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APF TECHNICAL DIRECTIVE - No. APF TD01/2020

Operational Regulations, Equipment, Harness and Parachutes

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SUBJECT: Allowing for the phasing in of new regulations relating to verification of main parachute compatibility with the harness/container system and DZ level sport equipment checks.

BACKGROUND: APF has introduced new regulations relating to the verification of compatibility of main parachutes with the rest of the system and a requirement for annual DZ level checks for sport jumper equipment. The date of implementation is 1 April 2020.

APF OPERATIONAL REGULATIONS:

PART 7 – EQUIPMENT

7.1 General

7.1.1 Harness and Parachutes

- (b) *The main parachute must be verified as compatible with the rest of the parachute system by a Packer A or Rigger.*
- (c) *The DZSO is responsible to ensure that:*
 - (i) *verification of compatibility is confirmed,*
 - (ii) *sport jumper equipment is inspected by an Instructor or Packer A for serviceability and compatibility every 12 months; and*
 - (iii) *records of inspections kept.*

EQUIPMENT STANDARD No. APF14062019-C:

APF POLICY:

The assembly or mating of certified parachute components from different manufacturers must be made by a Packer 'A' or Rigger. Each component of the resulting assembly shall function properly and must not interfere with the operation of other components. Any questions about the strength, operation or compatibility must be resolved by the Packer 'A' or Rigger before the parachute assembly is certified as airworthy and released into service.

The main parachute must be verified as compatible with the rest of the parachute system by a Packer A or Rigger.



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NEW PROPOSAL: It is acknowledged that it is not practical or possible to have compliance to these regulations and Equipment Standard by 1st April 2020. A phasing in of compliance over the next 12 months is acceptable, with full compliance required by 1st April 2021.

ACTION: Members are encouraged to become compliant with OR 7.1.1 (b) as soon as practically possible. The APF highly recommend Members to take action immediately to avoid late or “last minute” compliance.

Clubs are also encouraged to start becoming compliant with OR 7.1.1 (c) as soon as practically possible. All sports equipment and Clubs have to be fully compliant by 1 April 2021.

This Technical Directive will remain in effect until 1 April 2021.

COMPLIANCE:

Immediate

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