for each ADE or AFE. The layout of these sub-sections is at the discretion of the RTSA (RAF). Part D of the CAERC is Ancillary Equipment specific, and therefore no detailed guidance can be given on its content or layout. However, the principles detailed above will be used to define how Part D will be used.
6. The numbering of sub-sections will follow the same format used for the sections. Therefore, in Section A of the CAERC, Level 1 is an 'A' followed by a single digit (eg 'A.n'), Level 2 is 'A' followed by 'n.n' (eg 'A.n.n'), etc.

Classification

7. The Classification of the CAERC **should** be in line with the guidance provided within JSP 440³⁴ Part 4 Section 1: Classification Policy. If information of a higher classification than OFFICAL – SENSITIVE must be included in the CAERC, rather than in another part of the AEDS (such as the Tactics Manual), this will be presented as a separate 'Classified Supplement' to the CAERC. In these circumstances, both the main and supplementary parts of the CAERC have their own Preliminary Pages and CAERC Statement. The supplement uses the same numbering system for Parts and sub-sections as the CAERC, but to keep it to the minimum number of pages, the supplement need only include those Parts, sections, and sub-sections that are directly relevant. Any 'Classified Supplement' to the CAERC is to be managed in the same manner as that for a Classified Supplement to an RTS.

Configuration Control

8. All CAERC pages (eg Preliminary Pages, blank pages, etc) must show the Issue and Amendment status.
9. Classified Supplements will have a separate Configuration Control (ie its own Issue and Amendment Status). The RTSA (RAF) must ensure that the CAERC and Classified Supplement are always coherent and cross-reference the Issue and Amendment status of the other.

Electronic Formats

10. The CAERC may be provided solely in electronic format.

³⁴ Refer to JSP 440 – The Defence Manual of Security, Resilience and Business Continuity.

Content Appropriate to the CAERC

11. The CAERC is one of the primary AEDS documents and, where appropriate to provide supporting detail, it will contain cross-references to other documents within the AEDS.

12. In judging what content is appropriate to be in the CAERC, and how to handle Safety information, authors need to consider 5 principles:

- a. **Relevance.** Is the information relevant to the aim of the CAERC? Does it help define the Safety envelope of the Air System?
- b. **Completeness.** If the information is relevant, it needs to be presented without omissions.
- c. **Target Audience.** Is the information relevant to the target audience?
- d. **Coherence.** The CAERC must be coherent with the other AEDS documents. Early liaison with other AEDS authors is essential to ensure that the whole AEDS is a coherent and seamless source of Safety information.
- e. **Responsibility.** Authors need to be aware of their overarching responsibility for providing Safety information. Where an author decides not to include information, they must take positive steps to provide an auditable trail to show why the information has not been included and bring this to the attention of the applicable Air System DT.

Procedures

13. It is common for procedures to find their way into the CAERC; however, only those procedures that are directly essential to enable compliance with a limitation **should** be included. All other procedures **should** be placed in other parts of the AEDS (eg Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) issued by ODH, Force SOPs, Technical Publications).

Placing information in Parts

14. Although the Part and section headings can be defined for the CAERC, it can be rather more difficult to decide in which Part a specific limitation needs to be placed. It is recommended that Table 1 (below) is used for deciding in which particular Part information needs to be placed.

Table 1. Placing Information in Parts of the CAERC.

Question	Response	Action
1. Is the information supported by a fully substantiated Safety Assessment that has been accepted by the TAA and RTSA (RAF)?	Yes	Go to Q2
	No	Place in Parts B to D (as appropriate) and recorded in Part F (only included in the CAERC as a CLE or an OEC)
2. Is the information of a temporary nature?	Yes	Place in Part E
	No	Go to Q3
3. Is the topic engineering information?	Yes	Place in Part A (directly or by explicit cross-reference)
	No	Go to Q4
4. Does the limitation relate to AFE?	Yes	Place in Part B
	No	Go to Q5
5. Does the limitation relate to ADE?	Yes	Place in Part C
	No	Go to Q6
6. Does the limitation relate to Ancillary Equipment?	Yes	Place in Part D
	No	Not legitimate CAERC content, place elsewhere in the AEDS

15. Split limitations must be stated where different limitations apply to different equipment Modification states (ie equipment being progressively modified In-Service). These will normally be in the form 'pre-mod nnn...; post-mod nnn...', and the Modification identified at Part A within section A.6. When appropriate, and when the AE TAA has confirmed that all equipment has been modified to the same Modification standard, the CAERC **should** be amended to remove the split limitation.

Recording of Modifications

16. AE Modifications will be recorded by the AE TAA, in the AEDS under their Configuration Control. The CAERC is not the repository of all Modifications embodied on AE; however, some Modifications need to be identified to operators. An AE Modification affects the CAERC when it is necessary to identify different limitations and / or procedures for the pre-mod and / or post-mod conditions of equipment. Modifications may be listed numerically or by system (eg Engines, airframe, avionics, etc). Once a Modification has been superseded (eg Fleet embodiment, subsequent Modification, etc) it **should** be removed from the CAERC.

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Preliminary pages

Classified Supplement: When the document is a Classified Supplement the following statement will be inserted at the head of this page; it is vital that the Supplement and main document are coherent at all times:

This document is the Classified Supplement to the CAERC for the {AE equipment}. This Supplement will be read in conjunction with the main document {document reference} at {Issue} and {amendment}.

List of Contents

A List of Contents will be provided, to a level of detail defined by the RTSA (RAF). The following represents the minimum list:

Preliminary pages

Part A - Airworthiness and Document Management

Part B - Airborne Forces Equipment

Part C - Aerial Delivery Equipment

Part D - Ancillary Equipment

Part E - Temporary information

Part F - Clearances with Limited Evidence / Operational Emergency Clearances

Part G - History

Classified Supplement: When there is a Classified Supplement, the following statement will be inserted at the end of the List of Content, and the reference included at A.7.4:

Classified Supplement – There is a Classified Supplement to this CAERC. It is issued under a separate distribution.

List of Amendments

An amendment list must be provided to record all amendments made to the CAERC.

Amendment number	Date	Detail of Changes

List of Effective Pages

An important element of document control is a correct and auditable amendment procedure. To achieve this, the CAERC will have a 'List of Effective Pages' which will be updated by every amendment.

Page	Issue / Amendment	Page	Issue / Amendment

List of Abbreviations

The CAERC must provide a consolidated list of the abbreviations used throughout the document as an aid to the reader. No further expansion of abbreviations need be used throughout the document.

Definition of Terms

It is important to the use of the CAERC and the overall Airworthiness of the cleared AE, that there is a clear and common understanding of the terms used within the CAERC. Therefore, every CAERC will have a section dealing with the definition of terms.

*In addition to the terms defined below, there may be other terms used; these **should** all be clearly defined. The following must be included:*

Term	Definition
Aerial Delivery Equipment (ADE)	Equipment and ancillary items, including an Airdrop Platform where used, to deliver Cargo to Drop Zones. (Sourced from: AAP-06)
Air Cargo	Stores, equipment or vehicles, which do not form part of the Aircraft, and are either part or all of its payload.
Airborne Equipment (AE)	The generic term covering the wide variety of parachuting assemblies for personnel and equipment, Airdrop Platforms, supply dropping equipment and ancillary items that are used in the insertion of personnel and equipment onto Drop Zones. This equipment can be split into two areas: Airborne Forces Equipment and Aerial Delivery Equipment.
Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE)	Equipment and ancillary items used to insert personnel into Drop Zones.
Airdrop	Delivery of personnel or Cargo from Air Systems in flight.
Airdrop Platform	A base on which vehicles, Cargo or equipment are loaded for Airdrop or low Altitude extraction. (Sourced from: AAP-06)
Airworthiness	The ability of an Air System or other Airborne Equipment or system to be operated in flight and on the ground without significant Hazard to Aircrew, ground crew, Passengers or to third parties; it is a technical attribute of materiel throughout its lifecycle.
Cargo	Commodities and supplies in transit. (Sourced from: AAP-06)
Clearance with Limited Evidence (CLE)	A clearance within the CAERC for Airborne Equipment when a fully substantiated Safety Assessment is not available to support a full clearance but, on the balance of available evidence, the clearance is judged to not increase Risk to Life.
Day / Night	Where day / night limitations are given, transition is based on Civil Twilight. Civil Twilight occurs when the sun's centre is 6° below the observer's visible horizon.
Drop Zone	Notified portion of airspace and associated area of ground within which Airborne Equipment drops are made.
Following parachutists	Those that follow a despatched load on the same pass.
g-limits	The max normal acceleration cleared. All g limit values in this document are positive unless otherwise stated.
Installation only	The equipment may be fitted but must not be operated in flight. It will be isolated iaw a defined scheme unless it has been shown that inadvertent operation represents an acceptable Hazard.

Limitation	Values of parameters used to define the extent of an equipment's operating envelope (All airspeeds, mach numbers, altitudes, angle of attack and temperatures are indicated values unless otherwise stated).
Operational Emergency Clearance (OEC)	A clearance for a change of usage within the CAERC for Airborne Equipment which may result in an increased Risk to Life that does not achieve the Air System Design Safety Target. This judgement may be substantiated by an appropriate Safety Assessment or based on limited available evidence. An OEC will only be authorized by the RTSA (RAF) once it is assured that any operating Risks have been communicated to, and accepted by, the appropriate ADH.
Parachute Safety Enabling Systems	A piece of equipment introduced to interact between the parachutist and the parachute system to enhance Safety.
Parachute System	The parachute will deliver the parachutist from the air to the ground safely. It is considered safe for use if it meets the project safety target for the 'as designed system'. This includes the parachute system, its subsystems: Safety Critical Systems (SCS) and Safety Enabling Systems (SES) and a trained parachutist. This can be combined with Soldiering Mission Systems (SMS) to enhance military capability.
Parachute System – Safety Critical Systems	A piece of equipment that influences the parachute Hazard Analysis to improve the Safety of the parachute system in the military.
Parachutist	Any person authorized to make a parachute descent.
Prohibited	Operation in the manner described, or of the equipment specified (as appropriate), is prohibited because the associated Risk is unacceptable. The Risk may be judged unacceptable because it is either too high or because there is insufficient knowledge to determine the likelihood of encountering a severe Hazard.
Soldiering Mission Systems – Parachuting Mission Systems	Equipment that is integrated to enable the parachute system to enable the completion of a parachuting task.
Soldiering Mission Systems – Soldiering and Ancillary Systems	Equipment carried by the parachutist to enable the completion of a military (mission specific) task which is not always integrated to the parachuting activity and is not defined above.
AE TAA-approved Design Standard	The standard to which the CAERC applies. The AE TAA has the discretion to use a reference design standard that is other than the Design Organization (DO) Configuration Status Record (CSR). The AE TAA must be satisfied that there is a Safety Assessment for this reference design standard and that Configuration Control procedures are equivalent to those required for a CSR.
Temporary Information	Temporary Information includes: Temporary Clearances, Temporary Restrictions, and Temporary Information Notices. Where a Temporary Clearance is used, it must be of a genuinely transitory nature (eg the clearance of a Modification for a short duration trial after which it will be removed, test equipment for short term use only, etc). Temporary Clearances with a fully substantiated and evidenced Safety Assessment would be included in Part E of the CAERC as stand-alone entries (not covered by an OEC or CLE); if the Safety Assessment is not fully substantiated or does not meet the Design Safety Target, the Temporary Clearance would also need to be covered by either an OEC or CLE and listed / cross-referenced in Part F.
WARNING	When the consequence of not respecting a limitation might be death and / or injury.

CAUTION	When the consequence of not respecting a limitation might be damage to the Air System or equipment.
Note	To clarify the reason for a limitation.

