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DE&S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BULLETIN (SEB)

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Keeping our Safety and Environmental Practitioners informed

Release of DE&S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEAFLET 16/2021- COMMERCIAL DIVING ACQUISITION.	
When it takes effect:	Immediately
Valid for:	Until rescinded
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Description

1. This SEB announces the release S&EP Leaflet 16/2021. It has been recognised that there was a gap in corporate safety management system arrangements regarding the acquisition of commercial diving services.
2. DE&S' requirements for diving operations are met through a combination of contracted commercial divers including indirect/vicarious 3rd Party contracts, DE&S divers (SALMO) and Military divers. Regardless of the mode of delivery, all DE&S diving activity is subject to legislation and regulation and this SE&P Leaflet defines the arrangements required within DE&S to discharge its responsibilities in relation to the acquisition of commercial diving services.
3. S&EP Leaflet 16/2021 describes DE&S' policy for the acquisition of commercial diving services for DE&S sponsored diving projects and provides direction to Delivery Teams to ensure that their responsibilities under both the Diving At Work Regulations 1997 (DWR 97) and DSA 02 are understood and met. This policy is applicable to all DE&S personnel with responsibility for the management of commercial diving services where DE&S has contracted for the activity.
4. Domains should implement and use their own process(es) to manage and assure diving activities under their direct or vicarious control which must be consistent with the intent of this policy document.
5. The leaflet has been published on ASEMS as part of GMP-00, it will also be available on Knowledge in Defence (KiD).
6. The updated leaflet is to be used with immediate effect.

Actions to be taken

1. For cascading as appropriate

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