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Defence Council Instructions

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Introduction

1. A new range of self adhesive NBC Badges of Rank have been introduced for use in HM Ships and RFAs by personnel when dressed in NBC clothing.

Purpose

2. The badges have been introduced to provide a means of recognition of individuals so that command and control can be more effectively exercised when personnel are dressed similarly in NBC clothing. One badge should be worn on the front of the jacket, on the flap over the breast pocket. A second badge may be worn in the centre of the back. It has been found that badges are more readily visible in these positions than on the sleeves.

Compatibility

3. The badges are intended to be worn with the NBC suit No 1 Mk 4 which is currently being introduced progressively to replace the Mk 3 suit. (The Mk 4 has a zip fronted jacket). The badges will not adhere satisfactorily to the more absorbent material of the Mk 3 suit.

Training

4. No skill is required in the application or use of the badges and therefore no training allowances have been allocated. The use of limited quantities may, however, be authorized for major NBC exercises where identification of personnel is important.

Item details

5. The badges are in the form of an olive green disc with black markings — bars for officers up to the rank of Captain and conventional symbols for Warrant Officers and Ratings. All ships have been allocated a generous quantity of 'Midshipman' badges which comprise a plain olive disc. These may be adapted using a black felt-tip marker to create other badges as required (e.g. for Senior

Officers). Full item details are shown at ANNEX A.

Scales of allowance

6. Scales of allowance are shown at ANNEX B.

Supply arrangements

7. Demands should be placed with PSTO(N)s Devonport, Portsmouth or Rosyth as appropriate quoting the DCI as authority.

Standing instructions

8. BRs 1246B, 1246C and Ship's Onboard Documentation (OBD) will be amended. In the meantime a copy of this DCI should be retained within the covers of the relevant BRs pending incorporation of its contents.

ANNEX A**New item details**

RSN	Description
V054 99 978 4703	NBC Badge of Rank Warrant Officer
V054 99 978 4710	NBC Badge of Rank Leading Rate
V054 99 978 4711	NBC Badge of Rank Petty Officer
V054 99 978 4712	NBC Badge of Rank Chief Petty Officer
V054 99 978 4713	NBC Badge of Rank Midshipman
V054 99 978 4716	NBC Badge of Rank Sub Lieutenant
V054 99 978 4717	NBC Badge of Rank Lieutenant
V054 99 978 4718	NBC Badge of Rank Lieutenant Commander
V054 99 978 4719	NBC Badge of Rank Commander
V054 99 978 4720	NBC Badge of Rank Captain
Accounting Classification	L
Price	£00.01
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