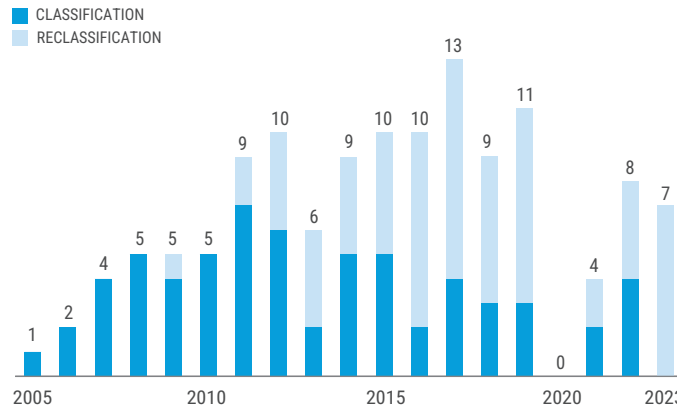


The **INSARAG External Classification (IEC)** system is a global recognition accorded to Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams with a mandate to deploy internationally when requested by member countries in major earthquakes and collapse building emergencies.

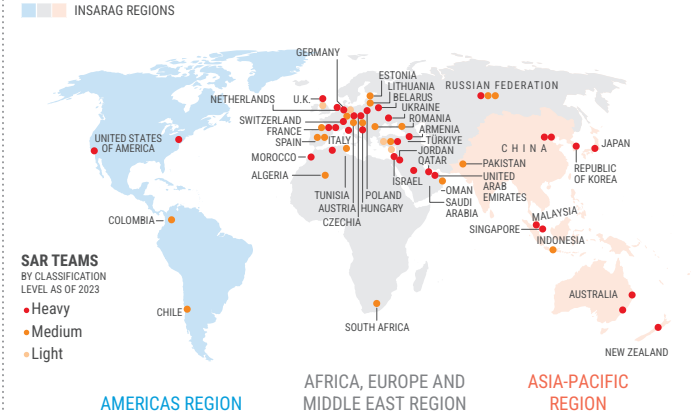
Having teams classified according to a globally accepted standard will enable disaster affected countries to prioritise acceptance of international response support from USAR Teams who can add proven value to their national capacity. **INSARAG External Re-classification (IER)** are required every five 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**.

