The INSARAG External Classification (IEC) system is a global recognition accorded to Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams with a mandate to deploy internationally when requested by member countries in major earthquakes and collapse building emergencies. Having teams classified according to a globally accepted standard will enable disaster affected countries to prioritise acceptance of international response support from USAR Teams who can add proven value to their national capacity. INSARAG External Re-classification (IER) are required every five years for classified teams to demonstrate their operational capabilities. The IEC is a unique independent, verifiable, voluntary peer review process that has received unanimous global acceptance with over 60 IECs and 100 IERs successfully conducted to date in 50 countries.

[Diagram with classifications and reclassifications]

Be IEC Classified! Application details: https://www.insarag.org/iec/iec-application
Sources: INSARAG

Should you have any observations and comments that you wish to convey to the INSARAG Secretariat, kindly reach out to us via insarag@un.org.

The boundaries, shades and names shown and the designations used on this map do not imply official endorsement or acceptance by the United Nations.

Creation date: 1 Dec 2023