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077. Annual Thorough Examinations

The recent meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for Health and Safety in the Fairground Industry (JAC) discussed the competence and thoroughness of Appointed Persons carrying out Thorough Examination. The HSE point out that there is some evidence that not all such persons act with sufficient competence or thoroughness.

The discussion largely centred on differences between standards of competence and thorough examination as exemplified by the Showmen's Guild approval of examiners and the developing NAFLIC accreditation scheme.

For the future it was noted that the proposals for a supplement to the Use of Work Equipment Directive may possibly involve requirements for certification of persons carrying out the Thorough Examination of amusement devices. In the meantime it was agreed that a JAC working group (which will be meeting in September 1994) would review the Testing and Examination sections of "Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks - A Code of Safe Practice". This review could involve changes to the definitions of "Appointed Person" and "Thorough Examination", for instance, in order to ensure that acceptable standards are achieved.

The Standards & Related Documents Subcommittee has been considering how these sections of the Code might be improved. If any member has suggestions please communicate them as soon as possible for the Subcommittee's consideration.

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