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AVIACOM ARGUS AAD INSTALLATION PROHIBITED IN ICONS

Effective Date: 25 March 2011

Status: Mandatory

Identification: All Icon harness and container systems

Background: This week a number of major gear manufacturers have withdrawn their approval of Argus AAD's based on their review of PIA reports on three incidents over the last three years. The most recent of these happened in the last month in Texas. There is an ongoing investigation of this occurrence, starting Monday March 28 with Argus reps, the riggers involved and the FAA.

Aerodyne has reviewed these reports and spoken with the Argus manufacturer, as well as several other rig manufacturers and riggers. While we do not feel that the current evidence is conclusive, we have decided that it is prudent to prohibit the use of the Argus AAD in Icon rigs at this time.

The use of a Cypres, Vigil or Argus aad, while authorized by Aerodyne, is at the discretion of the owner and his or her rigger. When the AAD functions appropriately, the Icon system will deploy the reserve as it was designed to do.

We look forward to the current investigations being completed and to an official position statement by PIA. Until further notice, Aerodyne prohibits the use of Argus AAD's in Icon harness and container systems.

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