Presentation of WARNINGS, CAUTIONS and Notes

*The convention used for presenting **WARNINGS**, **CAUTIONS**³⁵ and Notes within the CAERC needs to be explained. The appropriate statement will be selected from the following:*

The **WARNINGS**, **CAUTIONS** and Notes are placed as close as practicable to the relevant limitation / procedure.

or

The **WARNINGS**, **CAUTIONS** and Notes are called out and numbered within each sub-section, and placed at the end of the relevant sub-section within each Part.

or

The **WARNINGS**, **CAUTIONS** and Notes are called out and numbered within each Part and placed at the end of the relevant Part.

Distribution {This is necessary to ensure amendments are promulgated to all document holders, and the RTSA (RAF) may add other addressees to the distribution list}

Action:*Mandatory:*

RTSA (RAF)	<i>Master copy and to promulgate the CAERC</i>
ODH	
AE TAA	
Military Aviation Authority (MAA)	<i>Independent Assurance of new AE and Major Changes to existing AE only</i>

Information:*Mandatory:*

DT Safety Manager	
Delivery Duty Holder	
Officer Commanding Defence Aircrew Publications Squadron	
Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization	

³⁵ **WARNINGS** and **CAUTIONS** are written in upper case and bold.

Part A – Airworthiness and Document Management**A.1 CAERC Statements****A.1.1 Certification of Safety and Airworthiness**

I certify that the Airborne Equipment, when operated iaw the CAERC at Issue {number} and Amendment {number}, including those CLEs listed in Part F, is airworthy and that the overall Risk is acceptable.

Clearances which carry a higher level of Safety Risk are identified as OECs, listed in Part F, and their use, once authorized by the RTSA (RAF), requires specific approval by the relevant ODH iaw RA 1300.

Clearances in Parts E and F that are not supported by a fully substantiated Airborne Equipment Safety Case (AESC) or Safety Assessment are authorized for inclusion in the CAERC by the RTSA (RAF).

The authority for the exposure to, and the ownership and management of, the residual Risk associated with the clearances in Parts E and F lie with the ADH chain.

CAERC clearances are only valid once the associated Aircraft TAA has accepted the CAERC for the specific Aircraft type. Operators are to confirm, through the Matrix on the RTSA (RAF) website, that relevant sections have been accepted by the Aircraft TAA.

{Signature}

{name}

{AE TAA}

{date}

A.1.2 Authorization of Amendment (not required for Initial Issue)

As the Delegated RTSA (RAF), I authorize Amendment {number} to Issue {number} of the CAERC.

The following wording is required if not included in the initial authorization statement for legacy CAERC.

The limitations of the CAERC are the definitive limits for Airborne Equipment in Service. Where any conflict arises between this CAERC and any other Airborne Equipment documentation, the limitations in the CAERC are overriding.

Authorized holders of the CAERC must ensure that all CAERC documents that define current limitations are kept with this authority under one cover.

{signature}

{name}

{rank}

DRTSA (RAF)

{date}

A.2 Introduction

A.2.1 Purpose

The initial CAERC is the statement by the AE TAA to the RTSA (RAF) that an acceptable Safety Assessment has been prepared for the AE systems, and forms the basis for the initial CAERC of the AE systems.

The CAERC describes the: approved AE systems configuration(s), operating envelope, limitations, design standard, and parameters within which the AESC has been established and to the AE system may be flown in Service regulated flying. It also includes the approved OECs and CLEs, and advice on their application.

A.2.2 Structure

This CAERC comprises statements and 7 supporting parts:

Part A covers the purpose and management of the CAERC, and any other relevant information that does not appear as an AE or flying limitation.

Part B covers includes all cleared personnel parachutes and reserve systems; Annexes provide specific clearances for cleared despatch Aircraft.

Part C covers all cargo and platform systems cleared for use; Annexes provide specific clearances for cleared despatch Aircraft.

Part D covers items that require regulatory consideration, support AFE and ADE system clearances, and enhance mission success or improve Hazards identified within AE systems.

Part E details Temporary Information and the management thereof.

Part F details CLEs and OECs.

Part G enables the production, content, and evolution of the CAERC to be audited.

The limitations in Parts B to E may be either: for normal use (ie in peace and war), or for operational emergency use only.

All permanent information that has been derived from the AESC will be included within the main Parts B to D, with temporary information, also having been derived from the AESC, being covered by Part E.

A.2.3 Amendment

Amendments will be promulgated automatically to the organizations detailed within the distribution list. Suggestions for amendment must be forwarded to:

{Contact details of the RTSA (RAF) Desk Officer}

A.3 Description

A description regarding the management of AE system clearances at the discretion of the AE TAA and DRTSA (RAF).

A.4 Airborne Equipment Life and Fatigue

A statement regarding the management of, and inclusion of references to, the lifing of AE equipment at the discretion of the AE TAA and DRTSA (RAF).

A.5 Statement of Operating Intent / Statement of Operating Intent and Usage (SOI / SOIU)

The use of AE has been reviewed by the ADH and AE TAA.

The *{SOI / SOIU}* for AE has been issued at *{SOI / SOIU reference}*. Any perceived differences between the AE use described by the *{SOI / SOIU}* and the way in which the AE is being operated must be highlighted to the AE TAA for resolution or *{SOI / SOIU}* amendment.

{SOI / SOIU executive summary}

A.6 Airborne Equipment Configuration

A statement regarding the management of, and inclusion of reference to, Modifications affecting AE clearances at the discretion of the AE TAA and DRTSA (RAF).

A.7 Related Documents**A.7.1 Parachutist documentation**

The AFE cleared within this CAERC is airworthy when operated by qualified personnel within the limitations of this CAERC and iaw the information and provisions contained in the following related documents.

<i>Document</i>	<i>Publishing Organization</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>

A.7.2 Aerial Delivery documentation

The ADE cleared within this CAERC is airworthy when operated by qualified personnel within the limitations of this CAERC and iaw the information and provisions contained in documents referenced in Part C which are published by Joint Air Delivery Test and Evaluation Unit (JADTEU) and sponsored by HQ 1 Gp.

A.7.3 Aircrew documentation

The AE cleared within this CAERC is airworthy for despatch from the Air Systems specified in this CAERC when the Air Systems are operated iaw their RTS.

A.7.4 Maintenance documentation

Reference is made to the associated Maintenance documentation from each Section within Parts B to D of this CAERC.

Part B – Airborne Forces Equipment

This Part of the CAERC contains clearances and limitations for the in-Service personnel parachutes and reserve systems authorized for use by the MOD. Information pertinent to the safe use of the equipment from specific Aircraft types is found in associated Annexes to the Section. Each section covers a specific parachute type, within which are Annexes covering specific clearances and limitations for the despatch of the parachute from cleared despatch Aircraft.

Where an OEC or CLE is appropriate, it is referenced in Part F and the detail is placed in Part B.

Part B section Layout

Each section is constructed as follows:

Equipment Title**B.1 Release Statement**

To specify that the equipment concerned is 'cleared for use' and to give the general criteria of the clearance. These criteria will include: users of the equipment; if it is for training and / or operations; if usage is in daylight only or day / night; if usage is onto land only or land / water; and if usage is across worldwide temperature conditions or if only within particular temperature ranges.

B.2 Special Clearances

To identify what areas of the clearance are covered under OEC / CLE. OEC will be suitably annotated with hatched markings to the outer edge of the page. OEC and CLE content will be prefixed by OEC / CLE and Number in line with the lists in Part F.

B.3 Brief Description

To provide a general description of the equipment in question and an indication of the role in which it is employed.

B.4 System Design Organization

To specify the Design Organization(s) or, where appointed, the Co-ordinating Design Organization for the equipment in question.

B.5 Build Standard

To specify the CSR or other formally recognized descriptor for the build standard of the overall system and, where applicable, the individual primary components.

B.6 System / Load Preparation

To specify the Technical Publication(s), or other recognized document(s), in which the parachute packing method or the load preparation is detailed.

B.7 Maintenance

To specify the Technical Publication(s), or other recognized document(s), in which the equipment Maintenance criteria and procedures are detailed.

B.8 Deployment

To specify how the parachute deployment must be initiated.

B.9 Despatch Aircraft

To specify which military Aircraft platforms the equipment is cleared for despatch from, noting where necessary the applicable Annex. Where the AE must be deployed from civilian Aircraft, the type (including any modifications) or where required registration number must be listed.

B.10 Despatch Conditions – System

To specify any generic despatch height data or to specify that the height is Air System dependent and refer to the associated Annex.

To specify wind limitations applicable to descending the equipment onto land / into water.

To specify any sea state criteria that may limit the use of the equipment.

To specify any limitations that may apply in operating the equipment onto high altitude drop zones.

B.11 All Up Mass and Stores Dimension

To specify the maximum / minimum mass limitations applicable to the use of the equipment.

To specify the maximum / minimum All-Up-Mass (AUM) of the individual parachutist / individual stores load.

To specify the maximum / minimum store dimension limitations applicable to the use of the equipment.

B.12 Ancillary Equipment

To specify any Ancillary equipment cleared for use with the AE including any associated limitations, either directly or, through reference to section D3 or another document within the AEDS.

B.13 Standard Operating Procedures

To define any SOPs that have associated limitations or, to refer to ODH / Force SOPs including any associated comments pertinent to the clearance.

B.14 Annexes

To list the associated Annexes for specific Aircraft types.

Part B section Annex Layout

Each Annex is constructed as follows:

Part B Annex {X} – Despatch of the {Equipment type} from the {Aircraft type}**B.X.1 Release Statement**

To specify that the equipment is 'cleared for use from {Aircraft type}' and give any additional criteria specific to the clearance from that Aircraft type.

B.X.2 Aircraft Preparation

To specify how the Aircraft will be prepared for the activity in question, covering any role equipment requirements and any pre-loading checks. Where this information is set out in another Air Publication / document, the relevant reference must be shown.

To specify the role fit required on the Aircraft to undertake the planned activity. Where this information is set out in another Air Publication / document, the relevant reference must be shown.

B.X.3 Aircraft / Airdrop Conditions

To specify the Aircraft-specific criteria associated with the carriage / despatch of the equipment / troops concerned.

To specify the minimum / maximum, and where appropriate, optimum speed of the Aircraft at the point of despatch of equipment / troops.

To specify any variation in Aircraft speeds when the equipment is being used within an operational context or training role.

To specify the minimum / maximum Aircraft height / altitude at the point of despatch of equipment / troops when the equipment is being used within an operational context or training role.

To specify the heading, relative to wind, of the Aircraft at the point of despatch of equipment / troops.

To specify the Aircraft attitude at the point of despatch of equipment / troops.

To specify the Aircraft flap setting at the point of despatch of equipment / troops.

To specify the position of deflector doors during the despatch of equipment/troops.

To specify how the stores loads are to relate to the Aircraft's centre of gravity.

B.X.4 Calculated Air Release Point

To specify how the point of release / despatch will be calculated. Where this is included in another Air Publication / document, the relevant reference must be shown.

B.X.5 Despatch Procedures

To specify the despatch procedures to be adopted on the Aircraft type. Where this information is set out in another Technical Publication / document, the relevant reference must be shown.

To specify the maximum number of parachutists in a 'stick' when operating from the Aircraft ramp and / or the Aircraft's side doors.

B.X.6 Emergency Procedures

To specify any emergency procedures that must be complied with on that particular Aircraft type (ie Hung-up Parachutist Release Assembly (HUPRA) for static line parachuting). Where this information is set out in another Technical Publication / document, the relevant reference must be shown.

