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<b>Subject Matter and Applicability</b>	<p><b>FEDERATION FRANCAISE DE PARACHUTISME SAFETY CIRCULAR No. 181</b> Ref. JMD/0712 Issued 19 APRIL 2010</p> <p><b>SUBJECT:</b> Recall of ARGUS cutters from the batch identified «JAN 2007».</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT REFERENCE:</b> Argus SIS manufactured between January 2007 and October 2007.</p> <p><b>BACKGROUND:</b> Following a fatality in Poland, from the provisional report made by the authorities and from documents in our possession, it would appear that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ The student did not activate either the main or the reserve parachute</li><li>▪ The Argus fired but<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ The cutter did not completely cut the reserve loop</li><li>➢ That the loop broke on impact</li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>ACTIONS:</b> Immediate application of the recommendations indicated in a communication from the Manufacturer (see below). Immediate return of all cutters corresponding to the batch identified «JAN 2007».</p> <p><b>QUALIFIED PERSONNEL:</b> Drop Zone Technical Directors, Riggers, Tandem Instructors.</p> <p><b>COMMUNICATION FROM AVIACOM SA</b></p> <p><b>AVIACOM SA</b> <b>Wavre, April 8<sup>th</sup> 2010</b> <i>Following an incident that is currently under investigation and in an agreement between AVIACOM and the French Parachute Federation, AVIACOM SA requests that people using an ARGUS SIS to control the date of manufacture of it's cutter and if the batch is identified "JAN 2007", to return it for an exchange.</i></p> <p><i>AVIACOM indicates that 5% of each batch of cutters is tested for reliability and that, for the moment, nothing confirms any failure amongst them.</i></p> <p><i>Equipment concerned: ARGUS SIS manufactured between January 2007 and October 2007</i> <i>Procedure: visual check of the date of manufacture of the cutter</i> <i>Removal for exchange if the indication "JAN 2007" is observed.</i></p>

<b>Compliance</b>	Immediate and mandatory implementation before the next jump.
<b>Concerned Publication</b>	Safety Circular No. 181, Ref JMD/0712, dated April 19 <sup>th</sup> 2010, Federation Francaise de Parachutisme  Communication from AVIACOM SA, Wavre, dated April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2010.
<b>Authority</b>	FFP and AVIACOM SA
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