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Item #1 - ARGUS Approvals Cancelled

Beginning March 21, 2011, several major manufacturers of harness/container systems cancelled approval for installation of Argus AADs on their rigs because of the reported failure of some cutters to completely sever the closing loop on some reserve containers – especially those with cutters placed above the pilot chute. Questions regarding these cancellations should be directed to equipment manufacturers. Those manufacturers are:

Rigging Innovations Inc.
P O Box 86, Eloy AZ 85131-0004, USA
Telephone: 520.466.2655 FAX: 520.466.2656

Sun Path Products, Inc.
404 West Edinborough Ave, Raeford NC 28376 USA
Telephone: 910-875-9002 FAX: 910-875-9272

United Parachute Technologies LLC
1645 Lexington Ave., DeLand, FL 32724-2106
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Mirage Systems
1501-A Lexington Ave., Deland, FL 32724
Telephone: 386-740-9222 FAX: 386-740-9444

On March 25th Aerodyne joined the aforementioned manufacturers in banning Argus use while others have adopted a wait-and-see attitude pending the outcome of discussions with Aviacom.

FAA Riggers practicing in Canada need to be aware that FAA Regulation 14 CFR Part 65.129(e) states:

“No certificated parachute rigger may pack, maintain, or alter a parachute in any manner that deviates from the procedures approved by the administrator or the manufacturer of the parachute.” Therefore, this could affect clients travelling to the USA that use equipment mentioned above as this mandate comes into effect immediately.

CSPA PIM 1 – Section 2 states:

2.2 No parachutist shall jump unless wearing a reserve parachute, which has been inspected and packed within the previous 180 days by, or supervised by, a current CSPA “Type-Rated” or FAA Certificated Rigger.

In the event that an Automatic Activation Device is installed in the harness/container system, this device shall be serviced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and service directives. Any such AAD installation must not negatively affect nor constrain the function of the reserve parachute system.

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