Part C – Aerial Delivery Equipment

This Part of the CAERC contains clearances and limitations for the in-Service cargo and equipment dropping systems authorized for use by the MOD. Information pertinent to the safe use of the equipment from specific Aircraft types is found in associated Annexes to the section. Each section covers a specific Delivery Equipment, within which are Annexes covering specific clearances and limitations for the despatch of the equipment from cleared Air Systems.

Part C Section / Annex Layout

Each Section / Annex is constructed as Part B.

Part D – Ancillary Equipment

Within this Part of the CAERC are individual sections covering stand-alone in-Service ancillary systems authorized for use with, or in support of, items in Parts B and / or C.

Part E – Temporary information

This Part of the CAERC is reserved for the management of 'Temporary Information'.

Each element of Part E will have been derived from a supplementary Safety Assessment and provides information (limitations) on one or more aspects of AE operation. This Part may also be used to promulgate other urgent information to operators pending formal amendment of operator publications. This Part may also be used for time-limited clearances (eg any that are specific to an operation or exercise), and where it is expected that they will not form part of the CAERC in the longer term.

The information within Part E must provide:

A record of all current Temporary Information;

The definition of the applicability of each Temporary Information (eg Aircraft type, named exercise, named operation, etc);

The arrangements for withdrawal of each Temporary Information (eg calendar, embodiment of a Modification, etc);

A definition of the parts of the AEDS affected by each Temporary Information;

The location of the information relating to the Temporary Information.

Temporary Clearances included in this Part must be of a genuinely transitory nature (eg the clearance of a Modification for a short duration trial after which it will be removed); or included within this Part through operational necessity as a temporary amendment, pending its inclusion in the appropriate Part at the next formal amendment of the CAERC and / or AEDS.

The RTSA (RAF) has the option to place Temporary Clearances entirely within Part E of the CAERC, or to insert pages in the appropriate places throughout the AEDS, or a combination, whichever method suits the circumstances.

E.1 Record of Temporary Clearances (TC)

TC Number	Location (in Part E)	Title	Applicability	Withdrawal Arrangements (including duration)	Validity Date
<i>It is suggested that TCs be presented under suitable sub-heading(s) below sub-section E.1 (eg 'E.1.1 Temporary Clearance {insert number} - Limitations for Operation {insert title}').</i>					

E.2 Record of Temporary Restrictions (TR)

TR Number	Location (in Part E)	Title	Applicability	Withdrawal Arrangements (including duration)	Validity Date
<i>It is suggested that TRs be presented under suitable sub-heading(s) below sub-section E.2 (eg 'E.2.1 Temporary Restriction {insert number} - Limitations for Operation {insert title}').</i>					

E.3 Record of Temporary Information Notices (TIN)

TIN Number	Location (in Part E)	Title	Applicability	Withdrawal Arrangements (including duration)	Validity Date
<i>It is suggested that TINs be presented under suitable sub-heading(s) below sub-section E.3 (eg 'E.3.1 Temporary Information Notice {insert number} - Limitations for Operation {insert title}').</i>					

Part F – Clearances with Limited Evidence / Operational Emergency Clearances

This Part of the CAERC records clearances that has not been derived from a fully substantiated Safety Assessment; such clearances are termed 'Clearances with Limited Evidence' (CLE). Each CLE will be integrated in the appropriate Part(s) of the CAERC (within Parts B to D) and identified through cross-referencing in Part F.

The clearances likely to have an increased RtL are termed 'Operational Emergency Clearances' (OEC). Each OEC will be integrated in the appropriate Part(s) of the CAERC (within Parts B to D) and identified through cross-referencing in Part F. The CAERC must present OECs in a separate sub-section within the Part to which they are applicable and include an indication of the reason for identifying it as a high Risk clearance. A full explanation of the Risk(s) must be retained by the AE TAA within the Audit trail.

CLEs and OECs are subject to periodic review and amendment; and some may be applicable only to certain AE system marks, Air System marks, operating units, etc. Following a periodic review or amendment, the applicability and validity of the CLE / OEC may change.

The information within Parts F.1 and F.2 must provide:

The title of the CLE / OEC.

A record of all current CLEs / OECs.

The definition of the applicability of each CLE / OEC (eg Aircraft type, named exercise, named operation, etc).

The review period of the CLE / OEC is defined in RA 1300.

The arrangements for withdrawal of each CLE / OEC (eg calendar, embodiment of a Modification, etc).

The location within the CAERC of the details of the CLE / OEC.

F.1 Record of Clearances with Limited Evidence

<i>CLE Number</i>	<i>Location (in Parts B to D)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Withdrawal Arrangements (including duration)</i>	<i>Validity Date</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

F.2 Record of Operational Emergency Clearances

<i>OEC Number</i>	<i>Location (in Parts B to D)</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Applicability</i>	<i>Withdrawal Arrangements (including duration)</i>	<i>Validity Date</i>	<i>Review Date</i>

Part G – History

This part of the CAERC covers the historical function required to ensure Airworthiness. It is a record of all the Safety Assessment data that has been used in compiling the CAERC and provides justification for all elements of the CAERC content. It is not required that the full Audit trail³⁶ be produced in Part G, but rather that it defines what the Safety Assessment Audit trail is and identifies where the information can be located. Some elements may exist as databases in their own right. Careful consideration will be given to archiving such material and it must not be destroyed until at least 5 years after the AE's OSD.

The minimum that is required in Part G is an index of where the following information can be found:

Attribution matrix specifying the source of every element of the earlier Parts;

Design documentation;

List of Trials and associated Reports not covered by the design documentation;

Details of any Safety Assessments relating to the AE systems or its equipment;

Details of sentencing of trial recommendations;

Other baseline data used in generating the first issue;

Details of all changes to the initial issue (amendments and subsequent issues) to include: their nature, the reason for their introduction and the individual authorizing their implementation.

Acceptable content for Part G include, but are not limited to:

A reference to one or more series of files held in particular locations (eg RTSA (RAF) CAERC Safety Assessment files {file series reference}, AE TAA Modification files {file series reference}, Independent Evaluation and Audit reports {reference to list of applicable reports}, etc). Each of these groups of files could, and often will, be held in different locations which need to be specified³⁷.

A reference to an Airworthiness or Safety Assessment database. Some modern AE systems will be developed with much, or all, of the information relevant to the CAERC held on a Safety Assessment or configuration database. A reference to this database is acceptable, providing that the database references further source documents or data.

G.1 General

Full information for audit purposes is held and maintained by the AE TAA and RTSA (RAF).

G.2 CAERC Issue and Amendment record

The table below shows a historical record of amendments to the CAERC from {Initial Issue / Issue number} to the latest amendment.

<i>Issue & AL Number</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Detail</i>

³⁶ Refer to RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail.

³⁷ Refer to RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

RA 1702 – MOD-Approved Aerial Delivery Equipment

Rationale

The delivery of equipment from Aircraft using MOD-approved¹ Aerial Delivery Equipment (ADE)^{2, 3} is a key enabler of military capabilities. Failure to manage MOD-approved ADE activity appropriately could result in increased Risk to Life (RtL) to personnel, 3rd parties, or damage to Aircraft. This Regulatory Article (RA) identifies the Regulations to ensure organizations⁴ understand the Safety aspects of their MOD-approved ADE activity and to enable a suitable regulatory framework to be applied. This will ensure that MOD-approved ADE used is safe to operate and is being operated safely throughout its life.

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Applicability

Applicability

1. RA 1702 is applicable for the conduct of MOD-approved ADE activities. This includes Aerial Despatch activities conducted by:

- a. UK Military Aerial Despatch units.
- b. ADE trials activity for MOD-approved ADE.
- c. Civilian-Operated (in-Service) delivery.

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

2. **Aerial Delivery Equipment (ADE).** Equipment and ancillary items, including Airdrop Platform where used, to deliver Cargo to Drop Zones. (Sourced from: AAP-06)

3. **Parachuting Operating Duty Holder (ODH).** An Accountable individual, who is at minimum a 2* Crown Servant, with formal delegated Responsibilities for actively managing Air Safety for operation of Airborne Equipment (AE) via an effective Air Safety Management System⁵ to ensure that associated RtL is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable within their defined Areas of Responsibility.

4. **Parachuting Commander.** A 2* Crown Servant who is in the direct Chain of Command of the unit participating in the activity. They have a personal Duty of Care (DoC)⁶ for their troops throughout the activity.

5. **Airborne Equipment Safety Case (AESC).** A structured argument, supported by a body of evidence, that provides a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that AE is safe for a given application in a given environment. It is through-life, pan-Defence Lines of Development and addresses a combination of the physical components, procedures and human resources organized to deliver the capability. AE is not an Air System and so use of the term Air System Safety Case is inappropriate.

¹ "MOD-approved" is defined as any equipment that has been approved by the MOD (by the Airborne Equipment (AE) Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)) for inclusion in the Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates (CAERC).

² Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary.

³ The use of "MOD-approved ADE" includes the associated ancillary equipment.

⁴ This includes the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH), Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization, Delivery Team, Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme, Design Approved Organization Scheme, and operators of AE authorized to conduct Aerial Despatch descents for any given AE.

⁵ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management Systems.

⁶ Duty of Care is a legal Responsibility that applies at every level to all Defence activities.

Definitions

However, the Regulatory intent of RA 1205⁷ can be applied to AESC as they are equally relevant.

**Regulation
1702(1)****Governance Responsibilities**

1702(1) MOD-approved ADE **shall** be operated under the authority of the Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), the Parachuting ODH and / or the Parachuting Commander.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1702(1)****Governance Responsibilities**

6. The ADH / AM(MF) is legally Accountable for ensuring that RtL associated with operating Aircraft under their Area of Responsibility (AoR) to deliver MOD-approved ADE is ALARP and Tolerable. This **should** be achieved by:

- a. Ensuring that the RtL associated with the use of MOD-approved ADE is reflected in the claims made in the Air System Safety Case (ASSC)⁷ for the Aircraft within their AoR.
- b. Discharging RtL and DoC Responsibilities associated with MOD-approved ADE in accordance with (iaw) Annex A.

7. Where MOD-approved ADE is used from foreign military-registered or civil-registered Aircraft, the Parachuting ODH and / or Parachuting Commander as the Accountable individual(s) **should** ensure the activity is ALARP and Tolerable (Annex A refers).

8. The Parachuting ODH **should**:

- a. Have their nomination endorsed by the Director Military Aviation Authority (D MAA) iaw MAA03 Annex G⁸. The Parachuting ODH and the ADH may be the same person.
- b. Ensure that the RtL is ALARP and Tolerable for personnel using MOD-approved ADE and to other 3rd parties that might be affected after the ADE has left the Aircraft⁹.
- c. Be responsible and Accountable for the safe operation of MOD-approved ADE within their AoR and only authorize MOD-approved ADE that has an Approval in the Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates (CAERC) provided by the AE TAA.
- d. Define the Responsibility for the transfer of RtL management, in consultation with the ADH / AM(MF), between flying activity and MOD-approved ADE activity (DH delineation).
- e. Ensure that Aerial Despatchers and Drop Zone Safety personnel are Suitably Qualified and Experienced Persons (SQEP).

9. The Headquarters 1 Gp Air Staff Orders (HQ 1 Gp ASOs), or equivalent ADH Orders, Air Mobility Operations Manual Parts A and B, Air System Release To Service (RTS), and CAERC **should** be used as the definitive documents for the use of all MOD-approved ADE.

10. The Parachuting Commander **should** publish orders and instructions that detail how the Responsibilities at Annex A will be allocated.

11. In order to ensure that Aerial Despatchers are appropriately Competent and current, Parachuting Commanders **should** publish orders specifying how this is monitored.

⁷ Refer to RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases.

⁸ Refer to MAA03: Military Aviation Authority Regulatory Processes.

