

Overseas Territories Aviation Direction

Under Articles 7(1) and 7(2)(c) Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013

Search and Rescue Organisation and Facilities

PURPOSE

In compliance with the requirements of the Convention on International Civil Aviation signed at Chicago on 7 December 1944 (the Chicago Convention) - in particular Annex 12 thereto - and of the requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO), Articles 7(1) and 7(2)(c) of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 (as amended) requires His Excellency the Governor, on behalf of the United Kingdom as a Contracting State to the Chicago Convention, to make appropriate arrangements for the establishment and provision of search and rescue (SAR) services to civil aviation within an Overseas Territory.

In recognition of the obligations of the United Kingdom –

- As a Contracting State under the Chicago Convention;
- Under the provisions of section 8(1) to the Civil Aviation Act 1949 as extended to the Overseas Territories by the Civil Aviation Act 1949 (Overseas Territories) Order 1969;
- As a Contracting State under the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue signed at Hamburg on 27 April 1979 (as revised in May 1998 and May 2004) (the Hamburg Convention);
- As a signatory to a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation made in 1999 between the Department of National Defence of Canada; the Department of Fisheries and Oceans of Canada; the United States Coast Guard; the United States Air Force; the United Kingdom Maritime and Coastguard Agency; the United Kingdom Civil Aviation Division of the Department for Transport; and the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence concerning Search and Rescue;
- Under various Regional Search and Rescue Agreements and Plans and related Memoranda of Understanding or Agreement made pursuant thereto;

And noting that none of the Overseas Territories have primary responsibility for coordinating responses to distress situations in the high seas of any search and rescue regions depicted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) regional air navigation plans.

I hereby give the following Direction.

DIRECTION

1. In accordance with the provisions of Articles 7(1) and 7(2)(c) to the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 (as amended) (the Order) I, Colin Roberts, as Governor of the Overseas Territory of Falkland Islands hereby Direct the Director Emergency Services and Islands Security:
 - a) within the Falkland Islands Territory and Territorial Waters to provide, or secure the provision of, a Search and Rescue (SAR) service for the benefit of civil aviation; and
 - b) to ensure the availability of human resources, facilities and assets appropriate to the delivery of an effective SAR service in the Territory; and
 - c) to ensure that assistance is rendered to persons in distress; and
 - d) to coordinate such service with the rescue co-ordination centre (RCC) from which SAR services are provided; and
 - e) for these purposes to establish a SAR Committee; and
 - f) for the above purposes to formulate and publish a SAR Plan; and
 - g) for the fulfilment of the above purposes to establish and implement a training programme (including refresher training) for all personnel involved in the delivery of SAR provision.

2. The said service shall be provided in accordance with -
 - a) The applicable provisions of Annex 12 to the Chicago Convention (as amended from time to time);
 - b) The relevant and applicable provisions of the Hamburg Convention;
 - c) The relevant and applicable provisions of the Regional Search and Rescue Plans and any related Memoranda of Agreement made under such plans;
 - d) The relevant and applicable provisions of Volumes I and II to the Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Manual (as revised from time to time);
 - e) The provisions of an Overseas Territories Aviation Circular (OTAC SAR-1) as published from time to time by Air Safety Support International (ASSI);

Given under my hand the [day] of [month] 2017



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[HE Governor of Falkland Islands]

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