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Def Stan 00-970 Notice of Authorized Amendment: MAA/ADS/NAA/2026/07

Title of Proposal	**Noise Environment**
Def Stan 00-970 Part	**0, 1, 3, 7**
NPA Reference(s)	**N/A**

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Cross-references to Other Documents or Relevant Sources Affected	
Other Def Stan 00-970 Amendments	1,3,7
EASA CS Amendments	N/A
Other Document	N/A

Authorized Amendment
Summary/Overview of the amendment to explain / ensure that the reader understands: the rationale for the amendment; the major changes; and, importantly, the full context (including the desired outcome) of the amendment.
Background: This NAA refers to the originating RFC 2026_15 and associated RFC 2026_16 which are related in that they address the same Def Stan 00-970 noise requirements, but from fundamentally different perspectives: RFC 2026_15 (this RFC) seeks to: • Remove occupational noise exposure requirements entirely

- Refocus Def Stan 00-970 on safety-of-flight considerations only
- Avoid using Def Stan as a mechanism for workplace H&S regulation

RFC 2026_16 seeks to:

- Update outdated legislative references
- Introduce vibration legislation (2005)
- Potentially revise requirement values/wording for compliance

Areas of Common Ground

Both RFCs implicitly acknowledge that:

- Current Def Stan 00-970 noise content is outdated and requires review
- There is linkage to workplace legislation (Noise at Work Regs)
- Existing requirements (e.g. 85 dBA constructs) require reconsideration

RFC 2026/016 addresses legislative updates to noise and vibration requirements; however, its applicability is dependent on the outcome of this RFC 2026/015, which proposes removal of occupational exposure requirements from Def Stan 00-970. The two RFCs represent alternative approaches (retain vs remove). Resolution of RFC 2026/015 is required prior to progressing RFC 2026/016.

12 Jun 26: Meeting between DSA-MAA-Cert-DepHd, DSA-MAA-Cert-S and ADS, DSA-MAA-CERT-ADS1 and DSA-MAA-Cert-ADS1b:

- DSA-MAA-CERT-ADS1 delivered a PPT presentation mainly focussing on RFC 2026_016 as the email origins arose earlier (despite the RFC serial number).
- Confirmed parts of the Def Stan 00-970 which referenced outdated workplace legislation/advice dated 1987.
- Stated that no reference is made to the Control of Vibrations at Work Regulations in any Def Stan Part.
- Confirmed that Def Stan 00-970 Parts 1,3, & 7 makes reference to outdated noise regulation within subpart D.
- Def Stan 00-970 Part 5 has no UK deltas.
- It was accepted at the meeting that Def Stan 00-970 is, post transformation, Certification Specifications for Airworthiness (not Design & Airworthiness Requirements).
- However, in the case for noise, it was stated that the most extant version of the regulations is to be followed as Certification is linked with this requirement. That said, it was agreed that references to specific values is to be removed (including those at subpart D).
- It was agreed that the Parts 1, 3 & 7 UK deltas be bolstered by the inclusion of a new UK military delta encompassing the originators intent described in Part 1 of this RFC, proposed text area.
- It was agreed that the associated Compliance statements in Parts 1, 3 & 7 be amended to remove reference to the outdated noise values. In addition, the Compliance statements are to be enhanced by moving sub para (b) from the

guidance column into the compliance area. The sub para (a) is to be deleted from the Guidance area as it refers to the now defunct subpart D.

- It was agreed that the Informative reference at Part 0, Annexe A, Table 8 is to have the correct reference annotated.
- The Vibration issue is to be discussed further at RFC 2026_16.

Proposed RFC 2026_15 Remedial Action:

Part 0, Annexe A, Table 8 Informative References:

- Delete outdated reference: HEALTH and SAFETY CONSULTATIVE DOCUMENT. Prevention of damage to Hearing from Noise at Work. Draft proposal for Regulation and Guidance. ISBN 011 883495 9, Pub HMSO 1987 from reference column. Insert Health and Safety Executive Regulation: Control of Noise at Work Regulations 2005 (or latest version).
- Delete Technical Report from Document Type column. Insert Regulation.

Part 1, & 3:

- Delete Subpart D 2.4.4.1.1 (and the further associated sub paragraphs 2.4.4.1.1.1, 2.4.4.1.2, 2.4.4.1.2.1, 2.4.4.1.3, 2.4.4.1.3.1, 2.4.4.1.3.2, 2.4.4.1.3.3) in their entirety as this is Design/Operational Guidance, not Airworthiness Certification Criteria. Insert Deleted Issue XX* (*where XX = amended issue number).

Part 7:

- Delete Subpart D 2.4.4.5.1 (and the further associated sub paragraphs 2.4.4.5.1.1, 2.4.4.5.2, 2.4.4.5.2.1, 2.4.4.5.2.2, 2.4.4.5.2.3, 2.4.4.5.2.4) in their entirety as this is Design/Operational Guidance, not Airworthiness Certification Criteria. Insert Deleted Issue XX* (*where XX = amended issue number).

Part 1, UK25.771b:

- Add Requirement (d): Crewmembers must be able to communicate with each other and correctly interpret system-generated sounds during all phases of operation, including (but not limited to) weapon firing and flying with doors and/or windows open.
- Delete existing Compliance (b) in its entirety. Insert new Compliance (b) The exposure limit values within the UK Control of Noise at Work Regulations is to be considered.
- Delete existing Guidance (a) and (b) in their entirety. Insert INTENTIONALLY BLANK.

Part 3, UK23.2320b:

- Add Requirement (d): Crewmembers must be able to communicate with each other and correctly interpret system-generated sounds during all phases of operation, including (but not limited to) weapon firing and flying with doors and/or windows open.

- Delete existing Compliance (b) in its entirety. Insert new Compliance (b) The exposure limit values within the UK Control of Noise at Work Regulations is to be considered.
- Delete existing Guidance (a) and (b) in their entirety. Insert INTENTIONALLY BLANK.

Part 7, UK29.771d:

- Add Requirement (d): Crewmembers must be able to communicate with each other and correctly interpret system-generated sounds during all phases of operation, including (but not limited to) weapon firing and flying with doors and/or windows open.
- Delete existing Compliance (b) in its entirety. Insert new Compliance (b) The exposure limit values within the UK Control of Noise at Work Regulations is to be considered.
- Delete existing Guidance (a) and (b) in their entirety. Insert INTENTIONALLY BLANK.

Part 7, UK29.771e:

- Insert new Compliance (b) The exposure limit values within the UK Control of Noise at Work Regulations is to be considered.
- Delete existing Guidance (a) and (b) in their entirety. Insert INTENTIONALLY BLANK.

ADS Response (following endorsement by HoB 01 Jul 26):

- Part 0: Amended into Part 0 Issue 25 (01/07/26)
- Part 1: Amended into Part 1 Issue 19 (02/07/26)
- Part 3: Amended into Part 3 Issue 5 (02/07/26)
- Part 5: N/A
- Part 7: Amended into Part 7 Issue 12 (07/07/26)

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