⁹ Defined as the point at which the parachute assembly clears the Aircraft and is free direct contact with it or any associated wake turbulence.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1702(1)**

12. All units conducting parachuting activities using MOD-approved ADE **should** ensure that the correct Notice to Aviation and / or Notice to Mariners action has been put in place for the duration of the activity.

**Guidance
Material
1702(1)**

Governance Responsibilities

13. It is essential that, throughout the flying and MOD-approved ADE activities, the ADH / AM(MF), Parachuting ODH and Parachuting Commander understand their Responsibilities, communicate as required with each of the stakeholders involved and have robust orders and instructions. The table at Annex A illustrates these Responsibilities throughout the activity.

14. Fundamental to effective governance and Risk Management is a clear understanding of when the Responsibility for the management of RtL and / or DoC associated with the MOD-approved ADE activities is transferred between stakeholders.

**Regulation
1702(2)**

Regulatory Requirements

1702(2) The through life requirements with MOD-approved ADE **shall** be adhered to by the ADH / AM(MF), the Parachuting ODH, the Parachuting Commanders and the AE² TAA responsible for their operation.

**Acceptable
Means of
Compliance
1702(2)**

Regulatory Requirements

15. The ADH / AM(MF) is legally Accountable for ensuring that RtL associated with operating Aircraft within their AoR to deliver MOD-approved ADE is ALARP and Tolerable. This **should** be achieved by:

- a. Ensuring that the RtL associated with the use of MOD-approved ADE is reflected in the claims made in the ASSC for the Aircraft under their AoR.
- b. Discharging RtL Responsibilities associated with MOD-approved ADE iaw Annex A.

16. The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure that the RtL associated with the operation and deployment of MOD-approved ADE is reflected in the claims made in the appropriate AESC¹⁰.

17. ADH / AM(MF), the Parachuting ODH, the Parachuting Commanders and organizations¹¹ responsible for MOD-approved ADE **should** comply with the intent of the elements (Regulations, AMCs, or GM) of the RAs listed at Annex B, noting that there are Air System specific requirements in the RAs that are not relevant to MOD-approved ADE. The Continuing Airworthiness (CAw) requirements, and any appropriate equivalent or MOD-approved ADE specific information, **should** (where possible) be identified by the CAMO and listed in the CAw Management Exposition. The Type Airworthiness (TAw) requirements, and any appropriate equivalent or MOD-approved ADE specific information, **should** (where possible) be identified by the Design Organization and listed in the Design Organization Exposition.

18. The AE TAA **should** ensure that the MOD-approved ADE is safe to operate within the limitations of the CAERC.

19. Wherever possible, the AE TAA **should** ensure that all MOD-approved ADE has a valid Certificate of Design¹².

20. The AE TAA **should** inform the ADH of all identified equipment contributions to RtL.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1700 – Airborne Equipment, for definition.

¹¹ This includes the ADH, Continuing Airworthiness Management Organizations (CAMO), Delivery Team, Maintenance Approved Organization Scheme, Design Approved Organization Scheme and operators of ADE authorized to conduct Aerial Despatch descents for any given ADE.

¹² Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 5103 – Certification of Design.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1702(2)

21. MOD-approved ADE **should** be included within the CAERC¹³. It **should** be authorized for use on specific Aircraft through the relevant CAERC entry and despatch Air System's RTS¹⁴ or applicable Military Permit to Fly (MPTF)^{15, 16}.
22. The CAERC **should**:
 - a. Be certified by the AE TAA and authorized by the Delegated Release To Service Authority (DRTSA) (RAF).
 - b. Record all Operational Emergency Clearances (OEC) and Clearances with Limited Evidence (CLE)¹⁴, and be suitably marked.
 - c. Be subject to a 5 yearly review by the DRTSA (RAF).
 - d. Follow the format shown in RA 1701 Annex C¹³.
23. The master copy of the CAERC is held by the RTS Authority (RTSA) (RAF). All pages within the CAERC **should** show the issue status of the document and amendment status for the specific page.
24. Where the despatching Aircraft is not on the UK Military Aircraft Register any limitations or restrictions **should** be incorporated into the CAERC.
25. RA 1167¹⁷ **should** be complied with for the use of Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.
26. The Parachuting ODH's Chief Air Engineer (CAE) **should** manage CAw by ensuring that MOD-approved ADE is maintained iaw the Regulatory intent of RA 4800 to RA 4849: MRP Part 145. To help ensure the Airworthiness of MOD-approved ADE, an approved Mil CAMO is required iaw the Regulatory intent of RA 4947¹⁸.
27. **Maintenance and packing.** The Parachuting ODH's CAE **should** ensure appropriate processes in place to ensure the individuals conducting Maintenance and packing of MOD-approved ADE are SQEP.
28. **Supervision of MOD-approved ADE operations.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure MOD-approved ADE operations, including Maintenance and packing, are supervised by SQEP.
29. **Authorization of MOD-approved ADE operations.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure MOD-approved ADE operations, including Maintenance and packing, are authorized by SQEP.

Guidance Material 1702(2)

Regulatory Requirements

30. **Supervision of MOD-approved ADE operations.** Some of the supervisory processes detailed in RA 2305¹⁹ may be considered suitable for the supervision of MOD-approved ADE activities.
31. **Authorization of MOD-approved ADE operations.** Some of the Authorization processes detailed in RA 2306²⁰ may be considered suitable for the Authorization of MOD-approved ADE activities.
32. The MRP are specifically written with respect to Air Systems. Their application is equally suitable for aspects of MOD-approved ADE activities and to the Risk management framework²¹ necessary to allow ADH / AM(MF), Parachuting ODH and other members of the Aerial Delivery Community to ensure RtL is managed appropriately.

¹³ Refer to RA 1701 – MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

¹⁵ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit To Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task).

¹⁶ Refer to RA 5880 – Military Permit To Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P).

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.

¹⁸ Refer to RA 4947 – Continuing Airworthiness Management - MRP Part M Sub Part G.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

²⁰ Refer to RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

²¹ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management, and RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

Guidance Material 1702(2)	Endorsement / approval of the CAERC. 33. The CAERC will be amended once all evidence has been collated. Recommended amendments, with supporting evidence, will be presented to the AE TAA for endorsement. The AE TAA will provide a recommendation to the DRTSA (RAF). 34. The DRTSA (RAF) approval process will take into consideration the Aircraft that the ADE is to be despatched from. 35. The CAERC, certified by the AE TAA and authorized by the DRTSA (RAF) (along with supporting evidence), will be passed to the TAAs²² of the despatching UK military-registered Aircraft. 36. The TAA of the despatching Aircraft will: - Provide recommendation to the DRTSA (RAF) of the despatching Aircraft to authorize the use of the ADE within their Aircraft RTS. - Return the completed Acknowledgement Sheet to the AE TAA, detailing the acceptance of the ADE for use on the Aircraft or stating the reason for non-acceptance. 37. A matrix, which identifies the compatibility between Aircraft types and ADE, controlled by the RTSA (RAF), will be maintained on the MOD Intranet alongside the CAERC. 38. For the purposes of this RA, Risk management and ADH / AM(MF) Responsibilities of MOD-approved ADE undergoing Test and Evaluation trials is managed by the Air and Space Warfare Centre (ASWC) ADH chain. Trials activity using equipment that is not yet MOD-approved, or that is used on a civilian or foreign military Aircraft undergoing development, requires Subject Matter Experts to define who is responsible for RtL to manage the additional Risks. These activities must comply with the Regulatory intent of RA 2370²³ and advice will be sought from the ASWC.
Regulation 1702(3)	Operating MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment 1702(3) The Parachuting ODH shall ensure the RtL associated with operating MOD-approved ADE is managed within their AoR and that Safety Responsibilities associated with the activity are properly defined.
Acceptable Means of Compliance 1702(3)	Operating MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment 39. The Parachuting ODH should publish orders and instructions that include, where relevant to the activity, as a minimum the periodicity of currency training for emergency procedures.
Guidance Material 1702(3)	Operating MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment 40. Nil.
Regulation 1702(4)	Air Despatcher Requirements 1702(4) Air Despatchers shall be appropriately trained, qualified, experienced and assured to operate ADE.

²² Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, TAw management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAw responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

²³ Refer to RA 2370 – Test and Evaluation.

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Air Despatcher Requirements

41. The Parachuting ODH **should** define in orders the Air Despatcher eligibility, qualifications and experience required for the safe conduct of ADE activity utilizing MOD-approved ADE within their AoR.

Guidance
Material
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Air Despatcher Requirements

42. The Despatch Crew Commander, Qualified Air Despatch Instructor and Master Air Despatcher Qualifications are awarded to Air Despatchers by the Approving Officer once the appropriate standard during an approved training course has been met.

Annex A

MOD-approved ADE DoC and RtL Duty Holder (DH) Responsibilities

Aerial Despatch Equipment	MOD-approved ADE	MOD-approved ADE
Aircraft	UK military-registered	Non-UK military-registered*
Individual with personal DoC ^{24, 25} – on Aircraft / Aerial Despatch descent	Parachuting Commander	Parachuting Commander
DH – on Aircraft	ADH / AM(MF) (RtL)	Parachuting ODH (RtL)
DH – Aerial Despatch descent	Parachuting ODH (RtL)	Parachuting ODH (RtL)

The table above illustrates those responsible for the management of the MOD's DoC and RtL DH responsibilities.

* Non-UK includes foreign military Aircraft and civil Aircraft. If civil Aircraft is chartered for MOD-approved ADE activities, then guidance in RA 1167¹⁷, **should** be followed.

²⁴ "DoC Owner" refers to the individual responsible for managing the MOD's DoC for the personnel undertaking the specific activity.

²⁵ DoC as defined in JSP 815 Part 2. This includes the requirement to ensure the Aerial Despatchers are trained and fit for the activity.

Annex B

List of RAs related to MOD-approved ADE²⁶

RA Series	RA Number / Title
1000 Series	RA 1002 – Airworthiness Competent Persons RA 1003 – Delegation of Airworthiness Authority and Notification of Air Safety Responsibility RA 1005 – Contracting with Competent Organizations RA 1006 – Delegation of Engineering Authorizations RA 1010 – Head of Establishment Aviation Responsibilities and Aviation Duty Holder / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) Establishment Responsibilities RA 1011 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Manager Responsibilities RA 1013 – Air Systems Operating Centre Director – Provision of Airworthy and Safe Systems RA 1014 – Design Organizations and Co-ordinating Design Organizations – Airworthiness Responsibilities RA 1015 – Type Airworthiness Management – Roles and Responsibilities RA 1016 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1021 – Release to Service Authorities - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1022 – Senior Operator - Air Safety Responsibilities RA 1023 – Chief Air Engineer – Air Safety Responsibilities RA 1028 – Contractor Flying Approved Organization Scheme RA 1030 – Defence Aeronautical Information Management RA 1032 – Aviation Duty Holder-Facing Organizations and Accountable Manager (Military Flying)-Facing Organizations - Roles and Responsibilities RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes RA 1200 – Air Safety Management RA 1202 – Cyber Security for Airworthiness and Air Safety RA 1205 – Air System Safety Cases RA 1207 – Air Safety Data Management and Exploitation RA 1208 – Flight Data Monitoring RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life) RA 1223 – Airworthiness Information Management RA 1225 – Air Safety Documentation Audit Trail RA 1230 – Design Safety Targets RA 1300 – Release To Service RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task) RA 1310 – Air System Document Set RA 1380 – Performance Based Navigation RA 1400 – Flight Safety RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management RA 1420 – Service Inquiries and Non-Statutory Inquiries RA 1430 – Aircraft Post Crash and Incident Management and Significant Occurrence Management RA 1440 – Air Safety Training
4000 Series	RA 4009 – Aviation Engineering Orders and Local Procedures RA 4051 – Airborne Checks RA 4103 – Removal of Body Fluid Contamination from Aircraft RA 4213 – Control of Air System Components used in Ground Test Facilities RA 4253 – Loose Articles Recovery RA 4600 – Aircraft Assisted Escape Systems – Safety and Maintenance RA 4800 – General Requirements (MRP Part 145) RA 4801 – Certifying Staff RA 4802 – Scope of the MRP Part 145 (MRP 145.A.10) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4803 – Method of Application for Approval (MRP 145.A.15) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4804 – Terms of Approval (MRP 145.A.20) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4805 – Facility Requirements (MRP 145.A.25) RA 4806 – Personnel Requirements (MRP 145.A.30)

²⁶ The Parachuting ODH is responsible for determining the applicability of the Regulations, Acceptable Means of Compliance, and Guidance Material within each RA listed in this annex.

