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Subject Matter	<p>VIGIL AAD - Update on position re VIGIL AAD is as follows:-</p> <p><u>AUSTRALIA</u> The Australian directive, (AD/PARA/18 VIGIL Automatic Activation Device 7/2008 TX) has been withdrawn by the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority.</p> <p>The Australian Parachute Federation's Director Safety, Mr Paul Osborne, on 13 June 2008 issued the following notice:- <i>'I, Paul Osborne, as the APF Director of Safety until further notice rescind the approval for the use of the Vigil AAD, manufactured by Advanced Aerospace Designs for the purpose of APF Operational regulation 6.1.14'</i></p> <p>Note – this APF notice refers to <u>ALL</u> Vigil AADs, not just to those manufactured prior to 1 August 2006.</p> <p><u>FRANCE</u> The French directive (DGAC Emergency AD UF-2008-005) is still in place. <i>This Government Agency directive bans the use of VIGIL AADs manufactured prior to 1 August 2006.</i></p>	
Authorities	<p>Direction Général de l'Aviation Civile (DGAC) - French Aviation Authority. See - DGAC Emergency AD UF-2008-005 http://www.aviation-civile.gouv.fr.htm</p> <p>Civil Aviation Safety Authority, Commonwealth of Australia</p> <p>Australian Parachute Federation, PO Box 144, Deakin West, ACT 2600, Australia Paul Osborne, Director Safety, paul_osborne@austarnet.com.au</p> <p>AAD nv/sa Advanced Aerospace Designs 193, Blvd A. Reyers, 1030 Brussels, Belgium. Tel. +32 (0) 732 6552 info@vigil.aero www.vigil.aero</p>	

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