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TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Issuing of a "Permit to Operate" (TAR-11-5)

Per California Labor Code Section 7916 (b), the owner of an amusement ride shall maintain all of the records necessary to demonstrate the following:

- Training for employees in the safe operation and maintenance of amusement rides as required by Sections 4,6,7 and 8 of ASTM F770-06, Standard Practice for Ownership and Operation of Amusement Rides and Devices, adopted by the American Society for Testing and Materials.
- Maintain all of the records necessary to demonstrate that the requirements of subdivision 7916(b) have been met, including ride manuals and bulletins, non-destructive records, emergency and evacuation plans, employee training records, maintenance, repair, inspection and injury and illness records as specified in ASTM F770-06.
- Maintain an Injury and Illness Prevention Program for all employees as required by Title 8 California Code of Regulations section 3203.

All of these records must be maintained with the ride and made available to the inspector upon request and will be reviewed by the Division before a "Permit" to operate an amusement ride can be issued.

Also, before a "Permit" is issued the ride must be free of all requirements except those deemed by the inspector to be non-critical to the immediate safe operation of the ride. When non-critical violations are found it is probable a temporary permit (Labor Code 7906) will be issued with a specified compliance date. **If a ride has received a temporary permit, it is the owners/operators responsibility to notify the Division in writing when and where the ride will be ready to re-inspect and that it is in compliance, prior to the expiration date of the temporary permit. All follow-up inspections will result in additional charges.**

Any time worn or damaged parts are discovered during an inspection, it is deemed a serious violation and the permitting of the ride may be delayed.

If various tests or permits (non-destructive test, air tank permit, etc.) are due at a time after the permit inspection, a temporary permit will be issued. The owner/operator should submit the results of the tests and/or copies of permits by their due dates and schedule a follow-up inspection.

The Division will attempt to identify rides which have a history of problems and may make follow up inspections on these rides. The California Labor Code, Section 7906, does allow the Division to inspect rides each time they are disassembled or reassembled. These follow-up inspections will be charged at the standard rate of \$125.00 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact my office at the address or telephone number listed on the letterhead.

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