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OVERSEAS TERRITORIES AVIATION DIRECTION

AIR NAVIGATION (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES) ORDER 2013 (UK SI 2013/2870) ARTICLE 7(2)(c)

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), Article 7 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 Memorandums of Understanding or Agreement made pursuant thereto.

I hereby give the following Direction:

DIRECTION

In accordance with the provisions of Article 7(2)(c) to the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 (as amended) (the Order) I, Dr Philip Rushbrook, as Governor of the Overseas Territory of St Helena, hereby Direct the Director of the St Helena Police Directorate:

- a) within the 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 aircraft and persons in distress in accordance with Article 25 to the Chicago Convention; and
- d) to coordinate such services with the relevant 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.

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 relevant 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 any Overseas Territories Aviation Circular (OTAC SAR-1) as published from time to time by Air Safety Support International (ASSI).

Given under my hand this 10th day of January 2020.

Philip Rushbrook
Governor of St Helena