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## Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- references to ISO/TS 17929 have been removed;
- the list of terms in [Clause 3](#) has been updated;
- [4.2](#), Standard documentation has been updated;
- [4.3.3.3.1](#), General has been added;
- [4.3.4.1](#), General has been added;
- [4.3.4.4.3](#), Operating control equipment has been updated;
- [4.3.4.4.4](#), Control equipment operated by passengers has been updated;
- [4.3.5.2](#), Daily check and trial run has been updated;
- [4.3.6.1](#), During operating cycle has been updated;
- [4.3.8.3](#), Repairs has been updated;
- [4.3.8.4](#), Modification has been updated;
- [4.6.1.2](#), Inspection process and [4.6.2](#), Reports have been added;
- Table A.1 was updated;

- [Annex B](#) has been added;
- Bibliography was updated.

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# Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices —

## Part 2: Operation and use

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the minimum requirements necessary to ensure the safe maintenance, operation, inspection and testing of amusement rides and amusement devices which are intended to be installed both repeatedly without degradation or loss of integrity, and temporarily or permanently in fairgrounds and amusement parks or any other locations, and is concerned with the installing, assembly and disassembly, operating, handling, maintaining, repairing, modifying and inspecting of amusement devices, and is addressed to controllers, operators, attendants and inspection bodies.

The following are not covered by this document (this list is not exhaustive):

- grandstands;
- construction site installations;
- scaffolding;
- removable agricultural structures;
- simple coin-operated children's amusement devices;
- carrying up to three children, and recreational devices like waterslides or summer toboggan runs;
- playground equipment;
- rope courses;
- climbing walls;
- inflatable trampolines and swimming pool equipment.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 2307, *Fibre ropes — Determination of certain physical and mechanical properties*

ISO 9554, *Fibre ropes — General specifications*

ISO 7165, *Fire fighting — Portable fire extinguishers — Performance and construction*

ISO 13857, *Safety of machinery — Safety distances to prevent hazard zones being reached by upper and lower limbs*

ISO/IEC 17020, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*

ISO 17842-1, *Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices — Design and manufacture*

ISO 17842-3, *Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices — Requirements for inspection during design, manufacture, operation and use*

IEC 60947-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear — Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

EN 12385, *Steel wire ropes — Safety*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17020, ISO 17842-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

#### 3.1 amusement device

arrangement of equipment that produces the desired effect of amusement or entertainment when the passenger moves through it or on it primarily by his or her own action, or any other system that is not covered by the term *amusement ride* (3.3)

#### 3.2 amusement device log

book and/or electronic data file containing all the necessary information about the use and history of any *amusement device* (3.1)

#### 3.3 amusement ride

device to entertain *passengers* (3.21) during motion, creating biomechanical effects on passengers

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the term “amusement device” is used to refer to an *amusement device* (3.1) or amusement ride.

#### 3.4 attendant

trained person appointed to work under the supervision of an *operator* (3.20), to assist in the operation of an *amusement device* (3.1) available for use by the public.

#### 3.5 barrier

device intended to prevent the user from falling and from passing beneath

#### 3.6 competent person

person who can demonstrate that they have acquired through training, qualifications or experience, or a combination of these, the knowledge and skills enabling them to perform a specified task

#### 3.7 component

component which forms part of an assembly in which at least one component moves

Note 1 to entry: Excluding vibration and deformation.

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### 3.8 controller ride controller

person or organisation having overall control of an *amusement device* (3.1).

Note 1 to entry: This can be either an individual or corporate body owning an *amusement device* (3.1) or the concessionaire or lessee who has been granted control of the amusement device, by the owner, for a specified period.

### 3.9 designer engineer

person or body responsible for the design of a device (or modifications thereof)

Note 1 to entry: The duties of designer include, but are not limited to, establishing and describing the configuration of the amusement ride or device, conducting appropriate risk assessment(s), establishing strength (including fatigue strength), designing and specifying electrical/electronic control systems, defining the acceptable quality level for production, defining inspection criteria and including the provision of the necessary documentation

### 3.10 design review

document detailing the review of all the applicable design documents, to determine the suitability for use of a device

### 3.11 design risk assessment DRA

document produced by the *designer* (3.9) as a tool for a safe design within the agreed scope of supply

### 3.12 fence

structure designed to restrict or prevent movement across a boundary without changing elevation

### 3.13 gate

section of *fence* (3.12) or *barrier* (3.5) that can be opened to provide access or egress

### 3.14 guest

person who interacts with an amusement device

### 3.15 initial approval

design and calculation review, verification, examinations and tests executed by the inspecting body before a device is first made available for public use

### 3.16 inspection body

organization capable of carrying out examination, tests and approval of amusement devices

### 3.17 manufacturer

individual or commercial entity who is responsible for manufacturing a product with the view to placing it on the market under their own name

Note 1 to entry: Any commercial operator that either places a product on the market under their own name or trademark or modifies a product in such a way that compliance with applicable requirements can be affected should be considered the manufacturer and should assume the obligations of the manufacturer.

**3.18  
modification**

safety-related alteration to the hardware or software of a device, including the introduction of a new safety-related component or the substitution of a safety-related component, which results in a deviation from the design specification

**3.19  
operation and use risk assessment  
OURA**

document, produced by the controller, that details all of the considered risks inherent during all modes of amusement device operation and the means taken to mitigate against them

Note 1 to entry: See 5.1.2.2.

