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All KCASR Stakeholders and Users

Sub.: Regulatory Circular No. 2025-21.

Revision Number 0 to Kuwait Civil Aviation Safety Regulations - KCASR 12 - VOL 2SEARCH AND RESCUE- PROVISIONS.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the regulatory circular No. 2025-21 regarding the issuance of KCASR 12 - VOL 2SEARCH AND RESCUE- PROVISIONS Rev. 0. This is for your information and distribution to all concerned departments.

Up to date KCASR Parts are published on the DGCA/ASD website (<https://kcasr.dgca.gov.kw>).

If required, the DGCA/Aviation Safety Department personnel are available to answer your questions on the interpretation and intended implementation of the proposed amendments.

KCASR 12 - VOL 2SEARCH AND RESCUE- PROVISIONS Rev. 0 will be in effect from 19/Oct/2025.

Yours Sincerely,

President of Civil Aviation.

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REGULATORY CIRCULAR (NO. 2025-21)

Subject:

Notice of Amendment to Kuwait Civil Aviation Safety Regulations KCASR (issue 4).

Purpose:

The purpose of this Regulatory Circular No. **2025-21** is to Amend KCASR 12 - VOL 2SEARCH AND RESCUE- PROVISIONS (issue 4) to comply with DGCA requirements.

This Regulatory Circular No. **2025-21** is based on (NPA) No. 2025-18 dated 17/ Aug/2025

Revisions:

This amendment will be included in the revision (0) of KCASR 12 - VOL 2SEARCH AND RESCUE- PROVISIONS.

Regulatory Requirements:

This amendment shall apply to the following Organizations approved by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) or authorised to operate within the State of Kuwait:

1. Airport Operators;
2. Air Navigation Service Providers;
3. Air Operator Certificate (AOC);
4. Approved Maintenance Organizations (AMO) Holders;
5. Ground Handling Service Providers;
6. Training Organizations;
7. All users of KCASRs.

Effective Date:

This new revision will be in effect from **19/Oct/2025**.

Required Action:

All users of KCASR must comply with the provisions of this amendment from the effective date.

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1. Applicability

KCASR 12- Volume II, Search and Rescue, is applicable to the establishment, maintenance and operation of search and rescue (SAR) services and shall apply to all organizations and entities delegated by the Authority to provide search and rescue (SAR) services within the Kuwait Flight Information Region (Kuwait FIR), including the airspace over the high seas, determined on the basis of regional air navigation agreements, and to the coordination of such services with other States.

2. Entry into force

This KCASR shall enter into force and applicable upon approval.

3. Establishment of the Authority

- (a) The Directorate General of Civil Aviation is referred to in this regulation as the Authority. In accordance with the provisions of the Civil Aviation Law of the Kuwait, this regulation is applicable to the establishment, maintenance and operation of search and rescue services in its territories and over the high seas, and to the coordination of such services between States.
- (b) The Authority shall arrange for such services to be established in the Kuwait, except if, by mutual agreement, the Authority decides to delegate to another State the responsibility for establishment, maintenance and operation of search and rescue services in its territories and over the high seas.
- (c) Those portions of the airspace over the high seas or in airspace of undetermined sovereignty where search and rescue services will be provided were determined on the basis of regional air navigation agreements. Where the Authority has accepted the responsibility to provide search and rescue services in such portions of airspace it shall arrange for the services to be established and provided in accordance with the provisions of this KCASR.
- (d) Since the Kuwait has assumed the responsibility of providing search and rescue services within Kuwait FIR, the Authority shall designate the service provider(s) responsible for providing such services.
- (e) Pursuant to that responsibility, information shall be published by the Authority and/or the designated service provider to permit the utilization of such services.

4. Definitions

Definitions in the existing KCASR 12 and KCASR 00 shall form part of this KCASR, supplemented by the definitions contained in other ICAO documentation.

5. Safety and Regulatory Audits and Inspections

- (1) The Authority shall conduct audits at intervals not exceeding two (2) years at the Kuwait DGCA's office and/or units or facilities.
- (2) The Authority may require the Kuwait DGCA to provide such documentation and

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information as the Authority considers relevant to the audit or inspection.

- (3) Subject to the Kuwait DGCA's security and safety requirements, the Authority shall be granted by the Kuwait DGCA, unrestricted access to the Kuwait DGCA's facilities and shall be permitted to carry its own equipment (e.g. computers, cameras and recording devices) under all conditions while carrying out its oversight functions.

6. Resolution of Safety Issues

- (1) When objective evidence indicates non-compliance by the service provider with the requirements, the finding shall be documented in accordance with the requirements of CAP 108.

7. Enforcement Actions

- (1) When a CAA Inspector is apprised of, or observes a contravention, they will complete a Detection Notice form and forward it without delay to the appropriate Supervisor for decision as specified in KCASR 26.

8. Search and Rescue document library

- (1) Search and rescue units shall establish and maintain a document library, readily accessible at all times by its operational and management staff, containing up to date editions of relevant documentation.
- (2) The library shall at all times have available for reference current editions of:
- (a) KCASR 12- Volume I;
 - (b) (IAMSAR) Manual, Volume I — Organization and Management, Volume II — Mission Co- ordination, and Volume III — Mobile Facilities (Doc 9731);
 - (c) Cir 185 — Satellite-aided Search and Rescue — The COSPAS-SARSAT System (1986)
 - (d) Handbook on Distress Alert Messages for Rescue Coordination Centers (RCCs);
 - (e) Search and Rescue Points of Contact (SPOCs);
 - (f) IMO Ship Security Competent Authorities (Cospas-Sarsat Document Reference G.007);
 - (g) International Code of Signals (IMO Sales Numbers IA994E); and
 - (h) Other technical documentation relevant to the effective delivery of SAR services in Kuwait
- (3) Search and rescue units shall produce, maintain and update master copies of all manuals required for the safe, effective and timely provision of civil aviation SAR services in Kuwait and provide copies, on request, to the Authority.

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9. Record keeping

Search and rescue units shall retain all data relating to every SAR action undertaken by the RCC in an orderly and easily accessed manner for a period of at least twelve calendar months.

10. Service Disruptions

The Kuwait DGCA shall establish procedures, in addition to any reporting requirements, to:

- (1) Advise the Authority of any planned disruption to the provision of SAR services that could have an impact on safety including measures taken to mitigate the impact of the disruption;
- (2) Request the approval of the authority for Issuing a NOTAM to cover the planned period of disruption;
- (3) Investigate any unplanned disruption to the SAR services;
- (4) Report to the Authority, within 48 hours of the occurrence, the circumstances surrounding any unplanned disruption to SAR services when the disruption affected, or could have affected the safety.