



SAFETY INFORMATION

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SUBJECT

Clarification of BPA rules and regulations when servicing reserve parachute systems.

BACKGROUND

During an investigation in to a rigging incident it became apparent that some BPA members thought that it was acceptable to open a reserve repack and either add or remove an AAD (CYPRES, FXC, ASTRA ETC) or RSL. Some reserve packers who have done this have previously added a note to the record of inspection sheet and others have completed a new sheet, however in both cases the previous repack was done by another person.

BPA SYSTEM

All reserves must be packed according to the Record of Inspection checklist. This means that all reserve packers who have completed and signed for a particular system, have taken responsibility for the safe deployment of that reserve parachute up until it has either been deployed in use or on the ground.

A reserve packer's responsibility ends as soon as a container has been opened for any reason, and a new inspection and repack will have to take place.

Any reserve packer can however open any system that they have inspected and packed to add or remove an Automatic Activation Device, the reserve repack date is still valid 6 months from the initial inspection and repack.

DO NOT TAMPER WITH ANOTHER PERSONS RESERVE INSPECTION AND REPACK

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On behalf of Riggers Committee

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