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Technical & Safety Information Notice No.	03/2011 Argus AAD W.N. 38
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Subject Matter and Applicability	<p>Safety Bulletins issued by some manufacturers re Argus AAD in rigs made by those manufacturers, and two Safety Notices/Directives issued by Parachute Associations.</p> <p>The following bulletins re the Argus AAD have been issued,</p> <p><u>Rigging Innovations SB1548</u>, of 21 March 2011 <u>United Parachute Technologies PSB 20110322</u>, of 22 March 2011 <u>Parachutes Australia SB1101</u>, of 22 March 2011 <u>Sun Path SPS006</u>, of 22 March 2011 <u>Parachute Systems SB0003</u>, of 23 March 2011</p> <p><u>New Zealand Parachute Industries Association Safety Directive 1/2011</u>, of 24 March 2011.</p> <p>All of these bulletins, and further information, can be found on the PIA (Parachute Industries Association web site at http://www.pia.com/TechnicalSpecialPage.htm)</p> <p><u>Parachute Association of South Africa</u> has stated that all rigs fitted with Argus AAD must have the device removed before such rigs may be used for skydiving. See www.pia.com/TechnicalSpecialPage.htm</p> <p>Mr Karel Goorts of Aviacom SA, the manufacturer of the Argus AAD, in an e-mail of 25 March 2011 to Argus Dealers, comments upon the actions of some manufacturers and imputes certain motives to their actions. Mr Goorts can be contacted at info@aviacom.com for his views.</p>
Compliance	See individual notices as they pertain to container systems and countries.
Concerned Publication	See above.

Authority	Various, as listed above.
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