

UK SAR SATELLITE WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aim

The purpose of the Group is to formulate and recommend policy on SAR Satellite communications and operations to the UK SAR Operators Group.

Objectives

To co-ordinate the views of those involved in SAR satellite communications

To ensure that the UK representation at international meetings dealing with SAR Satellite issues is set at the correct level in terms of authority and knowledge of the subjects under discussion.

To provide a forum whereby decisions of international meetings can be devolved to the appropriate national authority and, conversely, whereby issues of national interest can be addressed.

To provide a focus for those organisations involved in the provision of SAR Satellite communications.

To safeguard national interests in the allocation and use of frequencies, particularly satellite down-link frequencies.

To oversee the operation of Coast Earth Stations (CES) and Local User Terminals (LUT), and promote liaison and links between RCCs (Rescue Co-ordination Centres) and Data Distribution Centres (DDC) eg Mission Control Centres (MCC).

To provide advice on the regulations for UK coded beacons including beacon coding, carriage, registration and databases.

Chairmanship

The Group will be co-chaired by MCA and MoD members of the UK SAR Operators Group.

Membership

MoD	Wing Cdr R Lander Sqn Ldr S Burch Flt Lt J Williamson	HQ 3 Gp SO1 SAR (Co-Chair) DAO Hels 1/1a UKMCC Manager
MCA	Peter Dymond Steve Huxley	Head of SAR (Co-Chair) SAR Communications Manager
CAA	Ian Herdman Pippa Moore	Directorate of Airspace Policy Aircraft Systems & Equipment (ELTs)
RA	Clive Dawkin	Radio Specialist

Other Organisations and Authorities may be seconded or invited to join the Group for specific agenda items.