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EQUIPMENT STANDARD No. APF021201-C

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SUBJECT: PARACHUTE EQUIPMENT BROUGHT INTO AUSTRALIA WHICH HAS BEEN PACKED OVERSEAS

STATUS: MANDATORY

BACKGROUND:

APF Operational Regulations require that a reserve parachute used by APF Members be certified as airworthy by an APF Packer A or APF Rigger.

There are circumstances where equipment is brought into Australia that has been packed by a person who may not be covered by APF regulations. This includes parachute equipment:

- Owned by a visiting foreign parachutist,
- Owned by an APF Member which was packed while they were overseas, and
- Imported new and already packed by a foreign manufacturer.

Operational Regulation 15.3.5(c) permits a parachute, which has been packed overseas by a certified Rigger of that overseas country, to be used when the equipment is brought back into Australia.

Parachute equipment owned by a foreign jumper used during their visit to Australia which must comply with Equipment Standard APF010901 and, essentially mirrors United States of America, FAA FAR Part 105.49 – Foreign parachutists and equipment.

APF POLICY:

The APF National Rigging Officer has with the prior approval of CASA, issued the following waiver:

In accordance with OR 1.2(c), I hereby waive the requirements of Operational Regulation 12.5.2 being the requirement for an APF Packer A (or Rigger) to certify imported parachute equipment as airworthy prior to use, provided:

- *The parachute would be legal for use in the overseas country in which it was packed,*
- *The reserve repack is valid for the duration of its cycle or a maximum of 12 months (whichever is the shorter), and*
- *When it's next repacked it is done in accordance with APF regulatory requirements.*

AUTHORITY: Safety & Training Manager

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