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## New Certification Program for Criminal Justice Restraints

**McLean, Va., April 28, 2020** – SEI is proud to announce the issuance of the first certification to the NIJ Criminal Justice Restraint Standard – NIJ 1001.00. ALCYON - Larrañaga y Elorza, s.a. has successfully completed initial certification for their Chain Model 5050-X handcuff.

As previously announced, the U.S. National Institute of Justice (NIJ) transitioned certification of criminal justice restraints from an NIJ program to private sector organizations. The NIJ list of approved restraints is no longer available. The current list of restraints certified to the NIJ 1001.00 Standard will be maintained on the SEI Certified Products Listing:

[https://www.seinet.org/search.htm#&section=hidden-law\\_enforcement,hidden-restraints](https://www.seinet.org/search.htm#&section=hidden-law_enforcement,hidden-restraints)

NIJ Standard 1001.00, *Criminal Justice Restraints*, specifies the minimum requirements for form and fit, performance, testing, documentation, and labeling of restraints intended to be used by criminal justice personnel. The Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) is currently the only NIJ-Recognized Certification Program for criminal justice restraints.

Certification means that restraint models have been tested and found to meet the NIJ standard, and the facilities where they are manufactured have been audited and meet stringent quality assurance requirements. Certification also means that users of these restraints can have confidence that the restraints that they are using meet the requirements.

NIJ published a Federal Register Notice on August 15, 2018 explaining the transition to private-sector certification of restraints to NIJ Standard-1001.00, *Criminal Justice Restraints*:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/08/15/2018-17467/recognizing-private-sector-certification-programs-for-criminal-justice-restraints>

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