

# The Marine Society & Sea Cadets

## BUOYANCY AIDS

Ref: HQTM 28/08

1. There are still insufficient stocks of 50 and 80N BA in the Naval Stores system to meet the demand for new BA to replace all private and unserviceable MOD items. Units which have not yet done so are to demand MOD buoyancy aids from Sea Cadet Stores to replace all private and unserviceable MOD items. Units are to **retain serviceable MOD and private BA in use until their demands for new MoD BA have been met**. Units who need to continue to use private BA until the new replacements are supplied are to seek their Area Officer's approval to do so. MOD will respond to demands for replacement BA as soon as possible, but at present the forecast delivery date is unknown.
2. Units and Boat Stations are reminded that all BA, private and MOD owned alike, are to be checked for serviceability before and after each occasion of use in accordance with SSEL M Op 002. Any BA whose buoyancy foam feels crumbly under the fabric, whose webbing appears significantly weakened by chafe, or whose elastic has lost its springiness is to be withdrawn from use. Unserviceable MOD BA are to be returned to Stores for survey.

