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BLUE HEAVY WOOL JERSEY FOR JUNIOR RATINGS (U)

[N/STE 972/74(DGST(N)83A)]

1. In continuation of DCI (RN) S4/76, deliveries of navy blue heavy wool jerseys are now being received in sufficient quantities to make them available for RN and RNR junior ratings.
2. The jerseys will replace the following garments in Compulsory Kits:
 - a. *Men dressed as Seamen*: the seamen's blue jersey (Vocab No 21228-34).
 - b. *Men not dressed as Seamen*: the sleeveless blue pullover (Vocab No 21380-83).

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Occurrences for wear

3. For junior ratings, the heavy wool jerseys are intended primarily for wear with No 8 Dress, over the blue collar-attached shirt and trousers, with the unbuttoned shirt collar outside the neck-opening of the jersey. The new jerseys may also be worn under the blue jumper with square rig when ordered in particularly cold conditions with Nos 1 and 2 Dresses.
4. Wear with No 2N Dress (half-blues) is not authorized because of the unsuitable appearance of the plain neck. Similarly the jersey is not to be worn with No 2 Dress by junior ratings not dressed as seamen.

Badges

5. Red embroidered rate badges are to be worn by Leading Rates, on the left arm, as on No 2 suits. Other badges are not to be worn.
6. On advancement to Leading Rate in future, ratings in possession of a heavy wool jersey are to be given one additional rate badge (Vocab 32002).

Manner of introduction

7. Stocks of jerseys and badges are obtainable from PSTO(N) Devonport to permit introduction as follows:
 - a. *New entrants.* Commencing with the intake on 3 August 1976 RN and RNR new entrants are to be issued with a heavy wool jersey in Compulsory Kits in place of the garments in para 2 above.
 - b. *RN junior ratings.* Free issues are not authorized. Jerseys, and rate badges when required, are to be bought by the individual from his KUA (see para 8 for concessionary price). Kits are to be adjusted accordingly by 31 July 1977. Thereafter seamen's jerseys are not to be worn as uniform.
 - c. *RNR junior ratings.* General issues are not authorized. Jerseys, and rate badges when required, are to be issued on re-enrolment only, when uniform is surveyed and completed to scale in accordance with Article 1636 and 1638 of BR 60 (*RNR Regulations*).

Issues are to be restricted to one jersey per man until 30 September—thereafter further quantities for more general cash sales may be demanded from PSTO(N) as required, within normal stockholding levels.

8. As announced in **DCI (RN) S4/76** for RN senior ratings, there is a specially reduced Fleet Issuing Price for RN ratings entitled by length of service remaining and who have not been issued with a heavy wool jersey in their initial kits. The price is based on the average balance of unexpended KUA for the seamen's jersey and pullover which are being discontinued.
9. Accordingly, RN ratings with more than 12 months of their current engagement remaining after the date of this DCI, or who re-engage within 12 months, may obtain one jersey at the special price of £1.50 in all cases, whether ashore or afloat. Ratings may have this amount charged to their pay account to avoid a direct cash payment. All other sales are to be at the full FIP, including VAT where appropriate, shown in **DCI (RN) S67/76**.