RA Series	RA Number / Title
	RA 4807 – Certifying Staff and Support Staff (MRP 145.A.35) RA 4808 – Equipment Tools and Material (MRP 145.A.40) RA 4809 – Acceptance of Components (MRP 145.A.42) RA 4810 – Technical Information (MRP 145.A.45) RA 4811 – Maintenance Planning (MRP 145.A.47) RA 4812 – Certification of Air System Release and Component Release (MRP 145.A.50) RA 4813 – Maintenance Records (MRP 145.A.55) RA 4814 – Occurrence Reporting (MRP 145.A.60) RA 4815 – Maintenance Procedures and Safety and Quality Policy (MRP 145.A.65) RA 4816 – Maintenance Organization Exposition (MRP 145.A.70) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4817 – Privileges of the Organization (MRP 145.A.75) RA 4818 – Limitations on the Organization (MRP 145.A.80) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4819 – Changes to the Organization (MRP 145.A.85) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4820 – Continued Validity of Approval (MRP 145.A.90) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4821 – Findings (MRP 145.A.95) - Approved Maintenance Organizations only RA 4941 – Application - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4943 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Exposition - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4945 – Personnel Requirements - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4947 – Continuing Airworthiness Management - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4948 – Documentation - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4951 – Quality System - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4954 – Continued Validity of Approval - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4955 – Findings - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4956 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Tasks Performed by Other Organizations - MRP Part M Sub Part G RA 4961 – Aircraft Maintenance Programme and Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Responsibilities for Air System Release - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4962 – Special Instructions (Technical) - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4963 – Modifications and Repairs - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4964 – Continuing Airworthiness Management Records - MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4965 – Local Manufacture Assurance – MRP Part M Sub Part C RA 4966 – Military Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization Instructions – MRP Part M Sub Part C
5000 Series	RA 5010 – Type Airworthiness Strategy RA 5011 – Type Airworthiness Safety Management System RA 5012 – Type Airworthiness Safety Assessment RA 5013 – Air Safety Management of Equipment and Commodity Items RA 5103 – Certificate of Design RA 5212 – Weight and Moment Determination RA 5301 – Air System Configuration Management RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes RA 5320 – Air System Maintenance Schedule – Design and Validation RA 5405 – Special Instructions (Technical) RA 5406 – Aircrew Publications RA 5407 – Support Policy Statement RA 5724 – Life Extension Programme RA 5725 – Out of Service Date Extension Programme RA 5726 – Integrity Management RA 5805 – Airworthiness Directives and Service Bulletins (MRP Part 21 Subpart A) RA 5815 – Instructions for Sustaining Type Airworthiness RA 5825 – Fault Reporting and Investigation RA 5835 – Production Organizations (MRP Part 21 Subpart G) RA 5850 – Military Design Approved Organization (MRP Part 21 Subpart J) RA 5855 – Parts and Appliances (MRP Part 21 Subpart K) RA 5865 – Repairs (MRP Part 21 Subpart M) RA 5875 – (European) Technical Standard Order (MRP Part 21 Subpart O) RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP Part 21 Subpart P)

RA Series	RA Number / Title
	RA 5885 – Identification of Products, Parts and Appliances (MRP 21 Subpart Q)

RA 1703 – Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment

Rationale

The delivery of personnel from Aircraft using foreign military Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE)^{1, 2} is a key enabler of military capability. Failure to manage foreign military AFE activity appropriately could result in increased Risk to Life (RtL) to personnel, 3rd parties, or damage to Aircraft. This Regulatory Article (RA) identifies the Regulations to ensure organizations understand their Responsibilities associated with the use of foreign military AFE to ensure it is safe to operate and operated safely.

Contents

Applicability

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1703(1): Governance of Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment

Applicability

Applicability

1. RA 1703 is applicable for the conduct of parachuting using foreign military AFE. These are parachuting activities conducted by UK military Parachute Units (including attached foreign troops where applicable).

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

2. **Parachuting Operating Duty Holder (ODH).** An Accountable individual, who is at minimum a 2* Crown Servant, with formal delegated Responsibilities for actively managing Air Safety for operation of foreign military AFE via an effective Air Safety Management System³ to ensure that associated RtL is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable within their defined Areas of Responsibility (AoR).

3. **Parachuting Commander.** A 2* Crown Servant who is in the direct Chain of Command of the unit participating in the activity, who has oversight of the activity. They have a personal Duty of Care (DoC) for their troops throughout the activity.

4. **Foreign Military AFE.** Foreign military AFE are parachutes systems (static line and freefall) and associated equipment that is in the inventory of a foreign military organization and used under that organization's orders and instructions. It is not in the Compendium of Airborne Equipment Release Certificates (CAERC)⁴.

Regulation 1703(1)

Governance of Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment

1703(1) Parachuting Commanders **shall** manage RtL associated with the use of foreign military AFE by troops within their respective AoRs.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1703(1)

Governance of Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment

5. Where UK Armed Forces personnel operate with foreign military AFE, the Parachuting Commander **should** manage RtL associated with parachuting with foreign military AFE to ALARP and Tolerable.

6. The Parachuting Commander **should** publish orders and instructions that detail how their RtL and DoC Responsibilities will be discharged in accordance with (jaw) Annex A. As a minimum these orders **should** detail:

- a. The parachuting training and Competence required to conduct parachuting activity using foreign military AFE.
- b. How the RtL associated with parachuting with foreign military AFE will be managed so that an assessment of the ALARP and Tolerable position can be made.

¹ Refer to MAA02 – MAA Master Glossary.

² The use of "foreign military AFE" includes the associated ancillary equipment.

³ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management.

⁴ Refer to RA 1701 – MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1703(1)

7. When using foreign military AFE from UK military-registered Aircraft, approval for use **should** be obtained from the Air System Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)⁵ and Release To Service Authority (RAF). If attached foreign troops are involved, Duty Holders (DH) (as illustrated in Annex A) **should** confirm with the Parachuting Commander of those troops that they remain responsible for the RtL to their troops during the descent.
8. The Parachuting Commander within the Parachutist Front Line Command will seek AE ODH Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP) direction and guidance.
9. Where the operation of foreign military AFE is regulated by both the UK MAA and the foreign National Authority; the most restrictive Regulation **should** take primacy.
10. The Parachuting Commander **should** ensure that Aerial Despatchers and Drop Zone Safety personnel are SQEP.
11. **Supervision of Parachuting.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure parachute operations, including Maintenance and packing, are supervised by a SQEP.
12. **Authorization of Parachuting.** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure parachute operations, including Maintenance and packing, are authorized by SQEP.

Guidance Material 1703(1)

Governance of Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment

13. **Supervision of Parachuting.** Some of the supervisory processes detailed in RA 2305⁶ may be considered suitable for the supervision of foreign military AFE activities.
14. **Authorization of Parachuting.** Some of the Authorization processes detailed in RA 2306⁷ may be considered suitable for the Authorization of foreign military AFE activities.
15. The MAA Regulatory Publications are specifically written with respect to Air Systems. Their application is equally suitable for aspects of foreign military AFE activities and to the Risk Management framework⁸ necessary to allow Aviation Duty Holder (ADH) / Accountable Manager (Military Flying) (AM(MF)), Parachuting ODH and other members of the Airborne Forces Community to ensure RtL is managed appropriately.
16. Fundamental to effective governance and Risk Management is a clear understanding of where the responsibility for the management of RtL associated with the parachuting activity is owned by a stakeholder eg Parachuting Commander, ADH or AM(MF) for the Aircraft.
17. It is essential that, throughout the parachuting activity, the Parachuting Commander understands their Responsibilities, communicates as required with each of the stakeholders involved and has robust orders and instructions relating to this activity.
18. Compliance with RA 1167⁹ is required for the use of chartered civilian Aircraft.

⁵ Where the Air System is not UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model; refer to RA 1162 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. Dependant on the agreed delegation of TAW Responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.

⁶ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

⁷ Refer to RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

⁸ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management, and RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

⁹ Refer to RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.

Annex A

Foreign military AFE DoC and RtL DH Responsibilities

Parachutist	UK Personnel	UK Personnel	Foreign Armed Forces Personnel ¹⁰
Aircraft	UK military-registered	Non-UK military-registered*	UK military-registered
Individual with personal DoC ^{11, 12} – on Aircraft / Parachute descent	Parachuting Commander	Parachuting Commander	Parachuting Commander of foreign troops
DH – on Aircraft	ADH / AM(MF)	Parachuting ODH (RtL)**	ADH / AM(MF)

The table above illustrates those Responsible for the management of the MOD's DoC and RtL DH responsibilities. The inclusion of the Parachuting Commander of foreign troop is to illustrate where those responsibilities are outside of the MOD and will be managed by that Commander iaw their own Regulations.

* Non-UK includes foreign military Aircraft and civil Aircraft. If civil Aircraft are chartered for parachuting activities, then guidance in RA 1167⁹, **should** be followed.

** The Parachuting ODH **should** ensure that the Aircraft is correctly configured for the parachuting activity and confirm that it is routinely used and authorized by the Aircraft's national or military aviation authority for such activity¹³.

¹⁰ Foreign troops responsibilities lie with their organic chain of command.

¹¹ "DoC Owner" refer to the individual responsible for managing the MOD's DoC for the personnel undertaking the specific activity.

¹² DoC as defined in JSP 815 Part 2. This includes the requirement to ensure the parachutists are trained and fit for the activity.

¹³ 1 Group has produced an Advice Note which can be used as best practice.

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RA 1704 - Non-Combat Parachuting

Rationale

The MOD has a requirement for Non-Combat Parachuting (NCP)¹ for a variety of activities to deliver training and Defence activity. Failure to manage NCP activity appropriately could result in increased Risk to Life (RtL) to personnel, 3rd parties, or damage to Aircraft. In order to support capability and effectively manage RtL, Duty Holders² (DH) must act in line with the MOD's Duty of Care (DoC) obligations. Furthermore, to ensure RtL is As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) and Tolerable, DH must understand the Risk picture, be clear as to where division of Safety Responsibility lies and be able to effectively govern parachuting activities through robust orders and procedures.

Contents

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1704(1): Governance of Non-Combat Parachuting

1704(2): Assurance of Non-Combat Parachuting

1704(3): Operating Non-Combat Parachuting

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1. **Non-Combat Parachuting (NCP).** NCP is defined as on-duty parachuting activities (an amalgamation of: Joint Services Adventurous Training, Sports, and Display) that are not using: MOD-approved Airborne Forces Equipment (AFE) (covered by RA 1701³), MOD-approved Aerial Delivery Equipment (covered by RA 1702⁴), or foreign military AFE (covered by RA 1703⁵).

Regulation 1704(1)

Governance of Non-Combat Parachuting

1704(1) The DH **shall** ensure the RtL associated with NCP is managed within their Area of Responsibility (AoR).

