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NATIONAL FIRE EQUIPMENT SYSTEM CACHE MEMORANDUM NO. 03-4

To: NFES National Incident Support Caches
From: Paul Naman, NFES Representative - NIFC
Subject: Orange Colored Lightweight (300lbs) Cargo Net, NFES #0695

In July 2002 Cache Memorandum No. 02-6 was issued providing direction to remove all black colored 300 lb cargo nets from service. Based on additional assessments of the problem, Equipment Specialists from the Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) now recommend that all orange colored 300 lb cargo nets (NFES #0695 only) be removed from service. This recommendation is based on the NFES #0695's close physical similarity (other than color) to higher capacity cargo nets and the significant safety concerns generated if misidentified in operational use.

The NFES #0695 lightweight cargo net is best identified by being orange in color, being constructed with 5/16" polypropylene rope, and being marked with a capacity rating of 300 lbs. The capacity rating is marked with a tag on the cinch rope.

The NFES #0795 cargo net (300 lb rating) also in service is acceptable and is not affected by this notice. The NFES #0795 cargo net can be readily differentiated from other cargo nets due to being constructed from 1/8" diameter nylon netting.

It is recommended that the NFES #0695 cargo nets be removed from service immediately and be discarded or have cinch ropes removed to make them unserviceable as cargo nets.

Please contact Tim Lynch, MTDC, at (406) 329-3958 with questions or comments regarding this information.

/S/ Paul E. Naman

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