

Letter of Agreement between
JRCC Iceland
and
MRCC Tórshavn



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1. Introduction

1.1. Background

The need for a formal agreement between JRCC Iceland and MRCC Tórshavn has been high-lighted considering the high level of traffic in SE-part of Reykjavik Control Area.

JRCC Iceland is a part of the Icelandic Coast Guard, which is an organization under the auspices of the Ministry of Interior.

MRCC Tórshavn is an organization under the Faroese Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Affairs.

1.2. References and definitions

JRCC – Joint Rescue coordinating Centre.

ARCC – Aeronautical Rescue Coordinating Centre.

ARSC – Aeronautical rescue sub-centre

MRCC – Maritime Rescue Coordinating Centre .

Alerting post – Any facility intended to serve as an intermediary between a person reporting an emergency and a rescue co-ordination centre or rescue sub-centre.

SRU – Search and Rescue Unit.

SRR – Search and Rescue Region.

DATUM – A geographic point, line, or area used as a reference in search planning.

OXJ – Callsign of Tórshavn Radio.

TFB- Callsign of JRCC-Iceland.

ACC – Area Control Centre.

BIRD FIR – Reykjavik Flight Information Region.

VAGAR TIZ – Vagar Traffic Information Zone.

AFIS VAGAR – Aerodrome Flight Information Service of Vagar.

1.3. Aims and objectives

To ensure, when an aviation emergency arises in or near the unilateral Faroese maritime SRR and within the Icelandic aeronautical SRR, that Search and Rescue work will be carried out in a safe and efficient manner



3. Co-ordination in SAR occurrences

3.1. General procedures

Reykjavik ACC is the Alerting Post within BIRD FIR. Vagar AFIS is the Alerting Post within VAGAR TIZ.

JRCC Iceland and Reykjavik ACC are to use available information and expertise in order to provide reliable DATUM or other appropriate search information in case of aeronautical emergency.

JRCC-Iceland is to provide available assets and other assistance from Iceland.

JRCC-Iceland undertakes communications with operators and ensures that next of kin of persons involved are informed.

MRCC-Tórshavn undertakes surface search co-ordination as well as communications with SRUs on scene within the Faroese maritime SRR.

MRCC-Tórshavn is to provide available assets from the Faeroe Islands.

As the situation dictates, Reykjavik ACC or AFIS Vagar initially alert JRCC Iceland or MRCC Tórshavn of aircraft emergency within the Faroese SRR.

JRCC Iceland is to be alerted of all aeronautical emergencies.

AFIS Vagar is to use available information and expertise, in order to provide reliable DATUM or other appropriate search information in case of aeronautical emergency.

Ref. AIP Faroe Islands GEN 3.6 paragraph 2.



3.2. Communications

JRCC Iceland and MRCC Tórshavn are to exchange and update regularly respective telephone and fax numbers and other relevant means of communications between the two centers. See annex 1.

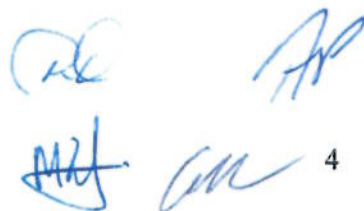
MRCC Tórshavn and Tórshavn radio/OXJ undertakes maritime emergency communications.

4. Validity:

This agreement becomes valid when it has been signed by both parties.

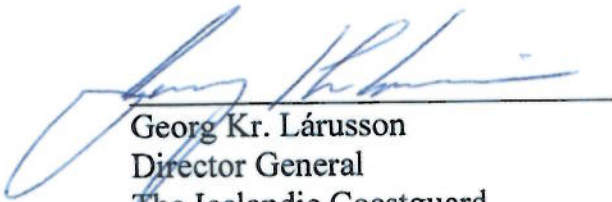
This agreement can be modified if both parties agree.

This agreement can be cancelled by mutual agreement or by either party with 6 month prior notice.




Signature page:

Reykjavík, Iceland
4th of February 2011.



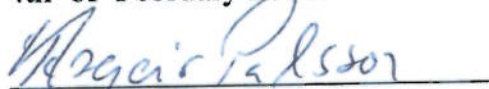
Georg Kr. Lárusson
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The Icelandic Coastguard

Tórshavn, Faeroe Islands
15th of February 2011.



