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Dear Secretary,

Muzzle Energy and the Conditions to Use MoD Ranges

Without the work of the National Rifle Association it is unlikely that civilians would still be shooting on military ranges. Throughout the negotiations with the MoD, the Association has been conscious of its obligations to all shooters and is pleased to have been able to keep you all shooting. We regret the additional conditions that have been placed upon you but every effort has been made to reduce their impact to manageable levels.

In order to keep any financial burden on clubs to a minimum, the initial costs (which are not insignificant) of producing new training packages, the additional administration and the staff costs have all been borne by the NRA.

A copy of the MoD / NRA Agreement is attached, along with implementation advice and guidance for both clubs and individuals. Particular note should be made of the following points:

Muzzle Energy

- There are new requirements for shooters using ammunition with firearms that generate a muzzle energy in excess of 4500J. These are fully detailed in the attachment.

NRA Probationary Course

- The new Probationary course has been specially written to be delivered by clubs ensuring a consistent standard across the country. It is a formal course that has been accredited by the MoD as the national standard.
- After 1st July 2008, all new shooters will need to have taken the NRA course or another course approved by the Association in order to shoot on MoD ranges.

Certification

- Clubs must return the enclosed agreement informing the NRA how many members wish to shoot on MoD ranges (including Bisley) in 2009. On this basis the NRA will supply free of charge the necessary certification cards (Note that only originals will be accepted by the MoD).
- Clubs are encouraged to make their returns as early as possible to ensure that the NRA have time to process their application well in advance of December 2008 so that everyone who needs to be certified prior to the 1st January 2009 deadline is in possession of a card.
- Spoilt cards must be returned to the NRA for a free replacement.

Insurance

- All clubs that have affiliated to the NRA in 2008 and elected to take the NRA insurance will have been provided with Directors and Officers cover to cover the additional requirements of the Muzzle Energy agreement. Those clubs who are not covered by the NRA insurance need to check with their insurers as to their level of cover.

The National Rifle Association continues to work to protect the sport for its members and its affiliated clubs and we have reduced the cost of individual membership over recent years. The NRA grows stronger as our individual membership increases but to keep this momentum and strength, we need clubs to promote individual membership of the NRA within their clubs - it will help us all in the long run.

Onwards and upwards

Glynn Alger, Secretary General of the National Rifle Association

Annex B

Association agreement and order form

Association Name	Association affiliation no.

Association agreement for the use of MoD ranges

As Chairman of the association named above, I agree that:

- Our association will follow the NRA Safe Shooting System.
- I will annually certify all members who request to be certified and who I judge to be safe and competent.
- I will ensure that anyone shooting with the association holds a valid certificate from a club or Association affiliated to the NRA except in the case of Probationary members or those listed in Appendix 3 to the MoD agreement.
- Any new members to our association will complete the NRA probationary training course (either run by the NRA or by ourselves). If our association wants to use our own course, we will apply for accreditation by the NRA.
- I will maintain adequate records of our training and certification systems for possible audit by the NRA or MoD.
- I agree that our association will take part in any investigation conducted jointly by the NRA and the MoD following an incident on an MoD range and will require our members to assist fully in any such investigation.

Signature:

Name:	Date:
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Certificate and training program order form

Please supply our association with the following:

	@ £3	£	Certificates for active non-NRA members
	@ £0	£	Certificates for NRA members (a list of names and NRA membership numbers must be enclosed)
	@ £5	£	Probationary member course packs
	@ £10	£	Probationary course instructor packs
£			Total Cost