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Safety Recommendation:

The IAA considers the provision of guidance in the General Advisory Memorandum (GAM) No: 01/10 with regard to the carriage of ancillary equipment by tandem masters during tandem operations.

Response:

The IAA informed the Investigation that

"The IAA has started a process to review the contents of GAM 01/10 - Parachute Guidance Material in co-operation with interested stakeholders to ensure that it complies with best standards and practices currently employed in parachute operations. The recommendation in relation to the wearing/use of ancillary equipment such as camera mounts will be included in this review."

On 10 August 2017 the IAA responded further to the AAIU advising as follows:

"IAA GAM 01/10 has been cancelled due to the later implementation of EU regulations in the area of aircraft operations, chiefly the Air Ops regulation (Commission Regulation (EU) No 965/2012) and the Standardised Rules of the Air (Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 923/2012).

Aircraft operated in the Union in support of parachute operations must comply with the relevant parts of the Air Ops regulation. These regulations consider parachutists as 'Task Specialists' with duties and responsibilities. The Operator / Pilot in Command is responsible to ensure that Task Specialists receive and understand a safety briefing, including the use of any ancillary equipment while boarding, on-board or departing the aircraft.

In Order to comply with AAIU SR IRLD2013014, the IAA intends to publish OAM 03 ((EU) Air Operations Task Specialists Requirements in Commercial and Non-Commercial Aircraft Operations in support of Parachute Dropping)."

AAIU Comment:

The AAIU notes that GAM No. 01/10 has been cancelled, superseded by EU Regulations, and the intended publication of OAM 03 by the IAA. The AAIU considers the status of this safety recommendation as "Closed"