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Subject Matter and Applicability	<p>PRODUCT SERVICE BULLETIN (REVISED) Issue date: 5 September 2010</p> <p>Bulletin number: SB AMMO050910/2 -This Service Bulletin replaces SB AMMO050910/1-</p> <p>Subject: Mandatory cutter replacement</p> <p>Identification: Argus Cutter with manufacturing date Aug. 07 or earlier and manufactured for the Argus AAD by Nobel Energetics</p> <p>Background: This service bulletin has been issued in response to a notice of the International Parachute Commission. The notice was re-published by the BPA, the USPA and taken into account by the APF. This notice continuous to create confusion and uncertainty. It was a follow up of a fatality that occurred in Poland on 25 of July 2009. The Polish Authorities concluded in a preliminary report that the loop was only fully cut at impact. We formally disagree with these conclusions. This service bulletin is published to make an end to this impasse and to err on the side of caution.</p> <p>IPC T&S Note – <i>The Information Notice referred to above, IN 29, 300610, 02/2010 is on the FAI/IPC web site. IN 29 carries Safety Circular No. 181 issued by Federation Francaise de Parachutisme and the communication of April 8th2010 from Aviacom SA.</i></p> <p>Service bulletin: Systems that have a cutter of the manufacturing date August 07 or earlier must have the cutter replaced with a later model at the next repack but no later than 31 December 2010. Cutters manufactured as of September '07 use a different, hardened steel blade delivering a clean cut by loops with lesser tension. The cutter's manufacturing date can be identified by the cable tag. There are three lines of text/numbers on the tag and the manufacturing date is the bottom line.</p>	

	Any senior or master rigger can unscrew the cutter and replace the old cutter with the approved one. The connector must be locked hand tight in order to ensure water resistance.
Compliance	At the next repack but no later than 31 December 2010. The cutter will be replaced free of charge.
Concerned Publication	<p>The distribution list shall include but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All dealers and owners/customers for whom addresses are on file. • PIA Technical Committee • IPC Technical Committee • All parachuting periodicals • National Aero Clubs-Parachuting sections
Authority	<p>Aviacom SA Karel Goorts, Managing director Avenue Lavoisier 18 B-1300 Wavre, Belgium Phone: +32-(0)485 868 788</p>
Acknowledgement	<p>Thanks to Alberto Martin Paracuellos, Spain, for bringing this Aviacom SA to the notice of the Technical & Safety Committee.</p> <p><i>Liam McNulty</i> IPC Technical & Safety Committee 18 September 2010</p>

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