### IEC CLASSIFICATIONS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS by year



### IEC: OVERVIEW by country



### INSARAG EXTERNAL CLASSIFICATIONS (IEC) AND RECLASSIFICATIONS (IEC/R) by year and level

2020 had no classifications/reclassifications due to COVID

Year	Number of IECs/Rs	Key Teams/Reclassifications
2005	1 IEC	Central Rescue Services of Budapest (CRSB)
2006	2 IEC	UK ISAR, USAID Fairfax County USAR TF #1
2007	4 IECs	USAR.NL, ISAR Germany, Technisches Hilfswerk (THW), USAID LA County Fire Dpt. USAR TF #2
2008	5 IECs	Norwegian Search and Rescue Team, Swedish International Fast Response Team (SWIFT), Swiss Rescue, Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1
2009	5 IECs	Icelandic International USAR Team (ICE-SAR), UK ISAR, USAID Poland, Abu Dhabi Police USAR Team, China International Search and Rescue (CISAR)
2010	5 IECs	Belgium First Aid and Support Team (B-Fast), Danish Search and Rescue Team (DEMA), Pompiers de l'Urgence Internationale (France), Czech Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR CZ), Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDR)
2011	9 IECs/Rs	Lithuanian Emergency Response Team (LERT), USAID Fairfax County USAR TF #1, Emergency Respuesta Inmediata Comunidad de Madrid (ERICAM) & Unidad Militar de Emergencias USAR, AKUT Search and Rescue Association, Search and Rescue Unit Voralberg (SARUV)
2012	10 IECs/Rs	ISAR Germany, FinnRescue (FRF), HUNOR <sup>1</sup> & HUSZAR (Hungary), Sultanate of Oman National Search & Rescue Team, Istanbul AFAD USAR Team (TURKUSAR), USAID LA County Fire Dpt. USAR TF #2, New South Wales Task Force (NSWTF/1)
2013	6 IECs/Rs	Swedish International Fast Response Team (SWIFT), Republican Special Response Team, Jordanian SAR Team (JSAR), UAE USAR (Medium to Heavy), Operation Lionheart Contingent <sup>1</sup> , Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1
2014	9 IECs/Rs	USAR Poland <sup>1</sup> , Mobile Rescue Center of Ukraine, Icelandic International USAR Team (ICE-SAR) <sup>1</sup> , RO USAR, Morocco USAR Team, Swiss Rescue <sup>1</sup> , China International Search and Rescue (CSAR & CISAR) <sup>1</sup> , Military Units of French Civil Protection HUSAR (JIISC 1 & 7)
2015	10 IECs/Rs	Danish Search and Rescue Team <sup>1</sup> , Estonian Disaster Relief Team (EDRT), Armenia Urban Search and Rescue Team, Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDR) <sup>1</sup> , Qatar Search and Rescue Team (QSART), Saudi Search and Rescue Team, Czech Urban Search and Rescue Team (USAR CZ), New Zealand Urban Search & Rescue
2016	10 IECs/Rs	Lithuanian Emergency Response Team, Central Airmobile Rescue Team of EMERCOM-Russia <sup>1</sup> , UK ISAR <sup>2</sup> , Siberian Regional USAR, USAID Fairfax County USAR TF #1 <sup>2</sup> , Korea Disaster Relief Team (KDRT) <sup>1</sup> , Emergency Respuesta Inmediata Comunidad de Madrid (ERICAM) & Unidad Militar de Emergencias USAR <sup>1</sup> , Search and Rescue Unit Voralberg (SARUV), Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team
2017	13 IECs/Rs	ISAR Germany <sup>2</sup> , Technisches Hilfswerk <sup>2</sup> , HUNOR <sup>2</sup> & HUSZAR <sup>2</sup> , Austrian Forces Disaster Relief Unit (AFDRU), USAID LA County Fire Dpt. USAR TF #2, H-USAR Algeria, Sultanate of Oman National Search & Rescue Team <sup>1</sup> , Bomberos de Chile, USAR-SOUTH AFRICA, New South Wales Task Force 2 (AUS-2) <sup>1</sup>
2018	9 IECs/Rs	FinnRescue Team (FRF) <sup>1</sup> , RSR Republican Special Response Belarus <sup>1</sup> , USAID Italy ITA-1 <sup>1</sup> , AFAD-1 <sup>1</sup> , 2 Ankara USAR Team, AKUT Search and Rescue Association <sup>1</sup> , Jordanian SAR Team (JSAR) <sup>1</sup> , SNGRD Team Colombia, Operation Lionheart Contingent <sup>2</sup> , Queensland Fire and Rescue Service TF#1 <sup>2</sup>
2019	11 IECs/Rs	USAR Poland <sup>1</sup> , Mobile Rescue Center of Ukraine <sup>1</sup> , USAID LA County Fire Dpt. USAR TF #2, Military Units of French Civil Protection HUSAR (JIISC 1 & 7), RO USAR <sup>1</sup> , China International Search and Rescue (CSAR & CISAR) <sup>1</sup> , Abu Dhabi Police USAR Team <sup>2</sup> , INA SAR, Pakistan Rescue Team <sup>2</sup>
2021	4 IECs/Rs	@fire Germany, EMERCOM (RUS-03), Pompiers de l'Urgence Internationale (France) <sup>2</sup> , Swiss Rescue <sup>2</sup>
2022	8 IECs/Rs	SARAIID USAR Team, Armenia Urban Search and Rescue Team, USAID Fairfax County USAR TF #1 <sup>2</sup> , Tunisia Civil Protection USAR Team, GEA USAR Team, Japan Disaster Relief Team (JDR), Saudi Search and Rescue Team, Cyprus Civil Defence USAR Team
2023	7 IECs/Rs	UME USAR <sup>2</sup> , CZERT <sup>2</sup> , UK ISAR <sup>2</sup> , ERICAM <sup>2</sup> , HUSZAR <sup>2</sup> , KDRT <sup>2</sup> , Siberian Regional Search and Rescue Team of EMERCOM-Russia

1. Reclassification 2. Second reclassification 3. Third reclassification