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APF TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE - No. APF TD04/2020 **12 MONTH RESERVE CYCLE FOR ALL CERTIFIED JUMPERS** **Issued 15th September 2020**

SUBJECT:

To broaden the application of the 12-month reserve cycle for sports equipment for all Certificate Classes (including Certificate Class A).

BACKGROUND:

The 2017 APF regulations were changed to allow for the extension of the period for which a parachute system could be certified as airworthy (thereby extending the reserve repack cycle) to 12 months, for sport equipment used by Certificate Class B holders and above.

Observations and feedback received from these changes concluded:

- no adverse effects on equipment was noticed;
- the extended cycle can be continued safely;
- to ensure uniformity and avoid duplicity, the 12-month reserve cycle can be applied to sport equipment used by Novices.

NEW PROPOSAL:

Amend Part 12 of the APF Operational Regulations to include sport equipment used by Novices (holders of Certificate Class A) to be certified as airworthy for a period of up to 12 months.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO: OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS

PART 12- RECORDS: LOGS, INCIDENT NOTIFICATION/REPORTS AND PACKING RECORDS

12.5.2 Reserve/Emergency Parachute and Tandem Passenger Harness Airworthiness Requirements

- (a) A reserve/emergency parachute can only be certified as airworthy by the holder of at least a Packer A who has packed or directly supervised the packing and who has assured themselves that:
- (i) all parts of the parachute assembly are fully functional and compatible, as per APF Equipment Standards; and
 - (ii) if a parachute is to be used by a Student, Tandem or in an Emergency parachute (being used in support of parachuting activities) it must comply with all mandatory requirements of equipment bulletins and APF Equipment Standards.



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- (b) Student, Tandem reserve and Pilot emergency parachute equipment as well as tandem passenger harness, may be certified as airworthy for a period of up to six months by the holder of at least a Packer A signing the parachute packing record as required by OR 12.5.1.
- (c) Certificate Class A holders and above reserve parachute equipment may be certified as airworthy for a period of up to 12 months by the holder of at least a Packer A signing the parachute packing record as required by OR 12.5.1. In this case, the use of a checklist (APF Form P3 or Certifier's modified version) is recommended.

COMPLIANCE:

Immediate

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DISTRIBUTION:

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