

# NAFLIC

*National Association For Leisure Industry Certification*

## **Standards & Related Documents Sub-Committee**

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#### **128. Liberty / Gondola Wheels**

A draft Information Sheet on the subject of containment of passengers on Gondola Wheels was put before the March meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for Health & Safety in the Fairground Industry and did not, in its entirety, receive the approval of any of the bodies represented on the Committee. We understand that the Health & Safety Executive are consequently intending to issue this as instructions to their inspectors.

NAFLIC have issued two previous Technical Bulletins (numbered 102 and 104) concerning these rides. However, we note that the interpretations in these are not entirely compatible with the advice which the HSE is giving to its inspectors.

We are told that the HSE inspectors are being told to "enforce" the controversial design specifications as well as the points with which the industry generally agreed, and Prohibition Notices may well be involved.

It was confirmed verbally at the JAC meeting that no unmodified (i.e. in full accordance with the current HSE restrictions) temporarily imported Gondola Wheels will be permitted to operate in the UK.

We note that there may be serious implications for other ride types and we are endeavouring to clarify these issues before giving further detail. In the meantime we advise persons having involvement with a Gondola Wheel (Liberty Wheel) to speak directly to HSE if they wish to ensure that they are complying with their design specifications.

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