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Agreement on the safety of fairground attractions, machinery and installations for funfairs or amusement parks

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Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

Message

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No abre el plazo - Ne zahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist - He ce предвижда период на прекъсване - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare.

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4. Notification Number

2007/0473/F - I00

5. Title

Agreement on the safety of fairground attractions, machinery and installations for funfairs or amusement parks

6. Products Concerned

Fairground attractions, machinery and installations for funfairs or amusement parks

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The attached draft agreement provides that the equipment made available to users must not present risks to people.

Depending on the risks, the equipment is classified into 4 categories, defined in Annex I to the agreement, with graded requirements specific to each category.

The equipment must be designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements laid down in standard EN 13841:2004 or an equivalent reference text. It must be maintained, verified and repaired if necessary in accordance with the requirements in Annex II. A technical file must be established for each item of equipment, according to the specimen provided in Annex III.

Inspections by a competent independent body are provided:

- for new equipment, when it is first put into service and before it is opened to the public;
- for equipment already in service.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

On 4 August 2007, a very serious accident occurred involving a 'Booster' fairground ride made in Italy (Fabbri Group). In this accident, of the four people riding in the Booster, all in the same family, two were killed and two were seriously injured.

This accident has initially been blamed on a broken mechanical element.

In order to prevent the repetition of such a tragedy, the eight Boosters of the same model that were in service in France at the time of the accident were immediately closed down.

In addition, an urgent solution was required pending the enactment of legislation specific to fairground equipment, which is currently being drafted. That is the purpose of the draft agreement already concluded between the administrations involved and those working in the sector, which must be signed as soon as possible.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts



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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

YES

12. Grounds for the Emergency

Every effort must be made to prevent a recurrence of the tragic accident that occurred on 4 August 2007. The solution involves not only the verification of the eight Boosters in service in France, but also the rigorous organisation of obligations for those working in the sector with regard to verifications, periodic inspections and maintenance operations for all fairground equipment.

This urgent solution is temporary, and will be followed as soon as possible by a series of texts: an Act, a Decree and Orders.

13. Confidentiality

NO

14. Fiscal measures

NO

15. Impact assessment

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16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT aspect (Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade)

a) NO

b) iii) This agreement does not have any significant impact on international trade. The texts currently being drafted will, however, be subject to notification.

SPS aspect (Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures)

a) NO

b) i) The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure pursuant to Annex A to the SPS Agreement.

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