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Summary
This circular provides information to Fire and Rescue Services on the recently published GRA on explosives. The guidance is for use by Fire and Rescue Services for operational service delivery and training. This version supersedes GRA 5.7 version 1 found in the suite of Generic Risk Assessments.

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1.0 **Background**

1.1 The suite of generic risk assessments (GRA) found in ‘A Guide to Operational Risk Assessment: fire service guide volume 3’ is currently under review. GRA 5.7 Explosives Part 1, Version 2, is the first of these to be completed and will be published by The Stationery Office (TSO) shortly.

1.2 This GRA concentrates on the manufacture and storage of explosives and is for use by fire and rescue services for operational service delivery and training.

1.3 Part 2 of the GRA will be published in the near future and focuses on all aspects of explosives in transit.

2.0 **The Generic Risk Assessment (GRA)**

2.1 The GRA has been developed in liaison with the Health and Safety Executive’s Mines, Quarries and Explosives Unit, CFOA, FRS and trade union representatives.

2.2 The GRA provides information to Fire and Rescue Services on factors to take into consideration when inspecting premises and developing plans for service delivery at locations where explosives are manufactured and/or stored.

2.3 This GRA supersedes previous versions, which should be removed and destroyed.

2.4 One copy of the GRA has been sent to all FRSs. Further copies can be obtained from TSO, further details are listed below:

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