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TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owners/Operators

SUBJECT: Revised Labor Code Sections 7900 through 7919

In October 2007, the governor signed into law the amendments to Part 8 of the California Labor code, Sections 7912, 7914, 7916, 7917, 7918, and 7919, pertaining to temporary amusement rides, which became effective on January 1, 2008, with the exception of Sections 7912 and 7916(b), which will become effective on January 1, 2009

New Regulations reflecting these changes to the California Labor Code are in process of being promulgated for addition to Title 8, California Code of Regulations, Article 35, Amusement Rides.

Effective January 1, 2009, all insurance will increase to a minimum of \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Also effective January 1, 2009, the Division will be conducting comprehensive record audits for the previous year's records. The new labor code additions reference the ASTM F770-06 standard as the guide for operator and maintenance training, maintenance and operations programs, and the recording of incidences, along with a change to the reporting requirements. The Injury and Illness Prevention Program, (IIPP), under Title 8, California Code of Regulations, General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3202, which has been in effect for years, will also be reviewed by the Amusement Ride Section as part of the record audit inspection.

Until the Division finalizes the Title 8 regulations reflecting these changes, the California Labor Code will be enforced directly. A copy of Labor Code Sections 7900 through 7919 and General Industry Safety Orders, Section 3203 are attached for your convenience. You will need to purchase your own copy of the ASTM F770-06 standard, since the standard is copyrighted.

As required by the California Labor Code 7916(b), the Division will begin performing the Annual Record Audit inspection on all Temporary Amusement Rides as of January 1, 2009. The Division will be contacting Owners/Operators in the next few months to arrange appointments for an inspector to come to the Owner/Operator's office or winter quarters, within the State of California, to perform the Annual Record Audit inspection. These inspections will be billed at the hourly rate that is billed for all inspections conducted by the Amusement Ride Section. It is very important to have all of your records available so that the Division can effectively perform the Records Audit inspection in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Nancy Medeiros in Sacramento at (916) 263-3511. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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