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036. Code of Safe Practice, paragraph 90

In Technical Bulletin number 035 we pointed out the new requirements relating to Initial Test implied by the words "... duly verified by a competent third party ..." incorporated into paragraph 90 of the new Code.

Note that no equipment may now operate in the UK without having satisfactorily completed a Test. Equipment in use before the 1984 Code of Practice was published should carry a Report of Lapsed Time Test while more recent equipment would be covered by a Report of Initial Test. Now that the period for completion of Lapsed Time Tests has expired this Test is redundant and has been deleted from the new 1992 version of the Code.

All new equipment and (by implication of paragraph 42 of the 1992 Code) all new or used imported equipment is required to be covered by a Report of Initial Test. We believe that the requirement for this to be "... duly verified by a competent third party ..." implies only that such a body needs to confirm that the Report describes a suitable test procedure and satisfactory results. There is no need for the third party to be present at an Initial Test. We are seeking confirmation of these implications from the Health & Safety Executive.

With respect to testing we note that the requirement for a functional test at every Thorough Examination (paragraph 5) came into force on 1 December 1992 (paragraph 6). Appointed Persons will need to decide in relation to any particular ride whether thorough examination can be satisfactorily completed in one visit. There are many instances where strip down is necessary for the examination of some components and in such cases it may be impractical to carry out a functional test on the same day.

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