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II. SERVICE PERSONNEL

S4/76. UNIFORM—RN AND RNR RATINGS—INTRODUCTION OF NAVY BLUE HEAVY WOOL JERSEY FOR SENIOR RATINGS (U)

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

1. DCI (RN) T487/75 referred to the intention to provide navy blue heavy wool jerseys for RN and RNR ratings. The jerseys are the same pattern as those in current use by RN and RNR officers. Introduction of the jersey, by providing a less expensive alternative rig to No 2 Dress, is intended to reduce costs in the longer term while providing a garment that brings an increased element of versatility on occasions of ordinary working and duty. There is a specially reduced Fleet Issuing Price for those entitled by length of service remaining, based on the average balance of unexpended KUA for the pullover that the jersey replaces.

2. First supplies are being allocated for RN Senior Ratings under the arrangements set out below. As further deliveries are received, issues to Junior Ratings will be authorized, probably in three or four months time. The provisions of this DCI include RN Locally Entered personnel but not RNR personnel for whom further instructions will be issued.

Occasions for wear

3. For Senior Ratings, the jerseys are intended for wear on ordinary working and duty occasions, under arrangements similar to No 5J Dress for officers, *viz*:

- a. As a modified form of No 2 Dress; over the white day shirt, collar and black tie and with blue uniform trousers;
- b. With No 8 Dress; over the blue open-necked shirt and trousers as an alternative to the blue uniform jacket (the unbuttoned shirt collar is to be worn outside the neck opening of the jersey).

4. Heavy wool jerseys may be worn when entering and leaving harbour as ordered by Commanders-in-Chief but are not to be worn on formal or semi-formal occasions or when No 1 or No 2 Dress is appropriate. They are not to be worn for travel in public rail, road and water transport nor as a general rule in public places except as permitted by BR 81, Article 0401, Note under No 8 Dress.

Badges to be worn

5. Rate badges are to be worn as follows:

- a. *By Fleet Chief and Chief Petty Officers*: detachable sleeve-type shoulder badges.
- b. *By Petty Officers*: red embroidered badge (Vocab No 32001) on the left arm, as on No 2 suits.

6. The shoulder badges for FCPOs are of a new design with the Royal Arms embroidered in gold coloured rayon on navy blue material. The CPOs' badges are the same as the blue on white badges currently worn on Foul Weather Jackets. Further details of the badges and accounting arrangements are given in Annex A to this DCI.

7. Initial deliveries of shoulder badges for Fleet Chief Petty Officers are not yet complete. If therefore, the new shoulder badges are not immediately obtainable following issue of this DCI, Fleet Chief Petty Officers may wear the heavy wool jersey without

badges of rank until the shoulder badges are available. Those in possession of privately bought woven gold shoulder badges may wear them.

8. Other badges are not to be worn.

Manner of introduction: Changes in kit scales

9. The heavy wool jersey will replace the present sleeveless blue pullover in Senior Ratings' kits. It is to be introduced by purchase from KUA in the normal course of uniform replacement and Senior Ratings are to adjust their kits accordingly by the end of 1976.

10. Ratings whose current engagement extends beyond the end of 1976 or who re-engage before then for a further period of service may purchase one jersey at a specially reduced price of £1.50 in all cases, whether ashore or afloat. All other sales are to be at the full FIP, including VAT when appropriate, shown in Annex B. Accounting instructions to Supply Officers are being issued separately.

11. On advancement to Petty Officer and above in future, ratings in possession of a heavy wool jersey are to be given a free issue of rate badges, 1 No arm badge for Petty Officers, 2 No shoulder badges for Fleet Chief and Chief Petty Officers.

12. **Availability of stocks.** Heavy wool jerseys and badges are obtainable from PSTO(N) Devonport under normal arrangements, but initial stocks are limited because deliveries from manufacturers are not yet complete. In order to ensure that stocks will be sufficient over the introductory period, Supply Officers are to restrict their demands on the basis of one jersey and set of badges per senior rating currently borne plus continuing requirements for officers. This DCI is to be quoted on all demands. Repayment issues are not to be considered until the requirements for initial issues to RN personnel have been met.

13. From the date of this DCI, heavy wool jerseys are to be accounted for as items of Seamen's Clothing, with revised Vocabulary numbers and prices as detailed in Annex B. Supply Officers are to re-categorize and re-value jerseys already in stock accordingly.

14. **Change in Clothing Gratuity on advancement to Petty Officer.** Provision for sleeveless pullovers will no longer be included in Clothing Gratuities and the rates of gratuity laid down in DCI (RN) S47/75 for payment to men dressed as seamen on change of uniform on advancement to Petty Officer are to be adjusted as follows:

- a. RN General Service ratings: new rate £77.50.
- b. RN ratings of Malta Port Division: new rate £65.30.

15. **Reduction in Loan Issues of white jerseys.** When heavy wool jerseys are in general use it will be possible to reduce the allowances of white jerseys (Vocab 25935-36) for general loan purposes. A further DCI will be issued in due course dealing with the changes in scale to be applied.

17. BR 81 (*The Uniform Regulations*) will be amended.

ANNEX A

1. The RN Senior Ratings' shoulder badges provided for wear on heavy wool jerseys are:

<i>Vocab No</i>	<i>NATO Stock Number</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Denom</i>	<i>VAT excl £</i>	<i>FIP VAT £</i>	<i>VAT incl £</i>
34054	To be notified later	Shoulder badges FCPOs, woven gold on blue	No	0.64	0.05	0.69
33055		Shoulder badges CPOs, printed blue on white	No	0.18	0.01	0.19
Accounting Classification: CA						
Catalogue Price: Vocab 34054				£0.64		
Vocab 33055				£0.18		

2. The CPOs' badge Vocab 33055 is the same design as that provided on loan for wear on Foul Weather Jackets. This latter badge (Vocab 25827) may for the present continue to be provided on loan when required: further instructions will be issued regarding stocks of these badges, and about the badges to be worn by FCPOs on Foul Weather Clothing.

ANNEX B

Accounting details for the navy blue heavy wool jerseys on transfer to the Seamen's Clothing Account are as follows:

<i>New Vocab No</i>	<i>Old Vocab No</i>	<i>NATO Stock Number (unchanged)</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Size</i>	<i>VAT excl</i>	<i>FIP VAT</i>	<i>VAT incl</i>	
23070	41387	8405-99-137-2068	Jersey, man's, heavy navy blue.	Chest 28-in-30-in	00	£3.45	£0.28	£3.73
23071	41388	8405-99-137-2069		32-in-34-in	0			
23072	41389	8405-99-137-2070		36-in	1			
23073	41390	8405-99-137-2071		38-in	2			
23074	41391	8405-99-137-2072		40-in	3			
23075	41392	8405-99-137-2073		42-in	4			
23076	41393	8405-99-137-8596		44-in	5			
23077	41394	8405-99-137-8597		46-in	6			
23078	41395	8405-99-137-2074		—	Spl			

Accounting Classification: CA
Catalogue Price: £3.45

The entry in Annex F of DCI (RN) S47/75 and the entry on page 86 of BR 1246 (*Catalogue of Victualling Stores*) is to be cancelled.