

# NAFLIC

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## **Standards & Related Documents Sub-Committee**

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#### **102. Liberty Wheels**

In the 1994 season there were problems concerning "Liberty Wheels" which recent correspondence from the Health and Safety Executive has highlighted. The relevant letter, from Dr Garsed at Preston, contained the following text :-

"I am writing to express my concern about the exchanges between HSE inspectors and the owners of Liberty Wheels at the 1993 Hull Fair and the 1994 Goose Fair. The attitude of the owners indicated either a total lack of awareness of the requirements of the Code of Safe Practice and the Technical Annex or a complete unwillingness to attempt to comply with those requirements in a positive and constructive manner.

It is totally unacceptable for ride owners to arrive at a fair with a major ride which has no means of passenger restraint and expect either to get away with it, or for HSE to sort the problem out for them. On both the above occasions HSE inspectors have, with grave reservations, permitted the owners to fit temporary restraints on site so as not to deny the owners their living. However "bolt-on-safety" is bad safety and what may have been accepted by inspectors as an interim solution remains only that; and should not be considered as setting any precedents for the future. A thorough ergonomic assessment .... will be required in the close season and any necessary modifications made and certificated by a competent person before the ride opens again.

HSE inspectors are unlikely to be as tolerant of such behaviour by ride owners in the future. Please could you inform your members of HSE's concerns and remind them that if they are proposing to purchase a new ride, or are inviting a foreign ride to a fair they are organising, HSE will expect that ride to comply fully with the Code of Safe Practice and the Technical Annex. Those whose rides do not comply will have only themselves to blame for any loss of earnings which arise through enforcement action by inspectors."

We advise NAFLIC members certificating such equipment to take great care to ensure that it complies with all paragraphs of the Code and Annex - their work will be under HSE scrutiny.

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