

Schedule 26 ATSO-C1003 – Helicopter external personnel lifting devices

(subsection 13.2 (1), table, item 6)

1 Application

This Schedule applies to a helicopter external personnel lifting device manufactured by an article manufacturer that is 1 of the following kinds of helicopter external personnel lifting device:

- (a) a winchman's or rescue harness;
- (b) a rescue or retrieval strop combination.

2 Definitions

In this Schedule:

AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4 means AS/NZS 1891.1:1995, *Industrial fall-arrest systems and devices, Part 1: Safety belts and harnesses*, incorporating amendments to Amendment No. 4, published on 5 August 1999.

dispatcher's restraint strap has the meaning as defined in Schedule 24.

rescue or retrieval strop combination means an item of equipment that:

- (a) is used in either a single or double lift; and
- (b) is fitted around a person under the person's arms, across the person's back and securing in front of the person's chest.

winchman's or rescue harness means either:

- (a) a full harness that:
 - (i) is worn by a person when suspended outside a helicopter from a winch hook; and
 - (ii) may be used in conjunction with a dispatcher's restraint strap to prevent the wearer from inadvertently exiting the aircraft; or
- (b) a rappel harness.

3 Minimum performance standards — device

- (1) Subject to subclauses (3) to (6), if the helicopter external personnel lifting device is a winchman's or rescue harness, it must meet the requirements mentioned in AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4 for a fall-arrest harness.
- (2) Subject to subclauses (3) to (6), if the helicopter external personnel lifting device is a rescue or retrieval strop combination, it must meet the requirements mentioned in AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4 for a retrieval strap.
- (3) The helicopter external personnel lifting device does not need to meet the requirements mentioned in clause 4.2.3 of AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4 if the device meets 1 of the following requirements for demonstrating its resistance to degradation by light:
 - (a) a substantiated life limitation;
 - (b) the use of webbing previously qualified to a similar performance standard.
- (4) The instructions mentioned in clause 5.1 of AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4 do not need to include the matters mentioned in paragraphs 5.1 (a) to (f) of AS/NZS 1891.1:1995 Amdt 4.