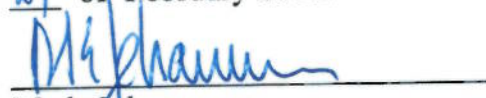
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Reykjavík, Iceland
4th of February 2011.



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Annex 1 - Communications

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Air traffic control frequencies in BIRD east sector:
126,75 MHz.
132,2 MHz,
125,5 MHz,

Iceland Radio Frequencies
127.85MHz

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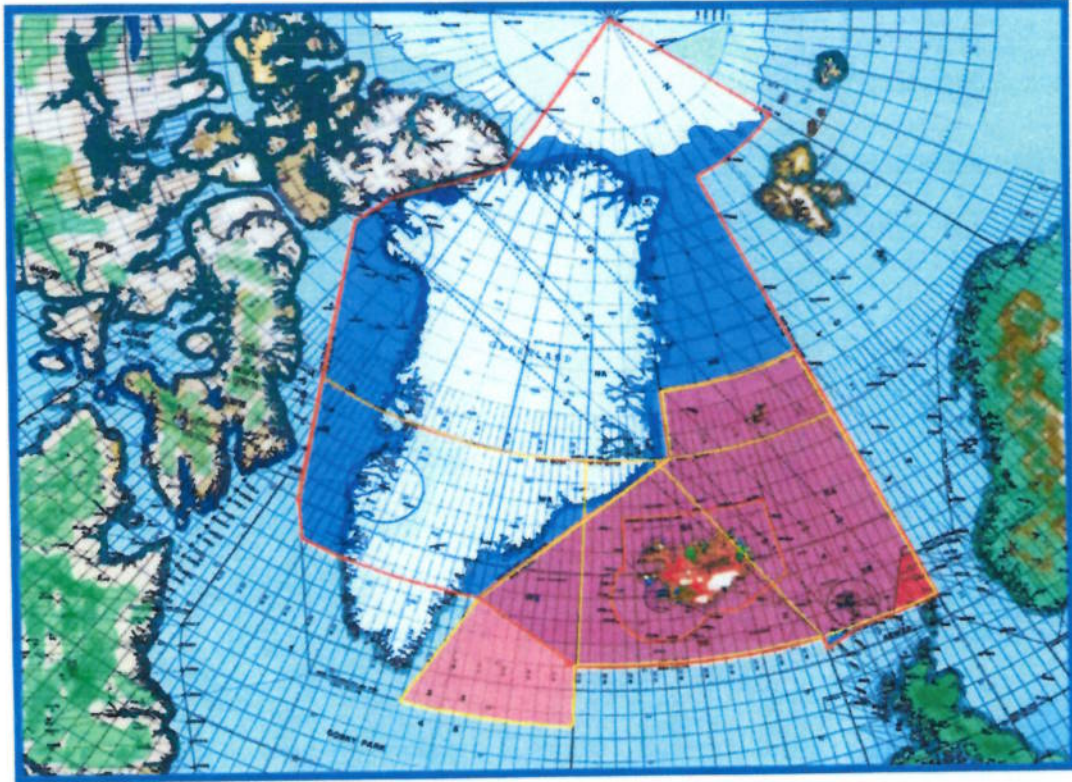
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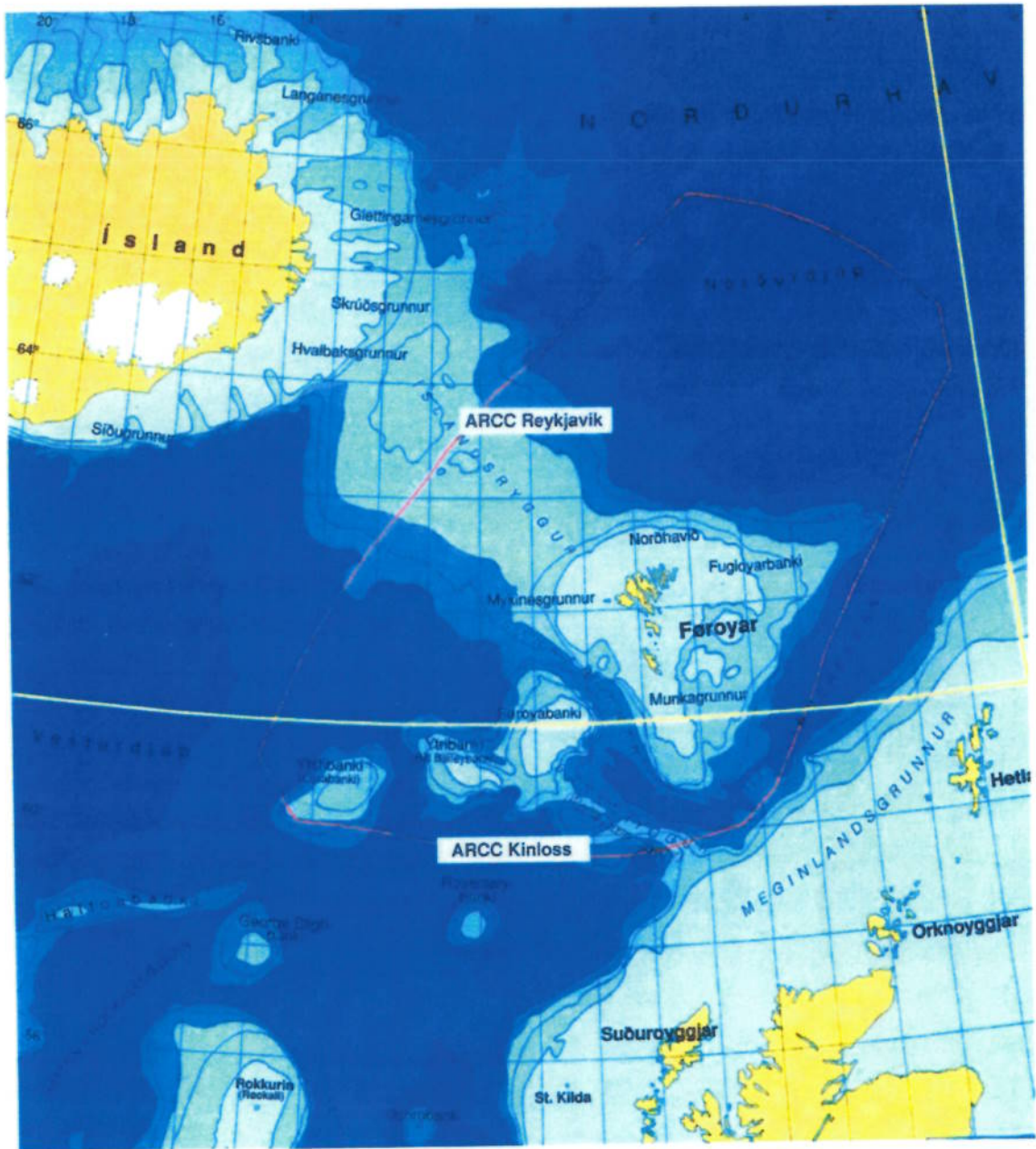
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Annex 2 – JRCC-ICELAND SRR