**3.20  
operator**

trained person appointed by the *controller* (3.8) to be in charge of the operation of an amusement device when it is available for the public

**3.21  
passenger  
patron**

person using an amusement device

**3.22  
passenger containment**

components (e.g. seating, foot wells, handrails, passenger restraints) designed to prevent passengers from moving outside a predetermined area on a ride either as a result of biomechanical effects, the ride forces or the reasonably foreseeable behaviour of the passenger

**3.23  
passenger unit  
PU**

part or parts of an amusement ride in or on which the *passengers* (3.21) are intended to ride

**3.24  
permit**

authorization to operate an amusement device in a particular member state granted by the legally authorised body after successful approval and/or examination

**3.25  
platform**

horizontal or inclined surface raised above the level of an adjacent area

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 17842-1:2015, 5.1.3.2 for maximum slope of platform.

**3.26  
repair**

restoration of components or assemblies to a technically acceptable condition

Note 1 to entry: See also ISO 17842-3:2019, 4.3.8.3.

**3.27  
restraint**

system, device, or characteristic that is intended to inhibit or restrict the body movement and/or keep the body position to tolerate accelerations of the passenger(s) while on the amusement ride or amusement device

Note 1 to entry: Position in which the restraint is intended to remain during the operation of the device in order to restrain the *passenger* (3.21) is called closed restraint.

**3.28****safety envelope**

theoretical or actual physical space that can be encroached upon by any part of a *passenger* (3.22) of an amusement ride during the ride cycle

**3.29****safety-related component**

component of an *amusement device* (3.1) on which the safety of the *passengers* (3.21) is dependent as identified in the *design risk assessment* (3.11) and/or the *operation and use risk assessment* (3.19)

**3.30****service**

replacement or replenishment and check of conditions of components, including fluids which are designated to be replaced or replenished or checked at specified intervals

**3.31****spectator**

person in the vicinity of an amusement device

Note 1 to entry: Typically defined as a person watching the operation of the amusement device or waiting to gain access to the use the amusement device.

**3.32****thorough examination**

procedures and investigations necessary for the *inspection body* (3.16) to decide whether the *amusement device* (3.1) can continue to be operated safely, or whether it requires defects to be remedied immediately or within a specified time

**3.33****trial run**

proving run of an *amusement device* (3.1) during which no *passengers* (3.21) are carried

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## 4 Operation, maintenance and use of amusement rides and amusement devices

### 4.1 General

This document is concerned with the installing, assembly and disassembly, operating, handling, maintaining, repairing, modifying and inspecting of amusement devices, and is addressed to controllers, operators, attendants and inspection bodies.

Recommendations for training, qualification and experience for competent people performing the design, maintenance, repair and testing of amusement rides are given in [Annex A](#).

Information on the provisions that are recommended prior to use of attractions and recommendations on procedures to be followed are given in [Annex B](#).

### 4.2 Standard documentation

The following documents shall be prepared for all amusement devices:

- operating manual (see ISO 17842-1:2015, 5.5.1.3) to include at least the following:
  - maintenance instructions;
  - NDT schedule;
  - operating instruction;
  - inspection instruction;

- inspection instruction;
- amusement device log (see ISO 17842-1:2015, Annex D), and
- official technical dossier or safety justification (see ISO 17841-1:2015, 5.8) including DRA and OURA results for safe operation.

### 4.3 Responsibilities of the controller

#### 4.3.1 General

The controller or nominated delegate(s) shall:

- ensure that the required documentation accompanies the amusement device when being bought, sold or otherwise transferred or supplied;
- select and train operators and attendants;
- assemble, and disassemble safely;
- ensure safe operation in full conformance with manuals, taking into consideration current legislative statutes which are effective in the country of installation of amusement ride or device;
- service, maintain, repair and modify safely;
- where required, ensure that only amusement rides or devices which have a valid operational permit and are examined and tested by appropriate independent inspection bodies, are operated;
- maintain, keep available and update as required the operating manual and amusement ride or amusement device log, as well as creating necessary reports;
- where operators do not have a clear view of all loading or unloading points, ensure that a clear system of signals for checking with attendants that it is safe to start is devised. Ensure that every person using the system is instructed on how to use it and that a copy of the signal code is displayed in appropriate positions;
- ensure that emergency procedures are established, well-documented and regularly practiced; and
- provide full instructions on the control or communications system.

The ride controller can delegate any part of their duties, but remains responsible in law.

#### 4.3.2 Selection and training of staff

Obtaining suitable and competent staff involves selection, training, testing of knowledge and understanding, monitoring, auditing and keeping records. The controller shall select people able to put the safety of the public first, likely to follow procedures conscientiously and having the maturity and authority to give confidence to the public.

Adequate training shall be provided to all employees and training records kept. Training shall be appropriate to the risks and given in a way that those being trained can understand.

The operator and attendants of amusement devices shall demonstrate competency in the operation of amusement devices according to the manual(s).

No operators or attendants of the amusement device shall be younger than required by national standards or law in the country of use.

Operators and attendants depending on their duties, shall be provided with suitable and sufficient information and training in the working of their amusement devices, covering the following:

- systems of work for safe operation, including speed limits and any other specific safety measures;