VIGIL AAD - Update on position re VIGIL AAD is as follows:-

AUSTRALIA
The Australian directive, (AD/PARA/18 VIGIL Automatic Activation Device 7/2008 TX) has been withdrawn by the Australian Civil Aviation Safety Authority.

The Australian Parachute Federation’s Director Safety, Mr Paul Osborne, on 13 June 2008 issued the following notice:-

‘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’

Note – this APF notice refers to ALL Vigil AADs, not just to those manufactured prior to 1 August 2006.

FRANCE
The French directive (DGAC Emergency AD UF-2008-005) is still in place.
This Government Agency directive bans the use of VIGIL AADs manufactured prior to 1 August 2006.

Authorities
Direction Général de l’Aviation Civile (DGAC) - French Aviation Authority. See - DGAC Emergency AD UF-2008-005
http://www.aviation-civile.gouv.fr.htm

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