

2024 GRC Report  
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Current/ ongoing issues.

Issue:

Updating the current CARs to remove or change the language around the current 120 day repack cycle that is required for demo jumps.

Status:

The GRC & TSC have met and are currently looking for evidence and supporting literature to request that the cycle get extended to the 180-day cycle that is currently in their other documentation.

Issue:

FAA and USPA not allowing equipment packed by a non-FAA rigger to be jumped in the US.

Status:

Application has been submitted to the FAA for review to allow CSPA riggers to repack equipment that will be jumped in the US. At the time of application, the proposal is still under review by the FAA.

Issue:

Assisting multiple parachute centers in their agreements for operations with NAV Canada.

Status:

The GRC has been reached out to on at least two occasion to assist or support operators as the endeavor to build working level agreements with NAV Canada. In at least one occasion, NAV Canada has failed to meet any service standard or response for information and this has prompted the CSPA to reach out to the air traffic unit directedly and the regional manager. We have also included our TC national level liaisons in these attempts to ensure regulators understanding of the situation. As of today's date, this is still and ongoing issue with lack of communication on NAV Canada's part playing the largest part in holding up the implementation of an agreement between the parties.

Other topics:

In August of 2023, the main liaison of the CSPA within Transport Canada made a field visit to Parachute Ottawa. The reason for the visit was to provide education to the regulator and for them to ask any questions or gain better understating of parachute operations. The meeting was overseen by Michelle Matte-Stotyn, myself and the Parachute Ottawa Chief Pilot. Overall, the interaction was very positive and we believe this was a big step in getting buy-in from the regulator to understand the challenges parachuting is facing and build a stronger working relationship between the 2 agencies.