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APF TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE No. APF TD04/2010 Argus AAD
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Issue Date: 15/11/2010

Subject: Continued use of the Aviacom Argus AAD in Australian parachuting equipment.

Background:

On the 25th July 2009 there was a fatality involving a post AFF student in Poland.

The incident happened at the location of Chrcyno Poland.

The ongoing investigation by the Polish authorities has not been finalised and Aviacom has formally contested the Polish findings.

There has been considerable correspondence and reports regarding this fatality.

On the 3rd September 2010 a second incident occurred in Portugal, reporting with similar issues, though without such extreme outcomes to the incident.

Action:

In the interest of safety to its members, The APF Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has determined that the Aviacom Argus AAD is not to be used in any equipment used by APF members.

All APF members are therefore affected by this Technical Directive (TD).

Rescind of this Technical Directive:

When Aviacom is able to replace the cutters in the Argus AAD with a demonstratively superior and reliable cutter, the TAG will review this Technical Directive.

At the completion of any review of this TD one of the following may occur.

1. The suspension listed in the TD will be removed.
2. The suspension listed in the TD will be extended until further notice.

Compliance:

Effective immediately.

Authority:

APF Technical Advisory Group

Distribution:

Through APF Technical Directive system

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