



SAIB: HQ-12-07

Date: November 3, 2011

SUBJ: Emergency Equipment – Contaminated Iodine Wipes

This is information only. Recommendations aren't mandatory.

Introduction

This Special Airworthiness Information Bulletin is intended to alert owners and operators of all aircraft of the potential that first aid kits sold by Avox Systems, Inc. may contain contaminated iodine wipes (labeled as Applicator, Antiseptic and also referred to as iodine or povidine prep pads).

Background

14 CFR 91.513, 14 CFR 121.803, 14 CFR 125.207, and 14 CFR 135.177 require aircraft operated under those parts to have certain emergency equipment. This includes first aid and emergency medical kits. The FAA has been notified by Avox Systems, Inc., of potential contamination of certain iodine wipes. The wipes are included as antiseptic swabs as part of first aid kits. Additionally, these wipes were also sold individually and as replacement parts. The manufacturer of the wipes has issued a recall.

Recommendations

Owners and operators are encouraged to inspect their first aid or emergency medical kits for Avox Systems, Inc. part number 70135-00. These parts are known to be included in Avox kit numbers including, but not limited to, 70001-00, 70002-00, 70003-00, 70004-00, 74050-00, 74051-00, 74052-00, 74052-01, and 73777-01. The packages may be marked as North PVP Iodine Wipe.

If your kit contains part number 70135-00, check the package for the expiration date and/or lot number. If your kit contains a box of wipes, the expiration date will be printed on the outside of the box. Individual wipe packets will have the lot and expiration date printed on each packet. Expiration dates between March 2011 and April 2014 (03/11 to 04/14) are suspect and should be replaced. Additionally, any lot numbers beginning with the numbers 8, 9, 0, or 1 are suspect and should be replaced. Expiration dates later than April 2014 (04/14) and lot numbers not listed are not suspect and are acceptable as is.

A copy of the Avox Systems Inc., recall notification is attached to this SAIB. The notice includes pictures that help identify the location of the expiration date and/or lot number as well as details of the contamination.

For Further Information Contact

Rob Romero, Aerospace Engineer, 2601 Meacham Blvd., Fort Worth, TX 76137; phone: (817) 222-5102; fax: (817) 222-5960; e-mail: Robert.A.Romero@faa.gov.