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**Safety Recommendation:**

The UK Civil Aviation Authority should ensure that the risk of cockpit control obstruction is considered during aircraft inspections performed on UK-registered parachute operations aircraft prior to the issue of airworthiness certification.

**Response:**

The UK Civil Aviation Authority advised the AAIU by Email dated 18 December 2015 of the following:

“The UK CAA accepts this Recommendation insofar as it recognises the need to ensure that the risk of cockpit control obstruction is minimised. In cases like this, where previously approved modifications are installed, the UK CAA is not involved. We will address this matter by writing to the British Parachute Association to highlight this issue and the importance of ensuring their members check and confirm that any of the aircraft they operate have been correctly modified and retain full and free movement of the control column for all circumstances. This will have the advantage of highlighting the issue to the significant number of non-UK registered aircraft used for parachute operations in the UK. Additionally the UK CAA does sample aircraft modification standards as part of the Aircraft Continuing Airworthiness Monitoring (ACAM) programme and parachuting aircraft will continue to be included in that activity and the issue of obstruction to the control column addressed”.

**AAIU Comment:**

The AAIU considers the status of this Safety Recommendation as “Implemented, closed”.