December 10, 2014

TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Issuing of a “Permit to Operate” – Records (TAR 15-5)

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.

The Division will attempt to identify rides which have a history of problems and will perform inspections on these rides as needed to ensure public safety. The California Labor Code, Section 7906, does allow the Division to inspect rides each time they are disassembled or reassembled. These inspections will be charged at the standard rate of $125.00 per hour or a fraction thereof.

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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