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NZPIA Safety Directive

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Area of Concern	Grounding of Paratec Next Sport containers model identification NENX and NENS
Compliance	Mandatory
Effective Date	Immediate
Classification	Primary

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Type Approval Holder's Name : Paratec

Type/Model designation(s) : Paratec Next Sport Containers Model ID NENX and NENS

Grounding of the parachute container

Applicability: All Paratec Next Sport Containers identified by the above model ID.

Reason:

During a main deployment sequence a line from the main parachute entangled with the number 2 flap of the main container causing substantial and significant damage.

The resulting malfunction appears to be due to the considerable stiffness of the number 2 flap not allowing the main parachute deployment bag and main parachute suspension lines to be able to clear the container. The increased possibility of the number 2 flap entangling with the main parachute suspension lines or interfering with the main parachute deployment sequence is greatly increased as a result.

Compliance: Accomplish the following immediately after the effective date of this Safety Directive:

THE USE OF Paratec NEXT SPORT CONTAINERS MODEL ID NENX AND NENS IS PROHIBITED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Should you require any further clarification please contact the NZPIA.