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## GEN 3.6 SEARCH AND RESCUE

### 1. Responsible services

Department of Air Transport is the responsible for provision of SAR services. SAR is provided by DoAT in accordance with BCAR-12 in collaboration with Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority, Royal Bhutan Army, Royal Bhutan Helicopter Services, Department of Disaster Management and with the adjacent Rescue Coordination Centre of India through bilateral agreement.

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### 2. Area of Responsibility

The Search & Rescue service is responsible for the entire territory of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

### 3. Type of Service

Bhutan does not have a satellite-aided Search and Rescue programme participation in the COSPAS/SARSAT system, therefore, the Royal Government of Bhutan has made an arrangement with the Government of India through bilateral agreement to assist in SAR purpose.

### 4. SAR Agreement

At present Bhutan has SAR Arrangement with Government of India

For the purpose of SAR, the authority of other State who wishes their SAR unit to enter the territory of Bhutan shall transmit a request, giving full details of the projected missions and the need for it to the Director General of Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority. Ref. Gen 1.1 for address.

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