

MEMO



Aviation Security Service
Kaiwhakamaru Rererangi

DATE: 19th March 2009
TO: Auckland Staff
FROM: Senior Sergeant McKechnie
SUBJECT: Parachute Automatic Activation
Devices.

All Staff,

Queries have been raised regarding the carriage of Parachute Automatic Activation Safety devices (AAD's) in relation to Dangerous Goods regulations. The most commonly known of these is the "CYPRES" brand AAD.

The following advice has been received from the CAA as New Zealand's competent authority.

In regard to the CYPRES product, it is the determination of the CAA that according to the Materials Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) supplied; the product does not meet the classification criteria for a Dangerous Good and is therefore permitted to travel on both passenger and cargo aircraft.

In regard to other brands of this item/product, the responsibility for the classification of DG's rests with the shipper of the item.

If the Shipper can provide manufacturer or other documentation that states that the item is not a DG and may be carried by air, it is the CAA position that this documentation may be taken at face value and accepted. The airline also has a responsibility to determine whether or not they would accept these items for carriage.

ICAO/IATA does not classify items as non-dangerous. The only goods listed in the passenger provision are goods that would normally be classified as dangerous and would therefore be forbidden for carriage by passengers. There is therefore no ICAO/IATA documentation on this item at present.

For your information

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