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1704(1)

Governance of Non-Combat Parachuting

2. The DH **should** ensure all NCP is taking place at locations that hold an affiliated Parachute Training Organization licence with the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), or national equivalent for overseas NCP, recognized national skydiving governing body for activities conducted on-duty⁶.
3. The DH **should** ensure UK CAA, or national equivalent for overseas NCP, recognized national skydiving governing body Regulations are followed.
4. The DH **should** issue orders and instructions which aim to deliver outcomes that are at least as safe as the outcomes which would be achieved through equivalent civil Regulation.
5. The DH **should** ensure that Aircraft are correctly configured for the parachuting activity and confirm that they are routinely used and authorized by the Aircraft's national or military aviation authority for such activity.
6. Safety Responsibilities for NCP can be divided between those relating to aviation aspects and those relating to the specific conduct of the activity:

¹ The use of "non-combat parachuting" includes the associated ancillary equipment.

² For NCP activities, it is acceptable to have a non-Aviation DH (minimum rank of OF5) in accordance with (iaw) the definition in JSP 815 – Defence Safety Management System.

³ Refer to RA 1701 – MOD-Approved Airborne Forces Equipment.

⁴ Refer to RA 1702 – MOD-Approved Aerial Delivery Equipment.

⁵ Refer to RA 1703 – Foreign Military Airborne Forces Equipment.

⁶ When conducting Display Parachuting, refer to RA 2335 – Flying Displays, Display Flying, Display Parachuting, Role Demonstrations and Flypasts.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1704(1)

- a. The chartered Aircraft's civilian Accountable Manager⁷ **should** be responsible for on-Aircraft Safety and the airborne delivery of personnel to an area within safe navigation parameters.
 - b. The DH who holds DoC Responsibility for the personnel undertaking the specific activity **should** be responsible for personnel and equipment (eg such as fitness and training).
7. **Supervision of Parachuting.** The DH **should** ensure NCP operations, including Maintenance and packing, are supervised by a Suitably Qualified and Experienced Person (SQEP).
8. **Authorization of Parachuting.** The DH **should** ensure NCP operations, including Maintenance and packing, are authorized by SQEP.

Guidance Material 1704(1)

Governance of Non-Combat Parachuting

9. **Supervision of Parachuting.** Some of the supervisory processes detailed in RA 2305⁸ may be considered suitable for the supervision of NCP activities.
10. **Authorization of Parachuting.** Some of the Authorization processes detailed in RA 2306⁹ may be considered suitable for the Authorization of NCP activities.
11. The MRP are specifically written with respect to Air Systems. Their application is equally suitable for aspects of NCP activities and to the Risk Management framework¹⁰ necessary to allow the DH and other members of the NCP Community to ensure RtL is managed appropriately.

Regulation 1704(2)

Assurance of Non-Combat Parachuting

- 1704(2) The DH **shall** be responsible for Assurance that the RtL associated with NCP within their AoR is ALARP and Tolerable.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1704(2)

Assurance of Non-Combat Parachuting

12. The DH **should** establish and maintain a robust system for control of NCP, this **should** include as a minimum:
 - a. Provision of Risk Assessments to identify and mitigate potential Hazards.
 - b. Procedures for equipment inspections and Maintenance.
 - c. Training and Certification, at least as good as, aligned to civil standards.
 - d. Detailing operating protocols.
13. The DH **should** define in orders the criteria and periodicity for assessing the system for control of NCP activities.
14. In addition to the assessment at paragraph 13, the DH **should** ensure that the system for control of NCP activities is assessed by an independent expert body. The DH **should** stipulate in orders the periodicity of these independent assessments.

Guidance Material 1704(2)

Assurance of Non-Combat Parachuting

15. The DH and personnel involved in NCP activities will follow the Guidance in:
 - a. UK CAA Civil Aviation Publication (CAP) 660¹¹ or national equivalent for overseas NCP.
 - b. British Skydiving Operations Manual or national equivalent for overseas NCP.

⁷ Refer to RA 1167 – Contracting Civil-Registered Air Systems for Military Purposes.

⁸ Refer to RA 2305 – Supervision of Flying.

⁹ Refer to RA 2306 – Authorization of Flights.

¹⁰ Refer to the Regulatory intent of RA 1200 – Air Safety Management, and RA 1210 – Ownership and Management of Operating Risk (Risk to Life).

¹¹ Refer to CAP 660: Parachuting.

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- c. The NCP Operations Manual.
- d. Comply with local orders, as required.

16. An independent expert body needs to be sufficiently independent such that it is not unduly influenced by commercial, operational, peer or rank / status pressures.

**Regulation
1704(3)**

Operating Non-Combat Parachuting

1704(3) The DH **shall** ensure the RtL associated with operating NCP is managed within their AoR and that Safety Responsibilities associated with the activity are properly defined.

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1704(3)**

Operating Non-Combat Parachuting

17. Where NCP activities are conducted within their AoR, the DH **should** publish orders and instructions that includes the following detail, where relevant to the activity, as a minimum:

- a. How and when Parachutists are fitted with location equipment¹² dependent on the operating environment to locate Parachutists in the event of an Accident or Incident.
- b. Minimum Heights^{13, 6} (Above Ground Level / Above Mean Sea Level) for main parachutes:
 - (1) For each discipline being conducted, minimum planned deployment Heights articulated.
 - (2) The minimum altitude for a parachutist to be under a fully developed main canopy.
 - (3) Procedures for automatic activation devices regarding minimum Height settings account for uneven topography.
- c. Guidance on the use of Ancillary and associated equipment.
- d. The periodicity of currency training for emergency procedures.

NCP Accident and Incident Reporting

18. All NCP Occurrences **should** be reported iaw RA 1410¹⁴. Consideration **should** also be given to reporting under the respective single-Service reporting mechanisms and the requirements of the civil governing body.

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1704(3)**

Operating Non-Combat Parachuting

19. Nil.

¹² All location equipment **should** be classed as Portable Electronic Devices. Refer to RA 2360 – Portable Electronic Devices.

¹³ The Height at which the parachute is to be fully inflated and be in a condition to be controlled by the user.

¹⁴ Refer to RA 1410 – Occurrence Reporting and Management.

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RA 1800 – Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks

Rationale

Aviation activity has adverse effects on the natural environment on and around MOD Aerodromes and Air Weapon Ranges. Without adequate processes and tools for managing the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks associated with this aviation activity, opportunities to minimize these adverse effects may be missed. This Regulatory Article (RA) requires ownership and management of the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks associated with aviation activity at MOD Aerodromes and Air Weapon Ranges.

Contents

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1800(1): Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1. **Environmental Impact**¹. An adverse or beneficial change to the environment resulting from the organization's environmental aspects.
2. **Environmental Risk**¹. The chance, however large or small, that an item, event, activity, or situation could cause damage to the environment.
3. **Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO)**². The outcome of a systematic and consultative decision-making procedure which emphasises the protection and conservation of the environment across land, air and water.
4. **Aircraft Operator**. The person who at the relevant time has Responsibility³ for the management of the military Aircraft. This might be a Delivery Duty Holder or Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

Regulation 1800(1)

Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks

1800(1) Heads of Establishment (HoEs)³ **shall** manage the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks associated with aviation activity at an MOD Aerodrome or Air Weapon Range.

Acceptable Means of Compliance 1800(1)

Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks

5. HoEs **should** identify and assess the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks associated with aviation activity at the MOD Aerodrome or Air Weapon Range.
6. HoEs **should** take steps to reduce any adverse Environmental Impacts, where reasonably practicable, and mitigate Environmental Risks using the BPEO.
7. An Environmental Management System **should** be utilized to manage the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks. Where appropriate, the management arrangements put in place to reduce, control or mitigate the adverse Environmental Impacts and any Environmental Risks **should** be communicated in an appropriate and auditable manner, for example noise abatement procedures.
8. To support the identification and mitigation of noise impacts arising from aviation activity, HoEs **should** ensure that Military Aviation Noise Contours (MANCs) are produced and maintained for the MOD Aerodrome⁴ or Air Weapon Range.

¹ Refer to Joint Service Publication (JSP) 418 – Management of Environmental Protection in Defence, Master Glossary.

² Refer to JSP 816 – Defence Environmental Management System Volume 2, Element 5: Supervision, Contracting and Control of Activities.

³ Refer to MAA 02: MAA Master Glossary.

⁴ Including overseas Aerodromes when the HoE determines it appropriate.

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9. The MANC⁵ **should** be generated from the following data:
 - a. Noise-Power-Distance (NPD) curves and associated spectral information. This data **should** be provided by the Delivery Team Leader or other nominated individual.
 - b. Flight tracks and profile information (including associated Altitudes, speeds and power settings) and engine ground run data. This data **should** be provided by the Aircraft Operator⁶.
 - c. Number of Aircraft movements for the preceding 12-month period, categorized by day (07:00 to 19:00), evening (19:00 to 23:00) or sleeping (23:00 to 07:00) periods⁷. This data **should** be provided by the HoE.
10. MANCs **should** be reviewed and updated on a periodic basis and whenever there is a change in the aviation activity at the MOD Aerodrome / Air Weapon Range⁸.

**Guidance
Material
1800(1)**

Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity - Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks

11. While not exhaustive, Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks associated with aviation activity at the Aerodrome / Air Weapon Range may include:
 - a. Noise nuisance.
 - b. Waste arising from Aircraft and Aircraft Maintenance activities.
 - c. Water and effluent (such as from Aircraft washing).
 - d. Substances used on the Movement Area eg anti-icing fluids.
 - e. Substances used during the operation and Maintenance of Aircraft eg fuel, de-icing fluids and other petrol, oil and lubricants.
12. MOD environmental protection policy for Environmental Management Systems can be found in:
 - a. JSP 816 – Defence Environmental Management System.
 - b. JSP 418 – Management of Environmental Protection in Defence.
13. For new or refurbished Aerodrome / Air Weapon Range buildings or infrastructure the Environmental Impacts and Environmental Risks may also include visual effects and other disturbances to the environment or public. MOD environmental protection policy for buildings and infrastructure can be found in:
 - a. JSP 850 – Infrastructure and Estate Policy, Standards and Guidance.
14. A MANC graphically shows the noise emitted from aviation activity around the Aerodrome / Air Weapon Range and is a useful tool for noise nuisance management.
15. The HoE, in consultation with the Aircraft Operator, will define the geographical boundaries of their responsibilities, and manage the Environmental Impacts and Risks, including noise, within those boundaries.
16. The Royal Airforce Centre for Aerospace Medicine (RAF CAM) can be contacted for further details on the format of the data required and for MANC tasking⁹.

⁵ Examples of MANCs are available on the UK Government website: [Military Aviation Noise Contours - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/military-aviation-noise-contours)

⁶ The HoE **should** coordinate the provision of this data for non-Military Aircraft that are permanently based at the Aerodrome.

⁷ To enable the annoyance induced by noise during those periods to be accounted for.

⁸ For example, following the introduction of a new Aircraft type or a change to the Aircraft's configuration that affects the Aircraft's noise characteristics.

⁹ Via email - Air COS Spt-CAM-OEM-NVD-HD.

RA 1801 – Air System Environmental Cases

Rationale

Aviation activity has adverse effects on the natural environment for example, through its production of noise and engine emissions. Without adequate tools and processes for managing the Environmental Impacts of UK military registered Air Systems, opportunities to minimize these adverse effects may be missed. This Regulatory Article (RA) requires the Environmental Impacts associated with Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK Military Aircraft Register (MAR) to be managed via an Air System Environmental Case (ASEC).

