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Standards & Related Documents Sub-Committee

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109. Compliance with the Code of Practice

We have recently received a letter from the Health & Safety Executive raising several issues about failures of owners and Appointed Persons to comply with "Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks - A Code of Safe Practice" and "A Code of Safe Practice at Fairs: Technical Annex". The full text of the letter is appended but there are several points about which we make further comment.

Section (a) of the letter refers to the fact that there appear to be many owners who do not have copies of the Code. Although most of the advice is for others, there is also useful guidance for owners in the Technical Annex and we recommend members to advise them to keep a copy of this .

In section (b) the comments are based on the HSE's experience that ride owners do not always have the correct paperwork (required by the Code) available for inspection. We note, firstly, that for new equipment (less than a year old) there will not be reports of thorough examination available. However, all rides need to have a certificate of Initial Test which accords with paragraphs 89 and 90 of the Code. This is expected to be attached to the Log Book. Secondly, since Design Reviews will have been required under paragraphs 16 (and maybe 43) of the Code, it is our view that there ought to be paperwork available to confirm that these have been successfully completed and detailing any consequential operational restrictions. Our final comment on documentation is that the written record of daily inspection perused by the Appointed Person as part of his examination procedure, should cover at least the preceding month's entries.

Standards of Thorough Examination were referred to in (c) of the HSE letter. Thoroughness, competence and documentation were mentioned. Although these complaints may not necessarily be referring to NAFLIC members, it is clear that not all Appointed Persons are doing their job properly. Bearing in mind that NAFLIC's Accreditation Scheme will be coming into force within months, we suggest that the Thorough Examination Service Quality Schedule (SQS) clarifies the issue of competence (for instance, for mechanical engineers to certificate electrical systems, including both supply and controls). Likewise the SQS also lays down the minimum requirements for reports of thorough examination.

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