



Press Release

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International Mine Action Standards : A Guide

The International Mine Action Standards (IAMS) are standards issued by the United Nations to guide planning, implementation and management of mine action programmes.

The IMAS cover a wide range of issues from accreditation of mine detection dogs to medical support for demining platoons, from safety and occupational health to survey, from sampling of cleared land to the storage and transport of explosives. The IMAS are comparable to the standards drafted in the framework of the ISO – International Organisation for Standardisation.

This guide is intended to explain in summary form the purpose of each standard. The guide should assist government officials, donors and newcomers to the subject, and guide their work in finding what standards best apply to their needs.

The GICHD elaborates the IMAS under a mandate of the United Nations. It coordinates the process of preparing, reviewing and revising the IMAS through the assistance of technical committees and the support of international, governmental and non-governmental organisation. The Centre has started an outreach programme which will be available to all mine affected countries and is aimed to assist in the application of IMAS in to national mine action standards.

Copies of the IMAS Guide can be ordered via the GICHD web-site :

<http://www.gichd.ch/publications/order.cfm>

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