



SAFETY INFORMATION

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AVIACOM ARGUS AAD

On the 17th November 2010 the BPA issued a Safety Notice (1/10) concerning Aviacom 'Argus' AADs. The notice stated that:

“Following two incidents, one on the 25 July 2009, in Chrcynno, Poland, and the other on or about 3 Sept 2010 in Evora, Portugal, where the Argus AAD cutters failed to cut through the reserve parachute closure loops, it has been decided that any rig fitted with an Argus AAD may not be jumped until the problems regarding these AADs can be discussed, by both the Riggers' Sub-Committee and STC at their meetings of the 25th November 2010.”

Following their meetings of the 25th November 2010, the Riggers' Sub-Committee and the STC have now decided that rigs fitted with Argus AADs may now be put back into service provided the Argus AAD is fitted with a cutter manufactured after the beginning of September 2007 and may only be fitted to equipment authorised by both the AAD manufacturer and container manufacturer and fitted in a manner acceptable to them.

The above Committees made their decision following much in depth discussion. The AAD manufacturer was also present at the meetings. The BPA is not in a position to be able to carry out in-depth research or testing of equipment used within sport parachuting. That is the responsibility of the equipment manufacturers.

For further information see Aviacom Product Service Bulletin SB AMMO050910/2 (Revised), issued 5 September 2010. www.argus-aad.com

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