

News story: MOD to review Armed Forces exemption from UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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As part of the UK's obligations to the UN's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, every five years it must look again at the armed forces' exemption and review whether it is still appropriate.

The review will look at how the exemption affects the operational capability of the armed forces and our personnel and will examine if alternative options could better support personnel without any negative impact on operational effectiveness.

To achieve this, the review will look at how the military compares with the blue light services, to understand how being part of the Convention affects their workforces. The MOD will also work with other nations to share perspectives and best practice.

Personnel with a disability already serve in a variety of roles across the Armed Forces, and while the MOD does not currently hold exact figures on military personnel with a disability, the department plans to enable better data collection in the future.

Minister for Defence People and Veterans Tobias Ellwood said:

In an ever-changing world, we need to ensure that the armed forces maintain their operational effectiveness, while at the same time looking after all of our personnel who serve.

This review demonstrates that we are taking the issue of disability seriously and that we are open-minded in our approach.

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Notice: LA10 5EF, Mr Alan Tattersall and Mrs Norma Tattersall: environmental permit application advertisement

Updated: The proposed activity has been withdrawn

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about
- which Environment Agency office you can visit to see the application documents on the public register
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
 - what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)
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News story: Batches of Durex Condoms recalled: people urged to check their batch numbers

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People are advised to check if they have any of the affected batches, which are listed in the table below.

If anyone finds an affected batch, they are advised to stop use and return the product for a full refund. For more information, please visit the [Durex website](#).

John Wilkinson, the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)'s Director of Medical Devices said:

Our highest priority is making sure that all medical devices are acceptably safe and work effectively. It's important that you check the batch numbers to see if you have a product from an affected batch.

If you have any questions, please speak to your healthcare professional or sexual health provider.

We strongly encourage anyone to report any issues with this product, or more generally with any medical device, to our Yellow Card Scheme.

Description	SKU Code	Batch Number	Expiry Date
Durex Latex Free 12 Pack	3014272	1000444367	Feb-2021
	3014272	1000433145	Jan-2021
Durex Real Feel 6 Pack	3040039	1000438054	Jan-2021
Durex Real Feel 12 Pack	3014278	1000444370	Feb-2021
	3014277	1000419930	Jan-2021
	3014277	1000444367	Feb-2021
	3014277	1000416206	Dec-2020
	3014277	1000474804	Feb-2021
Durex Real Feel 18 Pack	3030444	1000434066	Jan-2021
	3030444	1000430479	Jan-2021
Durex Real Feel 18 Pack (RF Tag)	3030445	1000430479	Jan-2021

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