

The Argentine Coast Guard receives its first H225 helicopter

- The Argentine Coast Guard is renewing its fleet with new-generation helicopters.
- The new rotorcraft will be used for rescue operations on the high seas.

Buenos Aires, September 16, 2015 – At a ceremony presided by the Prefecto Nacional Naval Luis Alberto Heiler, Airbus Helicopters officially handed over an H225 helicopter to the Argentine Coast Guard.

This new helicopter, which will be based in the city of Mar del Plata and used for search and rescue missions in the Argentinian sea, marks the start of the renewal process for the Coast Guard's fleet of SA330 Puma helicopters.

"We thank the National Government and the Ministry of Security for supporting the Coast Guard's fleet renewal process with new-generation helicopters that will increase our effectiveness when it comes to saving lives at sea", declared the Prefecto Nacional Naval, Luis Alberto Heiler. "This helicopter's extensive range will allow us to fly to zones far from the coast. In addition, it is equipped for day and night rescue operations and extreme weather conditions."

The H225 delivered to the Argentine Coast Guard has an Automatic Flight Control System (AFCS), an invaluable flying aid that allows SAR missions to be carried out with greater precision, safety and effectiveness. In its SAR role, the aircraft is equipped with searchlights, a winch and a rescue basket, although it can also be rapidly reconfigured to carry out other missions such as coastal surveillance, port security or aid missions for coastal communities.

"I'd like to express my gratitude to the Argentine Coast Guard for choosing the H225, which makes it the first customer for this helicopter in the Southern Cone," said Mesrob Karalekian, Airbus Helicopters Vice-President—Head of Latin America Region. "Not only will they operate an aircraft that is a global leader for SAR missions, they will also benefit from Airbus Helicopters' support in the region to ensure optimum availability."

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