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JSP 515 HAZARDOUS STORES INFORMATION SYSTEM (HSIS) - DE&S AND CONTRACTOR/SUPPLIER OBLIGATIONS TO MAINTAIN SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION

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Issue

The JSP 515 Hazardous Substances Information System (HSIS) Support Team are not being supplied timely, and/or suitable safety and environmental information for items entering the MOD supply chain for scrutiny and upload to the JSP 515 HSIS database.

HSIS is a pan-MOD resource that allows the accurate identification, classification, storage, transport, handling and disposal requirements of the item. Information is required for the protection of people, environment and property; without this information the product must not enter the MOD supply and transport chain.

Actions to be taken

Safety and Environmental Practitioners are requested to assist in lifting the level of awareness that MOD procurement authorities must ensure that their manufactures' and or suppliers' comply with their mandated duty to provide adequate and appropriate safety information at the earliest opportunity and before the stores arrive at a MOD site.

It is requested that Safety and Environmental Practitioners actively engage with staff in Project Teams (PTs) such as Inventory Managers, Commercial Officers, etc, to ensure that they; their suppliers and contractors furnish the information to the HSIS Support Team.

Safety information comes in various formats but is most commonly known as a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) but regardless of format those responsible for managing equipment and spares must forward it, along with the appropriate NATO Stock Number (NSN), to DSA-DLSR-MovTpt-DGHSIS@mod.uk.

Background

Within MoD, the [JSP515 – MoD Hazardous Stores Information System \(HSIS\)](#) provides direction and guidance to enable the compilation of an inventory of safety and environmental information. This is used to enable the safe use of potentially hazardous substances, mixtures and articles (including equipment containing such items) throughout the MOD supply chain. The DSA-DLSR-MovTp, as regulator has communicated concerns regarding poor supply and quality of information to the HSIS database.

The HSIS database relies upon PT staff such as Inventory Managers and Commercial Officers ensuring that they; their suppliers and contractors furnish the information to the HSIS Support Team at the earliest opportunity and certainly before the stores arrive into the MoD supply chain.

The HSIS database is vital in the provision of adequate information to users to ensure protection of people and the environment from the possible adverse effects of hazardous items, and is also necessary to enable the flow of products through the supply chain. The SDS provides the information essential to those involved in the risk assessment (Control of Substances Hazardous to Health) including identification, classification, storage, transport, handling and disposal of the item. Without this information the product may be delayed entering the supply and transport chain.

DefCon 68 (Supply of Hazard Data for Articles, Materials and Substances) provides the formal mechanism for contractors and PT staff to ensure the SDS (or DefForm 68) is sent to the HSIS Team for scrutiny and upload. The information requirement includes how the item is classified with the appropriate International or MoD Hazard Code on the Items of Supply Information System (ISIS); which feeds the Base Inventory Systems, Management of the Joint Deployed Inventory (MJDI), etc.

Supporting Policy and Guidance

Regulatory Joint Service Publications (e.g. JSP 418 MOD Corporate Environmental Protection Manual Vol 2 Leaflet 5 Hazardous Substances and Restricted Materials).

ASEMS Part 1, (e.g. [SEP Leaflet 07/2103](#) (Through Life Management of Hazardous Substances))

[QSEP DII WebPages](#) provide advice and guidance on compliance with legislation, MOD Policy and [management of SDS](#) to inform this process.

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