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065. Completion of Reports and Certificates

Some recent correspondence has highlighted certain anomalies and difficulties resulting from the completion of Thorough Examination Report (TER) forms and Safety Certificates. Some of the problems result from the format of these standard forms.

- ◆ The first point of concern is that some Appointed Persons are completing out-of-date report forms. The title block of these refers to "A Code of Safe Practice at Fairs" which was superseded in 1992 by "Fairgrounds and Amusement Parks - A Code of Safe Practice". There are important distinctions between the forms, as there are between the two versions of the Code.
- ◆ There are many (probably most) Appointed Persons who only carry out Structural and Mechanical (i.e. not Electrical) Thorough Examination. It is necessary to look carefully at completed TERs and Safety Certificates to ascertain whether Electrical examination was included and it would appear that, consequently, there may be many amusement devices operating which have not been fully certificated. We are aware that some NAFLIC members include an additional statement, such as "Please note that this examination did NOT include electrical safety for which you will need to make separate arrangements". This has the benefit of making the position clearer and drawing the ride controller's attention to the need to seek further independent help.
- ◆ Some evidence has been put to us that, despite a reminder in Technical Bulletin 036, not all Appointed Persons are carrying out a full Functional Test (now compulsory under the Code's paragraph 20.4) in the course of every Thorough Examination. Please note that, in such circumstances, the Examination, and therefore the amusement device, does not comply with the Code.
- ◆ Most passenger-carrying amusement devices require periodic NDT, a fact that is recognised in the Code and "A Code of Safe Practice at Fairs: Technical Annex" (e.g. paragraph 20.4). Throughout the Code and its Annex it is made clear that NDT should be specified by the Appointed Person, including the need to refer results back to him. It is also clear that NDT forms part of the Thorough Examination. Yet it would appear that NDT is often unmentioned in TERs. We are unclear whether this means that in some cases NDT is being omitted, or the NDT report is not being reviewed by the Appointed Person, or the TER front page is poorly completed. We hope to find out more details of the reasons for this. But in the meantime we urge members to ensure that NDT is properly reported.