Annex 3 – MRCC-THORSHAVN SRR



Annex 4 - A letter from Statens Luftfarsvæsen to MRCC-THORSHAVN

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Civil Aviation Administration - Denmark



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Emne: Eftersøgnings- og redningstjenester på Færøerne

Tak for besøget hos MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin i Tórshavn sidste måned. Vi syntes at MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin arbejder på en meget professionelt og fornuftig plan og ser frem til at kunne udvikle et samarbejde mellem MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin og Statens Luftfartsvæsen (SLV).

SLV er ansvarlig for, og udgiver Aeronautical Information Publication (AIP) Færøerne (se link)

<http://www.slv.dk/Dokumenter/dscqi/ds.py/View/Collection-31>

Under punkt AIP Part 1, Generelt (GEN), GEN 3.6 Eftersøgnings- og redningstjenester, omtales "Ansvarlige tjenester", hvoriblandt MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin er nævnt men, under de følgende punkter (2 til 6) refereres til RCC Reykjavik og Vagar AFIS.

For at sikre at eftersøgnings- og redningstjenester på Færøerne udnyttes optimalt er det vigtigt at, informationen i AIP Færøerne gengiver de rigtige oplysninger og at, samarbejdet imellem RCC Reykjavik og MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin er beskrevet i henhold til punkter 2 til 6.

SLV beder MRCC/Sjóbjargingarstøðin om at, indlede en dialog med RCC Reykjavik med henblik på at formalisere samarbejdet og informationen som bruges i AIP Færøerne.

Med venlig hilsen

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