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SUBJECT: FINITE LIFE GQ EMERGENCY PARACHUTES

STATUS: MANDATORY

IDENTIFICATION: All GQ Parachutes used for emergency purposes including 17ft Protector Parachute GQ 2575 Issue 1.

BACKGROUND: In 1980 the Australian Parachute Federation contacted GQ Defence Equipment Ltd., a member of the RFD Group of companies to determine their life policy on GQ Emergency Parachutes and in particular GQ Protector Reserve.

MANUFACTURER ADVISORY:

GQ advises the Finite Life of all GQ parachutes used for emergency purposes is 10 years from the date of manufacture.

This edict is in line with the strict lifing policy laid down by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence.

This policy therefore applies to the 17ft Protector Parachute GQ 2575 Issue 1. We do not recommend any tests or inspection procedures which would extend the Finite 10 year life of emergency parachutes.

APF POLICY: The Finite Life of all parachutes manufactured by GQ Defence Equipment Ltd, used for emergency purposes is 10 years from the date of manufacture.

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