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TO: Temporary Amusement Ride Owner/Operators
SUBJECT: Insurance

Effective immediately, the ERT Certification Section is taking over the processing of all insurance policies for temporary amusement rides. You may contact us at the address or telephone number listed above. Please furnish a copy of this letter to your insurance agent or broker so we will receive correspondence in a timely manner

This notice is to provide information and clarification of the insurance requirements for permits to operate temporary amusement rides in the State of California.

The following insurance requirements are outlined in California Labor Code Section 7912:

“ No person shall operate an amusement ride unless there is in existence and on file with the Division a policy of insurance issued by a company licensed by the Department of Insurance to do business in the State of California, or by a non-admitted insurer employed by a surplus lines broker licensed by the Department of Insurance, in an amount of not less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) insuring the owner or operator against liability for injury suffered by persons riding the amusement ride.”

In meeting these Labor Code requirements, insurance documents submitted must include the following:

1. Insurance must cover liability for injury suffered by persons riding the amusement ride(s)
2. Minimum limits of coverage are \$500,000.00 per occurrence
3. The Labor Code requires that a ***complete insurance policy*** be submitted for review
4. It is preferable that this insurance be issued by an insurance company licensed by the Department of Insurance
5. Insurance policies issued by an insurance company which is non-admitted to do business in California must either be signed by a licensed California Surplus Lines Broker or include a Countersignature Endorsement signed by a California Surplus Lines Broker
6. ***Insurance policies must list each attraction that is insured and operated in the State of California during the policy period. The words all attractions or all rides may be used to indicate coverage.***

Minimum limits of liability coverage will increase to (\$1,000,000.00) effective on and after January 1, 2009.

A new complete policy must be submitted to the Division promptly upon the expiration of the existing policy. Permits may be revoked if a valid policy is not on file with the Division.

Sincerely,

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