

MARITIME MATTERS

Search and Rescue

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and JAPAN**

Amending the Agreement of December 12, 1986

Effected by Exchange of Notes
Signed at Washington September 30, 1998



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1998

Excellency:

I have the honor to present my compliments and to refer to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Japan on Maritime Search and Rescue, signed at Tokyo on December 12, 1986 (hereinafter referred to as "the Agreement").

I have the further honor to propose, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, that in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article VII of the Agreement, the Agreement be amended as follows:

1. Paragraph 1 of Article I of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced by the following:

"1. The Parties delimit, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Convention, their respective search and rescue regions in the North Pacific as follows:

The search and rescue regions of the Parties are limited on the eastern and southern sides for Japan and the western and northern sides for the

His Excellency

Kunihiko Saito,

Ambassador of Japan.

U.S.A. by the line connecting the coordinates 52°
30'N, 165°E; 17°N, 165°E; and 17°N, 130°E."

2. Paragraph 2 of Article III of the Agreement shall be deleted and accordingly paragraph 3 of Article III shall be renumbered as paragraph 2.

If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Japan, it is suggested that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's Note in reply.

For the Secretary of State:



**EMBASSY OF JAPAN
WASHINGTON**

September 30, 1998

Excellency,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your

Excellency's Note of today's date, which reads as follows:

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The Honorable

Madeleine K. Albright,

The Secretary of State.

The search and rescue regions of the Parties are limited on the eastern and southern sides for Japan and the western and northern sides for the U.S.A. by the line connecting the coordinates 52° 30' N, 165°E; 17°N, 165°E; and 17°N, 130°E."

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If the above proposals are acceptable to the Government of Japan, it is suggested that this Note and Your Excellency's Note in reply to that effect shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which will enter into force on the date of Your Excellency's Note in reply.

I have further the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Japan accepts the above proposals of the Government of the United States of America and to confirm that Your Excellency's Note and this Note in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on this matter, which will enter into force on the date of this Note in reply.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

Ambassador Extraordinary
And Plenipotentiary of Japan

