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Safety Notice – Urgent

There have been two recent incidents on MoD ranges involving technical failures of rifles and / or ammunition used by members of civilian clubs. After discussions with the MoD the NRA has agreed that use of the following firearms and ammunition on MoD ranges is prohibited until further notice:

Firearms:

- Rangemaster Precision Arms magazine-fed rifles in .50" calibre
- Krag-Jorgensen rifles in 6.5 x 55 calibre and larger calibres, manufactured prior to 1945, except the Model 1912 carbine and derivatives of the M1912

Ammunition:

- .50" BMG ammunition from the following batches:
 - LC 51 (Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence MO, 1951)
 - LC83 (Lake City Army Ammunition Plant, Independence MO, 1983)
 - A80 R1M3 (Pretoria Metal Pressings, Republic of South Africa)
 - SF 1-83 12.7 S (France, 1983)

The prohibition of the Krag-Jorgensen rifles also apply on Bisley ranges (.50" calibre is not permitted).

This prohibition will be reviewed as soon as the NRA investigation into each incident is sufficiently mature to provide valid technical information.

Please note the following:-

- The NRA recommends that ammunition from different batches is not mixed in the same firing string unless there is a specific reason to do so (such as investigating comparative performance).
- It is essential that RCOs signing for ranges are fully conversant with range orders, particularly those relating to accident / incident procedures.
- DIO Technical Advisory Service (TAS) Range Advice Note 14_05 refers.

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