**Disaster Law Overview – Malaysia**

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| Legal Framework for Disaster Management and Response | There are no disaster management acts with legal effect to date (to the knowledge of the IFRC). |
| Operational DM Frameworks (e.g. SOPS and other non-binding instruments) | Policy and Mechanism on National Disaster and Relief Management which contains directives that relate to disasters and relief management such as:   1. **Directive 18** for relief and management of disasters resulting from terrorist action 2. **Directive 19** for establishing a special unit called Special Malaysia Disaster Assistance and Rescue Team (SMART) 3. **Directive 20** for relief and management of natural disasters. Outlines the roles and responsibilities of agencies at three levels namely the national, state and district levels. (this is actually an executive order by the Prime Minister in place of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) which stipulates the procedures to take place in times of disaster.) |
| National Disaster Management Agency (or other lead Government Agency for disaster management or disaster law) | National Security Council (‘Majlis Keselamatan Negara’ (MKN)) |
| Other relevant lead agencies | **Maritime Disasters**   1. Maritime accidents and emergencies involving loss of lives and property damage: **Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA)** 2. Oil spills and accidents involving pollution or destruction of the maritime environment: **Department of Environment (DOE)**   **Air Disasters**   1. Incidents of air disasters involving aircrafts: **Department of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Transport** 2. Air accidents or emergencies which occur in highly populated areas are subject to **Directive 20**   **Chemical, Radiological and Nuclear Accidents**   1. Radiological and nuclear disasters: **The Atomic Energy Licensing Board (AELB)** is responsible to provide expertise and technical support. 2. Disasters caused by chemical, radiological and nuclear or hazardous material accidents/mishaps are handled by the **Fire and Rescue Department of Malaysia (FRDM)** as main Rescue Agency.   **Uncontrollable spread of infectious diseases/pandemics and disasters caused by biological accidents**   1. The **Ministry of Health, Malaysia (MOH)** |
| Main Guidelines | **Maritime Disasters**   1. Maritime accidents and emergencies involving loss of lives and property damage: **International Aeronautical and Maritime Search and Rescue (IAMSAR) Malaysia Volume IV** 2. Oil spills and accidents involving pollution or destruction of the maritime environment: **National Oil Spill Contingency Plan (NOSCP)**   **Air Disasters**   1. **National Search and Rescue Manual, IAMSAR Malaysia Volume IV** 2. Air accidents or emergencies which occur in highly populated areas are subject to **Directive 20**   **Uncontrollable spread of infectious diseases/pandemics and Disasters caused by biological accidents**   1. **Directive 20** |
| Role of Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) in national disaster management arrangements | As provided for in Directive 20   1. Assist the Social Welfare Department to manage evacuation centres, to prepare food, provide clothing, blankets as well as carry out registration and rehabilitation for the victims. 2. Assist other agencies in rescuing and evacuating disaster victims. 3. 3. Assist the MOH in providing emergency assistance and other emergency and health assistance at evacuation centres. |
| Red Cross Law | [Act 540 Malaysian Red Crescent Society (Incorporation) Act 1965](http://www.agc.gov.my/Akta/Vol.%2011/Act%20540.pdf) |
| [Act 162 Malaysian Red Cross Society (Change of Name) Act 1975](http://www.agc.gov.my/Akta/Vol.%204/Act%20162.pdf) |