GPSR: Safety Instructions (EN)

Manufacturer: Manufacturer-specific details are indicated on the packaging or on the product itself.

GENERAL SAFETY INFORMATION AND WARNINGS (EU Regulation 2023/988)

1. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), helmets and climbing equipment (Involves: cycling and climbing helmets, harnesses, carabiners, ropes, protectors, via ferrata sets, etc.)

● Critical Warning: Mountaineering, ski touring and cycling are activities that carry the risk of serious injury or death. The use of this equipment requires specialized knowledge, training and compliance with the highway code.

● Instructions for use: Before first use, it is mandatory to read the manufacturer's instructions provided with the product. The manual contains limits of use, maintenance procedures and criteria for product recall.

● Durability: The textile and plastic parts of PPE (belts, helmets, ropes) have a limited lifespan (usually 5-10 years from the date of production), even without use. Never use equipment with an unknown history or after a strong fall/impact, even if not visibly damaged.

● Compatibility: You are responsible for ensuring that the individual elements of the security chain are compatible with each other.

2. Outdoor and winter equipment and bike components (Involves: tents, hammocks, snowshoes, ski mountaineering bindings, backpacks, trekking poles, brakes, pedals and mechanical parts)

● Assembly and maintenance: Safety parts (bike brakes, handlebar stems, ski bindings) require professional assembly and adjustment. Incorrect installation can cause failures and serious accidents.

● Trekking poles: For telescopic poles, always check the locking mechanisms before applying the load to avoid sudden closures and falls.

● Inspection: Visually inspect stitching, buckles, load-bearing parts and mechanisms before each use.

● Flow rate: Do not exceed the maximum flow rate indicated by the manufacturer.

● Anchoring: For tents and shelters, ensure accurate anchoring based on weather conditions.

3. Water and water sports (Concerns: SUP (Stand Up Paddle), kayaks, aquatic equipment)

● Risk of drowning: SUPs and kayaks are not life-saving devices. Always wear a certified life jacket.

● Conditions: Do not use in strong currents, winds or onshore winds unless the equipment is explicitly designed for this.

● Pressure: For inflatable products, comply with the specified pressure. Overinflation in the sun can cause the tube to explode.

4. Child transport (Regards: sports strollers, bike trailers, child seats) ● Restraint systems: Always use seat belts. Never leave your child unattended.

● Attachment: Check the connection of the trailer/seat to the bicycle before each ride. Use additional safety straps according to the instructions.

● Stability: Always apply the brake when stopping the stroller/trailer. Do not overload the storage compartments to avoid overturning.

5. Electronics and batteries in the field (Involves: headlamps, bike lights, power banks, heated clothing)

● Li-Ion batteries: Do not expose batteries to extreme temperatures or mechanical damage. Dispose of a damaged battery immediately.

● Humidity: Respect the IPX protection rating. Unless otherwise specified, electronics are not waterproof.

6. Cooking, gas cartridges and chemicals (Involves: camping pots, stoves, waterproofing sprays, detergents)

● Burn Hazard: The metal parts of pans and stoves become extremely hot during use. Use protective gloves.

● Stability: Always cook on a flat, non-flammable surface.

● Flammable: Keep pressurized containers and sprays away from heat and open flames. Do not expose to temperatures above 50°C.

● Ventilation: Use gas stoves only in well-ventilated areas. Risk of CO poisoning. 7. Fitness, optics and tools (Regards: resistance bands, exercise balls, binoculars, knives)

● Fitness: Check bands and balls for cracks before each workout. Breaking under tension can cause injury.

● Optics: Never point the binoculars at the sun. Risk of immediate and permanent eye damage.

● Knives: For folding knives, make sure the locking mechanism works properly. Handle sharp tools with extreme caution.

● Food: For sports nutrition, check the expiry date and allergens indicated on the package.

8. Reporting incidents, the presence of safety defects, or if a product has caused an incident, please contact the email address in the dedicated section immediately.