

4. DANMARK - NORGE

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
ON
RESPONSIBILITY AND CO-OPERATION IN SEARCH AND RESCUE MATTERS
BETWEEN
THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND THE POLICE
AND
THE CIVIL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARITIME AUTHORITY OF THE KING-
DOM OF DENMARK CONCERNING AERONAUTICAL AND MARITIME SAR SERVICES IN
THE NORTH SEA AND SKAGERRAK

The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police

and

the Civil Aviation Administration, and the Maritime Authority of the Kingdom of Denmark, hereinafter called the Participants, have in accordance with Annex 12 to the Convention of 7 December 1944 on International Civil Aviation (International Civil Aviation Organization - ICAO) and the Provisional Maritime Search and Rescue Plan for the North Sea drawn up by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) in the form of paragraph 2.1.4 of Chapter 2 of the Annex to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue 1979 (the SAR Convention) reached the following understanding:

Section 1

(1) The Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police will be responsible for aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR) services in the Stavanger & Oslo Flight Information Region/Upper Information Region (FIR/UIR) and in the sea region within København FIR, as defined in paragraph (1) of the Annex to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and for the maritime Search and Rescue (SAR) services in the sea region delineated in the Provisional Maritime Search and Rescue Plan for the North Sea drawn up by the IMO.

(2) The Civil Aviation Administration of the Kingdom of Denmark will be responsible for aeronautical SAR services in the sea region within the København FIR and Oslo FIR/UIR, as defined in paragraph (1) of the Annex to this MoU.

(3) The Maritime Authority of the Kingdom of Denmark will be responsible for the maritime SAR services in the maritime SAR regions established under the provisions of paragraph 2.1.4 of the Annex to the SAR Convention and drawn up by the IMO Provisional Maritime Search and Rescue Plan for the North Sea and defined in paragraph (1) of the Annex to this MoU.

(4) Based on the above specified responsibilities the Participants have decided to align their aeronautical and maritime Search and Rescue Regions (SRR) with the dividing lines delineated in the IMO Provisional Maritime Search and Rescue Plan for the North Sea and defined in paragraph (1) of the Annex to this MoU.

(5) The delimitation of SRRs is not related to and shall not prejudice the delimitation of any boundary between the two countries.

Section 2

(1) The Participants will co-operate in SAR matters within the designated regions of responsibility in accordance with the Annex to this MoU.

(2) To improve the co-operation within these regions, Operational Arrangements will be concluded between the Stavanger Rescue Co-ordination Centre and the Rescue Co-ordination Centre Karup and the Maritime Rescue Co-ordination Centre Aarhus.

(3) The SAR services will conduct SAR operations in accordance with The International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue Manual or equivalent SAR Manuals.

(4) SAR units may, immediately and without prior approval, enter into or fly over the SRR and the territorial sea of the other Participant for the purpose of searching for the position of casualties and rescuing the survivors of such casualties, provided they immediately report the position and time of entry into the region or the territorial sea to the appropriate rescue co-ordination centre.

(5) Communications will be in English. Abbreviations, codes and signals to be used in aeronautical incidents will be those contained in ICAO Document 8400 (Abbreviations and Codes), in maritime incidents abbreviations, codes and signals to be used will be those contained in IMO Search and Rescue Manual; and Merchant Ship Search and Rescue Manual (MERSAR).

(6) In application of the provision of the Operational Arrangements mentioned in Section 2 (2) the Participants will co-operate in the following matters:

- (a) Standardization of the content, format and timing of relevant Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) and entries in the Aeronautical Information Publications.
- (b) The Operational Arrangements referred to in the paragraph 3.1.8 of the Annex to the SAR Convention and the co-operative arrangements referred to in Chapter 3 of the Annex 12 to the ICAO Convention regarding the pooling of facilities, the establishment of common procedures, the conduct of joint training and exercises, regular checks of inter-State communication channels, liaison visits by rescue co-ordination centre personnel, and the exchange of search and rescue information will be concluded directly between the rescue co-ordination centres of the Participants.
- (c) Presentation of this MoU to other maritime or aeronautical authorities or international organizations.

Section 3

Each party shall bear the expenses incurred by its participation in search and rescue missions in conformity with this MoU.

Section 4

This MoU shall enter into force on the date of signature for an indefinite period. It may be terminated by either Participant giving 12 months notice in writing.

Section 5

The foregoing record represents the MoU reached between the Participants on the matters reflected therein.

Section 6

This MoU is issued in three identical master copies; one copy for the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Justice and the Police, one copy for the Civil Aviation Administration, and one copy for the Maritime Authority of the Kingdom of Denmark.

Signed at on 19 October 1998
in the English language only.

For the Royal Norwegian Ministry of
Justice and the Police

For the Civil Aviation Administration
of the Kingdom of Denmark:

K. Melander
Director General

Ole Asmussen
Director General

For the Maritime Authority
of the Kingdom of Denmark

Jørgen Hammer Hansen
Director General

Annex 1

(1) The dividing line referred to in Section 1 is defined by great circle lines joining successively the following positions :

1. 560512N	0031500E	2. 563530N	0050200E
3. 571030N	0065612E	4. 572954N	0075900E
5. 573706N	0082730E	6. 574148N	0085318E
7. 575918N	0092300E	8. 581541N	0100148E
9. 583000N	0103000E		

Flyveredningstjenestens eftersøgnings- og redningsplan.

