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## Amendment to BCAR 31 - Colour Coding of Control Cords

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**1. Structured Information Line**

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**2. Member State**

United Kingdom

**3. Department Responsible**

Department of Trade & Industry: Standards and Technical  
Regulations Directorate



### 3. Originating Department

Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions.

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### 5. Title

Amendment to BCAR 31 - Colour Coding of Control Cords

### 6. Products Concerned

Manned Free Balloons

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

To standardise the colour coding of control cords on balloons.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when these Regulations are officially published.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Technological advances in balloon design have led to an increase in the number of envelope controls available to the pilot. On some balloon designs, up to six control lines may be present, from which the pilot has to select the appropriate one at each stage of the balloon's flight. At critical stages of the flight, some controls need to be operated without delay and this can only be safely achieved by proper identification of the controls. Colour coding is the obvious choice, but the current regulations contained in BCAR 31 only require the rip cord to be specifically identified (coloured red). This proposal establishes a standard convention for the colouring of all control lines.

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- i. Amendment Paper BCAR 31-7
- ii. No
- iii. No

### 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

### 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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### 13. Confidentiality

No



**14. Fiscal measures**

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