GEN 3.6 Search and rescue

1 Responsible service(s)

The search and rescue service in Republic of Armenia is provided by the Civil Aviation Committee , which has responsibility for making the necessary facilities available. Postal and telegraphic addresses of the Civil Aviation Committee are given on page GEN 1.1.

The address of the Department of Defence is as follows:
NIL

Rescue Co-ordination Centre is established for H24,the address is as follows:

Post:
Rescue Coordination Center
ARMATS Airport “Zvartnots”
Yerevan-42 Republic of Armenia
Tel:+37410 292929/388
Fax:+37410 283429
AFS:UDDDZXZX
← Email: cds@armats.am

The service is provided in accordance with the provisions contained in *ICAO Annex 12 — Search and Rescue*.

2 Area of responsibility

The Search and Rescue Service is responsible for SAR opera-tions within the Republic of Armenian territory.

3 Types of service

Details of related rescue units are given in Table 3.6.3 — Search and Rescue Units. In addition, various elements of the State Police organization and the armed forces are available for search and rescue missions when required. The public telecommunication services are available to the search and rescue organization.
All aircraft are equipped with medical supplies, emergency rations and survival radio equipment. Aircraft are equipped to communicate on 121.5 MHZ. Ground rescue teams are equipped to communicate on 121.5 MHZ.

Table 3.6.3 Search and Rescue Units

Name	Location	Facilities	Remarks
1	2	3	4
Yerevan\Zvartnots	At aerodrome	Mi – 8, ZIL– 131	Advance notification for helicopter in winter 45 minutes, in summer 30 minutes.
Gyumri\Shirak	At aerodrome	GAZ – 66	
Yerevan\Erebuni	At aerodrome	Mi – 8, ZIL– 131	

4 SAR agreements

4.1 Aviation rescue co-ordination center of Yerevan has been designated a Search and Rescue point of contact (SPOC) for the receipt of COSPAS – SARSAT distress data.

4.2 Within the territory of the Republic of Armenia the Search and Rescue service is provided by means and support of helicopter unit of the Ministry of Defense in cooperation with Search and Rescue Units of Republic of Armenia.

5 Conditions of availability

NIL

6 Procedures and signals used

Procedures and signals used by aircraft

Procedures for pilots-in-command observing an accident or intercepting a distress call and/or message are outlined in *ICAO Annex 12*, Chapter 5.

Communications

Transmission and reception of distress messages within the Amswell Search and Rescue Area are handled in accordance with *ICAO Annex 10*, Volume II, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.3.

For communications during search and rescue operations, the codes and abbreviations published in *ICAO Abbreviations and Codes (Doc 8400)* are used.

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The frequency 121.5 MHz is guarded continuously during the hours of service at Yerevan area control centre. It is also available at all International aerodromes approach control tower control offices.

Rescue aircraft belonging to permanent Search and Rescue Units use both the call sign RESCUE and additional identification marks (ALFA, BRAVO, CHARLIE, etc.) during rescue operations.

Search and rescue signals

The search and rescue signals to be used are those prescribed in *ICAO Annex 12*, Chapter 5, paragraph 5.10.

Ground/air visual signal codes for use by survivors

No.	Message	Codesymbol
1.	Require assistance	
2.	Require medical assistance	
3.	No or Negative	
4.	Yes or Affirmative	
5.	Proceeding in this direction	

Instructions for use:

1. Make signals not less then 8 ft (2.5 m).
2. Take care to lay out signals exactly as shown.
3. Provide as much co lour contrast as possible between signals and background.
4. Make every effort to attract attention by other means such as radio, flares, reflected light.

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