

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE AND ISSUE

1. The Secretary of State for Defence has issued a policy statement on Safety, Health, Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development in the Ministry of Defence (MOD) which sets out the strategic principles, duties and governance to be applied throughout the MOD. The policy statement is at Annex A.

2. This Joint Service Publication (JSP) is applicable to all Defence activities; compliance with it will ensure consistent implementation of the Secretary of State's policy. It adopts a threefold approach to achieving this by:

- Describing, in high level terms, the corporate system for the management of the environment and safety throughout the MOD
- Providing strategic direction to the Functional Safety Boards (FSBs)
- Providing strategic direction to the Top Level Budget (TLB) and Trading Fund Agency (TFA) duty holders responsible for the implementation of environment and safety policy and related management systems within the MOD

STRUCTURE

3. This JSP has been structured to follow the component parts of an effective management system, drawing on Health and Safety Executive (HSE) publication HS(G)65 and ISO 14001. Although the JSP does not exactly mirror the source documents, it does address the 5 main elements expected of a management system, namely:

- Policy
- Organisation
- Planning and Implementation
- Systems Effectiveness (checking and corrective action)
- Audit and Review

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY JOINT SERVICE PUBLICATIONS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

4. JSPs have applicability and authority across the MOD. A number contain, either wholly or partially, material relating to environment and safety and ultimately derive their authority from the Secretary of State's policy statement. The system of environment and safety JSPs is described in Chapter 2. TLB and TFA documentation, published to facilitate implementation, shall meet the relevant requirements set out in environment and safety JSPs.

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

5. When used in relation to the responsibilities of an FSB, the term "Safety" is defined as encompassing those duties laid down in the Chairman's letter of delegation. Otherwise, the following definitions apply:

- Safety includes occupational health and safety and equipment and materiel safety,
- Environment includes environmental protection, sustainable development, climate change and biodiversity.

6. To ensure consistent use of terms and phrases relating to environment and safety across the MOD, a glossary of words, phrases and their definitions is included at Annex B. A list of acronyms is at Annex C.