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Item #1 – Elderly Equipment

Riggers are noticing early issue CYPRES units are beginning to reach their factory imposed serviceable life. Airtec, makers of the CYPRES automatic activation devices, mandated a maximum service life of 12 years + 3 months—after this the units must be removed from service. As this is manufacturer mandated Riggers are duty bound to remove any out-of-service units.

Out-of-service units can be used as trade-ins on the new CYPRES-2. Contact dealers for details.

Item #2 - RA Qualifications

As some Riggers seem unfamiliar with the scope of the Rigger “A”, following are some limitations if a “continuous” rating has not been issued.

A Rigger “A” must have a “continuous” rating prior to supervising inspection/repacks performed by riggers-in-training.

A Rigger “A” must have a “continuous” rating prior to supervising inspection/repacks performed by riggers wishing to up-date their rating(s),

A Rigger “A” must have a “continuous” rating and PEP type-rating endorsement prior to supervising inspection/repacks performed by riggers wishing to qualify for the Pilot Emergency Parachute type-rating.

The aforementioned inspection/repacks shall be recorded on the appropriate form and submitted with requests for upgrading. If needed, contact the T&SC for appropriate form.

CSPA membership cards should indicate whether a rigger is certified as “continuous” . Failing that, the rating certificate card will have a “continuous” sticker attached to the back side. If neither apply – likely you are not registered as having the “continuous” rating. Riggers who are unsure of their “continuous” status should contact the T&SC for details on how this may be rectified. Not having a “continuous” rating means you are not considered a current rigger and have been placed on the “inactive” list.

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