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DE&S SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LEAFLET 09/2015 - DE&S's CONTRIBUTION TO MITIGATING RISKS TO LIFE (RtL) ACROSS MOD (replacing LEAFLET 05/2012)

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Background

1. It is Departmental policy that those responsible and accountable for activities that have the potential to pose *RtL* be identified as Duty Holders and appointed formally as such through Letters of Delegation (LoD).
2. Across MOD, Duty Holders are responsible and accountable for the safe operation of systems, facilities and activities in their areas of responsibility. By controlling *RtL* and reducing them to *Broadly Acceptable or Tolerable & As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP)*, MOD Duty Holders ensure that all persons to whom MOD owes a common law and statutory duty of care are protected. In doing so, MOD Duty Holders will control hazardous activities to protect:
 - i. The personnel under their command or management including those temporarily involved in MOD's activities; and
 - ii. Others that could be affected by such activities, e.g. the public.

Introduction of DE&S S&EP Leaflet 09/2015

3. In 2009, DE&S published S&EP Leaflet 05/2012, describing how the Duty Holder concept would be applied across the DE&S TLB and including an annex listing the organization's Senior, Intermediate and Delivery Duty Holders. Since it was originally published, the leaflet has been subject to a number of reviews. As part of the latest review, a decision was taken to renumber and rename the leaflet. This SEB introduces the DE&S S&EP Leaflet 09/2015, which replaces the original Leaflet 05/2012 with immediate effect.
4. Leaflet 09/2015 includes at Annex B a fully updated table of DE&S Operating and Delivery Duty Holders. It also acknowledges that, whilst some members of DE&S are not identified as Duty Holders within the DE&S construct, other domains who may have interpreted the Duty Holder definition differently may identify them as such.

5. Most Duty Holders within MOD are in the FLCs. It is only where activities posing *RtL* are carried out within DE&S's areas of responsibility that DE&S Duty Holders need to be appointed by following the relevant instructions and principles of Leaflet 09/2015 introduced under cover of this SEB.

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