

ANNEX 1

GUIDELINES ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING, INSURANCE AND OTHER MATTERS FOR TOURIST AND OTHER NON-GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES IN THE ANTARCTIC TREATY AREA

Those organising or conducting tourist or other non-governmental activities in the Antarctic Treaty area should ensure:

1. that appropriate contingency plans and sufficient arrangements for health and safety, search and rescue (SAR), and medical care and evacuation have been drawn-up and are in place prior to the start of the activity. Such plans and arrangements should not be reliant on support from other operators or national programmes without their express written agreement; and
2. that adequate insurance or other arrangements are in place to cover any costs associated with search and rescue and medical care and evacuation.

And the following guidelines should also be observed in particular by those organising conducting activities without the supervision or support in the field of another operator or a national programme:

3. that participants have sufficient and demonstrable experience appropriate for the proposed activity operating in polar, or equivalent, environments. Such experience may include survival training in cold or remote areas, flying, sailing or operating other vehicles in conditions and over distances similar to those being proposed in the activity;
4. that all equipment, including clothing, communication, navigational, emergency and logistic equipment is in sound working order, with sufficient backup spares and suitable for effective operation under Antarctic conditions;
5. that all participants are proficient in the use of such equipment;
6. that all participants are medically, physically and psychologically fit to undertake the activity in Antarctica;
7. that adequate first-aid equipment is available during the activity and that at least one participant is proficient in advanced first-aid.