Contents

Definitions Relevant to this RA

Applicability of this RA

1801(1): The Air System Environmental Case and Air System Environmental Case Report

1801(2): Ownership of the Air System Environmental Case

Definitions

Definitions Relevant to this RA

1. **Environmental Impact**¹. An adverse or beneficial change to the environment resulting from the organization's environmental aspects.
2. **Best Practicable Environmental Option (BPEO)**². The outcome of a systematic and consultative decision-making procedure which emphasises the protection and conservation of the environment across land, air and water.
3. **Aircraft Operator**. The person who at the relevant time has Responsibility³ for the management of the military Aircraft. This might be a Delivery Duty Holder or Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

Applicability

Applicability of this RA

4. All Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK MAR⁴.
5. All Senior Responsible Owners (SROs)⁵ responsible for the introduction, development or Modification of Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK MAR.
6. All Delivery Team Leaders (DTLs), or other nominated individual, responsible for the environmental management of Air Systems on the UK MAR.
7. All Aircraft Operators responsible for the operation of Air Systems on the UK MAR.

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The Air System Environmental Case and Air System Environmental Case Report

1801(1) An ASEC **shall** be produced for Air Systems on, or destined for, the UK MAR. The ASEC **shall** be articulated via an ASEC Report.

¹ Refer to JSP 418 – Management of Environmental Protection in Defence, Master Glossary.

² Refer to JSP 816 – Defence Environmental Management System Volume 2, Element 5: Supervision, Contracting and Control of Activities.

³ Refer to MAA 02: MAA Master Glossary.

⁴ Civil-registered Aircraft (refer to RA 1166 – UK Civil-Registered Aircraft Utilized and Piloted by the Ministry of Defence and RA 1240 – Chartering of Civilian Air Systems for Military Purposes) are not subject to this RA since civil environmental protection legislation applies.

⁵ For civil-initiated procurement of Civilian-Owned / Civilian Operated Air Systems which do not have a SRO, the programme manager responsible for planning, governing and overseeing the successful delivery of the programme's output / product owns and manages the ASEC until it is transferred to the next ASEC owner in accordance with (iaw) RA 1801(2). Note the programme manager may be from the DT or Industry.

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8. An ASEC **should** consist of a structured argument, supported by a body of evidence that together provide a compelling, comprehensible and valid case that the adverse Environmental Impacts of an Air System have been reduced, where reasonably practicable, or that the BPEO has been applied.
9. Development of the ASEC **should** begin at the concept stage⁶, with Environmental Impacts and any UK environmental legislative requirements being considered during capability design and selection and be managed through to (and including) disposal.
10. The impact of any changes to an Air System's Configuration, role or operating environment that result in a deviation from the original assessment **should** be identified and assessed via the ASEC.
11. The ASEC **should** be managed via an Environmental Management System.
12. The ASEC **should** explicitly address the inclusion, or justified exclusion, of technologies and techniques that would improve the environmental performance of an Air System, both during the initial development of the capability and once in-service.
13. The decision to utilize qualitative or quantitative assessments to support the ASEC argument **should** be explained in the ASEC.
14. To meet the Secretary of State's intent with regards to Defence Derogations, Exemptions or Dis-applications from environmental protection legislation⁷, the ASEC **should** contain specific mention of Aircraft noise, Aircraft engine emissions and Aircraft CO₂ emissions as detailed in paragraphs 15-19.

Aircraft Noise

15. When an Aircraft on, or destined for, the UK MAR falls into one of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Annex 16 classifications defined for noise Certification purposes⁸, the noise standards set within Annex 16 **should** be utilized as a benchmark to support an environmental assessment⁹. Where an Aircraft does not fall into one of the ICAO Annex 16 classifications defined for noise Certification purposes, the environmental assessment **should** still be completed but it is accepted that the assessment will not be against an ICAO defined benchmark.
16. Noise-Power-Distance curves and associated spectral information **should** be referenced in the ASEC and provided to the relevant stakeholders to support the creation of Military Aviation Noise Contours iaw RA 1800¹⁰.

Fuel Venting Requirements

17. The ASEC **should** assess the potential for intentional discharge of liquid fuel from the fuel nozzle manifolds during the engine shutdown process following normal flight or ground operations¹¹. The likelihood of this occurring **should** be reduced by design but, where this is not practicable, the impact needs to be controlled by processes implemented by the Aircraft Operator.

Aircraft Engine Emissions¹²

18. When an Aircraft on, or destined for, the UK MAR has engines that fall into one of the ICAO Annex 16 classifications defined for emission Certification purposes¹³, the emissions standards set within Annex 16 **should** be utilized as a benchmark for an environmental assessment¹⁴. Where the engines fitted to the Aircraft do not fall into

⁶ The first stage of the CADMID cycle (Concept, Assessment, Demonstration, Manufacture, In-service, Disposal).

⁷ Secretary of State for Defence Policy Statement - Health, Safety and Environmental Protection in Defence revised April 2020.

⁸ ICAO Annex 16 Environmental Protection, Volume I – Aircraft Noise.

⁹ Where civil noise certificates are available these can be used as evidence within the ASEC and further noise assessment is not required.

¹⁰ Refer to RA 1800 – Aerodrome and Air Weapon Range Aviation Activity – Management of Environmental Impacts and Risks.

¹¹ ICAO Annex 16, Volume II, Part II, Chapter 2 – Prevention of Intentional Fuel Venting.

¹² Aircraft engine emissions include: smoke; non-volatile particulate matter (nvPM); unburned hydrocarbons; carbon monoxide; and oxides of nitrogen.

¹³ ICAO Annex 16 Environmental Protection, Volume II – Aircraft Engine Emissions.

¹⁴ Where civil engine emissions certificates are available these can be used as evidence within the ASEC and further engine emissions assessment is not required.

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one of the ICAO Annex 16 classifications defined for emission Certification purposes, the environmental assessment **should** still be completed but it is accepted that the assessment will not be against an ICAO defined benchmark.

Aircraft CO₂ Emissions

19. When an Aircraft on, or destined for, the UK MAR has engines that fall into one of the ICAO Annex 16 classifications defined for CO₂ emissions Certification purposes¹⁵, the CO₂ emissions standards set within Annex 16 **should** be utilized as a benchmark for an environmental assessment¹⁶. Where the engines fitted to the Aircraft do not fall into one of the ICAO Annex 16 classifications defined for CO₂ emissions Certification purposes, the environmental assessment **should** still be completed but it is accepted that the assessment will not be against an ICAO defined benchmark.

20. The ASEC **should** support the Aircraft Operator's responsibilities under RA 1802¹⁷.

The ASEC Report

21. An ASEC Report **should** be one document which captures the key components of the ASEC at a point in time. It **should** articulate the environmental argument and summarize the supporting evidence in a clear and concise format.

22. To ensure the ASEC Report presents a clear and compelling case, evidence **should** be referenced and only directly transposed into the ASEC Report where critical to the meaning or strength of an argument.

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23. Whilst UK civil legislation requires UK civil registered Aircraft to comply with the environmental standards set by ICAO, it is deemed impracticable to require military registered Air Systems to comply with the ICAO environmental standards or to create bespoke environmental standards for military registered Air Systems. Instead, the ASEC will be used to understand and reduce, where reasonably practicable, the adverse Environmental Impacts of an Air System within the context of the operational requirement.

24. **Technologies and techniques that reduce adverse Environmental Impacts.** The principle behind paragraph 12 is the requirement to consider good practice as part of any environmental case. As such, the design and selection of the Air System has to consider extant technologies and techniques that improve the environmental performance of an Air System and are applicable to the intended context, with decision(s) captured within the developing ASEC. The consideration of emerging technologies and techniques will depend on the anticipated environmental benefit, and the maturity of those technologies and techniques against the programme timeline. Once the Air System is in-service, periodic review of the ASEC will need to confirm that arguments based on the adoption of good practice are still valid, cognisant of any changes in context or adoption of new technologies and techniques across the aviation industry.

25. When considering the management of the adverse Environmental Impacts associated with the operation of an Air System it is important to consider all the likely Air System operating locations eg at an Aerodrome, away from the Aerodrome, in the low flying system.

26. MOD environmental protection policy can be found in:

- a. JSP 816 – Defence Environmental Management System.
- b. JSP 418 – Management of Environmental Protection in Defence.

27. Environmental considerations for the Acquisition process can be found in JSP 655 – Defence Investment Approvals.

¹⁵ ICAO Annex 16 – Environmental Protection, Volume III – Aeroplane CO₂ Emissions.

¹⁶ Where civil CO₂ emissions certificates are available these can be used as evidence within the ASEC and further CO₂ emissions assessment is not required.

¹⁷ Refer to RA 1802 – Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

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Ownership of the Air System Environmental Case

1801(2) The SRO or DTL **shall** develop, manage and own the ASEC subject to the following:

- a. An ASEC **shall** have a single owner at any one time.
- b. For new Air Systems, the SRO **shall** own the ASEC from concept until transfer of the ASEC to the DTL.

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Roles and Responsibilities of the ASEC Owner – SRO

28. From nomination as a project SRO and on ownership of the project mandate, until transfer of the ASEC to the DTL, the SRO **should**:

- a. Own and manage the development of the ASEC argument and its associated evidence requirements.
- b. Ensure that environmental considerations are founded in capability requirement design and selection.
- c. Ensure appropriate stakeholder¹⁸ engagement during development of the ASEC.
- d. Manage the development of the ASEC argument, and its associated evidence requirements, when an Air System returns to the developmental domain due to major Modification or upgrade project¹⁹.

Roles and Responsibilities of the ASEC Owner – DTL

29. The DTL **should**:

- a. Assume ownership and management of the ASEC on handover from the SRO. This will follow a review of the ASEC during which the DTL confirms that they understand the environmental argument and associated body of evidence.
- b. Ensure appropriate engagement with the Aircraft Operator is maintained to enable effective management of the ASEC.
- c. Formally notify the relevant stakeholder(s)²⁰ of any Environmental Impacts and obtain their acceptance of them, noting that the DTL will continue to own the ASEC.

Roles and Responsibilities of the Aircraft Operator

30. The Aircraft Operator **should**:

- a. Provide the SRO and / or DTL with information from an operating perspective that will be relevant to the development and Maintenance of the ASEC, including any change in the operating context of the Air System.
- b. Understand the adverse Environmental Impacts associated with the operation of the Air System as outlined in the ASEC.
- c. Where possible and reasonably practicable to do so, employ operating measures that will reduce the adverse Environmental Impacts. These measures will be captured in the ASEC.

31. For Special Case Flying Air Systems²¹ where no DTL exists, the Aircraft Operator **should** produce the ASEC. The Sponsor³ **should** ensure that the Environmental Impacts articulated in the ASEC are acceptable to the MOD.

32. **Review of the ASEC.** The requirement to undertake a review of the ASEC

¹⁸ Including Aircraft Operators, DTLs, Front Line Commands, relevant Contractor Flying Approved Organization Schemes, and Heads of Establishment (HoE) representatives at relevant MOD Aerodromes.

¹⁹ Refer to RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes; and RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP 21 Subpart D).

²⁰ The individual with responsibility for managing the Environmental Impact identified in the ASEC, such as Aircraft Operator, HoE (see RA1800 for HoE responsibilities), Maintenance organization etc.

²¹ Refer to RA 1163 – Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems.

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should be determined by the appropriate ASEC owner. Changes which **should** initiate a review of the ASEC include, but are not limited to:

- a. A change in the operating context of the Air System.
- b. In-service Design Changes²².
- c. A change to the environmental case argument²³.

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33. A single in-service Air System type may be operated by multiple Aircraft Operators with differing context of use. Where the Environmental Impacts associated with each context differ, the ASEC will need to capture this clearly but there is no requirement to maintain separate ASECs for each Aircraft Operator.

²² Primarily Major in-service Design Changes iaw RA 5305 – In-Service Design Changes; and as defined in RA 5820 – Changes in Type Design (MRP 21 Subpart D).

