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Subject: Alternative schemes to ADIPS

Dear All

I have been asked recently as to the HSE position on any scheme that might be set up to provide a parallel or alternative scheme to ADIPS. I think it is important all the trade associations are clear on HSE's position.

The Health and Safety Executive (HSE) believes that at this time ADIPS is the best way for the fairground industry trade associations to demonstrate a desire to maintain and improve standards relating to fairground ride inspection and testing. The only nationally agreed scheme for fairground ride inspection and testing is ADIPS (we acknowledge and support both the PIPA scheme which sits outside the main fairground industry, and the BACTA scheme for Coin Operated kiddie rides which is also a subset of ADIPS). We believe that it is important that the industry works collaboratively and nationally to improve standards.

HSE will continue to support and work with the fairground industry trade associations through the Amusement Devices Inspection Council (ADSC) as they seek to maintain and improve ADIPS. HSE would not wish to be involved in working with any other scheme until such time as it had the support of **all** the ride controller associations.

This was the same advice that was given when we were asked to comment on an alternative scheme that was proposed in 2003.

I hope that this clarifies the position.

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