²³ Including, but not limited to: changes to environmental legislation or MOD Policy; changes to relevant project stakeholders or the information available from them; or as a result of an Environmental Incident as defined in Joint Service Publication (JSP) 418 – Management of Environmental Protection in Defence, Master Glossary.

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RA 1802 – Aviation Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Rationale

Aviation activity produces greenhouse gas emissions¹ which have an adverse effect on the natural environment through their contribution to global warming. Without adequate processes and tools for managing the greenhouse gas emissions produced by aviation activity, opportunities to minimize these adverse effects may be missed. This Regulatory Article (RA) requires the greenhouse gas emissions produced by UK military registered Aircraft to be managed, focusing on carbon emissions², with the aim of limiting where reasonably practicable.

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1. **Aircraft Operator.** The person who at the relevant time has Responsibility³ for the management of the military Aircraft. This might be a Delivery Duty Holder or Accountable Manager (Military Flying).

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1802(1) Aircraft Operators of UK military registered Aircraft **shall** manage the carbon emissions produced by their Aircraft.

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2. Aircraft Operators of UK military registered Aircraft **should** have a carbon emissions monitoring plan for each Aircraft fleet for which they are responsible.
3. As a minimum, a carbon emissions monitoring plan **should** include:
 - a. Version and date of document.
 - b. Details of the Aircraft Operator.
 - c. Aircraft types and number of Aircraft per type.
 - d. Fuel type used for each Aircraft type.
 - e. Procedures used to obtain the data required to monitor annual carbon emissions.
 - f. Methodology for calculating carbon emissions.
4. Carbon emissions monitoring plans **should** be updated whenever there is a change to the information related to sub-paragraphs b to f above.
5. To calculate carbon emissions from fuel type, the Government conversion factors for the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions⁴ **should** be used.
6. Aircraft Operators of UK military registered Aircraft **should** report their carbon emissions annually to the Operational Energy Authority (OEA)⁵. The submission **should** include a short narrative on how the Aircraft Operator manages the carbon emissions produced by their Aircraft, with the aim of limiting them where reasonably practicable; an explanation of any variation in the reported values from previous years submissions; alongside a copy of the carbon emissions monitoring plan.

¹ The [Climate Change Act 2008](#) defines greenhouse gases as: carbon dioxide (CO₂); methane (CH₄); nitrous oxide (N₂O); hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs); perfluorocarbons (PFCs); sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃).

² Carbon emissions include a subset of greenhouse gas emissions. In line with civil legislation and UK Government Conversion Factors, these include CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O, referred to as CO₂e (where the 'e' stands for CO₂ 'equivalent').

³ Refer to MAA 02: MAA Master Glossary.

⁴ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>.

⁵ Via email UKStratCom-DefSp-OEA SO1. CapCoh.

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7. UK civil legislation⁶ requires civilian aviation to participate in the UK Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme⁷, but the creation of a military scheme is considered impracticable. Aircraft Operators are instead required to have an understanding of, and limit where reasonably practicable, their Aircraft's carbon emissions and intelligently assess, via a narrative in their annual emissions report, how they manage these emissions and why the emissions may have increased or decreased from previous years.
8. Whilst the required outcomes of this RA are driven by environmental protection⁸, they also support Ministry of Defence (MOD) sustainability strategies⁹.
9. The Government conversion factors for the reporting of greenhouse gas emissions are updated annually.
10. The OEA may provide Aircraft Operators with further guidance on annual reporting requirements to ensure Standardization across all Aircraft Operators.
11. Whilst independent verification of the annually reported emissions data is not currently necessary, this may be required in the future to ensure the consistency and accuracy of the data.

⁶ [The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020](#) and [The Air Navigation \(Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation\) Order 2021](#).

⁷ Noting that some UK military Aircraft on civil taskings are also required to participate in this Scheme.

⁸ Practices and procedures that are designed to avoid, minimize, eliminate, or reverse damage to the environmental and to environmental systems.

⁹ [MOD Sustainability and Climate Change](#).

RA 1910 - Quality Assurance of aviation fuel from non-UK MOD Sources

Rationale

There may be a requirement to uplift aviation fuel from non-UK MOD Aerodromes¹. There is a Risk that the fuel available may not match the grade, specification and quality required by the consumer ► **Aircraft**. ◀ This can be mitigated by application of processes and / or local orders to ensure appropriate actions are taken when uplifting non-UK MOD aviation fuels.

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1910(1) Aviation Duty Holders (ADH) and Accountable Managers (Military Flying) (AM(MF)) **shall** ensure that non-UK MOD sourced fuel is uplifted from an appropriate source and to the appropriate grade, specification and quality.

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Quality Assurance of aviation fuel from non-UK MOD Sources

1. When UK MOD sourced fuel² is not available, the ADH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that fuel of an acceptable grade is uplifted from a:
 - a. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) supply chain,
 - b. UK or Overseas Territories Licensed Aerodrome supply chain,
 - c. UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Certified Aerodrome supply chain,
 - d. European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) Certified Aerodrome supply chain,
 - e. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Certified Aerodrome supply chain, or
 - f. Certified Commercial Airport supply chain.
2. When fuel is not available from a UK MOD source or those supply chains listed in paragraph 1, the ADH / AM(MF) **should** ensure that:
 - a. For planned occurrences, the fuel quality is checked at a suitable point prior to uplift (eg via use of an Advanced Party).
 - b. For unplanned and operational requirements:
 - (1) The minimum quantity required is uplifted.
 - (2) On arrival at a UK MOD supported site, the remaining Aircraft fuel is sampled and tested (eg by 1710 Naval Air Squadron (1710NAS)) and Type Airworthiness Authority (TAA)³ advice sought as required.
3. Uplifted fuel found to be not suitable, in accordance with (iaw) the Release To Service (RTS)⁴ or appropriate Military Permit to Fly (MPTF)⁵, or deemed to be contaminated **should** be removed from the Aircraft (prior to next flight)⁶, except where

¹ This includes UK and non-UK Aerodromes that are not owned by the UK MOD.

² "UK MOD sourced fuel" is deemed to be either: supplied by a UK MOD supplier / source; or fuel that complies with JSP 317 aviation fuel quality control and Assurance procedures and where fixed Bulk Fuel Installations are audited by the MOD's Fuel and Gas Safety Regulator.

³ Where the Air System is ► **not-UK MOD-owned, Type Airworthiness (TAW) management** regulatory responsibility by either the TAA or Type Airworthiness Manager (TAM) needs to be agreed within the Sponsor's approved model ► ◀; refer to RA 1162 - Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Civilian Operated (Development) and (In-Service) Air Systems, or refer to RA 1163 - Air Safety Governance Arrangements for Special Case Flying Air Systems. ► **Dependent on the agreed delegation of TAW responsibilities TAM may be read in place of TAA as appropriate throughout this RA.** ◀

⁴ Refer to RA 1300 – Release To Service.

⁵ Refer to RA 1305 – Military Permit to Fly (In-Service), (Special Case Flying) and (Single Task); or RA 5880 – Military Permit to Fly (Development) (MRP 21 Subpart P).

⁶ iaw the Air System's Technical Instructions.

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deemed operationally essential⁷, and the Continuing Airworthiness Management Organization informed.

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4. All Licensed Aerodromes⁸ within the UK must, iaw the Air Navigation Order⁹, ensure their fuel is fit for use in Aircraft.
5. All Licensed Aerodromes within UK Overseas Territories must, iaw the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order¹⁰, ensure their fuel is fit for use in Aircraft.
6. UK Unlicensed Aerodromes are guided to comply with the Air Navigation Order¹¹.
7. EASA Certified Aerodromes^{12, 13} will ensure their fuel is fit for purpose, uncontaminated and of the correct specification. Furthermore, EASA Air Operation Regulations require that Certified Aerodromes detail their procedures and management systems within an Operations Manual¹⁴.
8. UK CAA Certified Aerodromes¹⁵ will ensure their fuel is fit for purpose, uncontaminated and of the correct specification.
9. FAA Certified Aerodromes¹⁶ will ensure their fuel is fit for purpose, uncontaminated and of the correct specification.
10. Certified Commercial Airports across the majority of the world, self-regulate the quality of fuel at uplift with no International Civil Aviation Organization / CAA mandatory requirements. Whilst absolute confirmation cannot be given as a result the participation of the Energy Institute / Joint Inspection Group standard 1530^{17, 18} testing regimes and the International Air Transport Association Fuel Quality Pool mean that reasonable confidence can be taken in the quality of fuel at any Certified Commercial Airport.
11. Aviation fuel Quality Assurance (QA) is based on certification at the point of manufacture and subsequent procedures to verify that the quality remains within specification limits through to delivery to the ► Aircraft fuel ◀ tanks. Documentation is an essential part of this process; and when fuel is not available from a UK MOD source or those supply chains listed in paragraph 1, ADHs and AM(MF)s are strongly encouraged to obtain copies of test certificates as evidence of fuel quality. Key documents likely to be available from a supplier are:
 - a. **Refinery Certificate of Quality (RCQ).** Produced at the point of manufacture; it is the definitive original document describing the quality of a batch of aviation fuel.
 - b. **Certificate of Analysis.** Issued by a laboratory downstream from the point of manufacture; it contains determinations of the properties required in the relevant specification.
 - c. **Recertification Test Certificate.** Produced where there is a risk of cross contamination, ie multiproduct pipelines or ocean-going tankers. The results are compared to the original RCQ to ensure the quality of the product has not been compromised during transfer.

⁷ Refer to RA 1020 – Aviation Duty Holder ► ◀ – Roles and Responsibilities.

⁸ A list of UK CAA Licensed Aerodromes is available here: <https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-industry/Airports/Aerodrome-licences/Licences/Aerodrome-licences-and-boundary-maps>.

⁹ Refer to The Air Navigation Order 2016 Part 8, Chapter 1, Article 220.

¹⁰ Refer to Statutory Instrument 2013 No. 2870 – The Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013.

¹¹ Refer to CAP 793 – Safe Operating Practices.

¹² A list of EASA Certified Aerodromes is available here: <https://www.easa.europa.eu/domains/aerodromes>.

¹³ Refer to EU Regulation (EU) No 2018/1139.

¹⁴ Refer to EU Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012.

¹⁵ A list of UK CAA Certified Aerodromes is available here: <https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-industry/Airports/Aerodrome-licences/Certificates/UK-certificated-aerodromes>.

¹⁶ Refer to FAA Regulation 121.373 – Continuing analysis and surveillance.

¹⁷ Refer to EI / JIG 1530 – Quality assurance requirements for the manufacture, storage and distribution of aviation fuels to airports.

¹⁸ <http://www.energyinst.org/technical/safety/aviation/1530>.

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- d. **Release Certificate.** An operational document linked to one or more laboratory test certificates; it authorizes any transfer of aviation fuel (including to airports), confirming compliance with a relevant specification.
12. When fuel is not available from a UK MOD source or those supply chains listed in paragraph 1, additional field tests are undertaken and results recorded as part of the overall QA process; these include Periodic Tests, Appearance Checks, Membrane Filtration Tests, Control Checks, Conductivity and Microbiological Tests. Copies of such reports may also be available on request from the supplier.
13. Advice and guidance on fuel testing, retrospective fuel analysis and technical assurance can be obtained from the Defence Strategic Fuels Authority¹⁹ (Bulk Fuels, JSP 317) or 1710NAS²⁰ (Aircraft samples).
14. The Air System's RTS or MPTF will include details of the normal and alternative fuel grades and specifications that are compatible.

¹⁹ Email UKStratCom-DefSp-DSFATechMulti@mod.gov.uk.

²⁰ Email NAVY1710NAS-MIGCIS@mod.gov.uk.

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