

ADSC meeting June 2009

A meeting of the Amusement Device Safety Council (ADSC), which oversees the ADIPS ride inspection scheme, took place recently with a number of subjects being discussed.

ADSC is made up of representatives from the UK's main industry trade associations and one of the first items discussed was the appointment, and introduction at the meeting, of the new ADIPS General Manager, Luke Ditchburn. He will be based at the ADIPS office in Sunderland and will be working closely with all trade associations and others over the coming months to learn in detail exactly how the industry works and operates.

Also discussed was the revision of the ADIPS service quality schedules (SQSs) and the training of potential ride inspectors under the proposed new 5T rule, as was the on-going advertising campaign for new inspectors/inspection bodies (IBs) to register with ADIPS. Having acknowledged the need to encourage more qualified people and organisations to join the scheme to provide inspection services, ADIPS has published a number of advertisements in relevant, national and trade association engineering publications, although to date no new inspectors have been registered. It was agreed, however, that the campaign should be carefully monitored and more advertising placed in the future in an effort to encourage more qualified inspectors to join the scheme.

ADIPS Compliance Officer Andrew Potter also provided an update on progress in this aspect of the scheme, in particular relating to the quality files supplied by IBs as a condition of their registration, while the electrical inspection course introduced by ADIPS also came up for discussion. Two such courses have been held in 2009, in April and May, with another scheduled for the autumn. It was agreed to look at the duration and content of the courses and also to consider other courses, covering areas such as mechanical and hydraulic inspection, with a view to creating additional courses for IBs.

At a previous meeting of the ADSC, it had been suggested that the various processes involved in the ADIPS scheme could be carried out 'on-line' to make it easier for inspectors and operators to provide the ADIPS office with relevant documentation as required under the ADIPS rules. A working budget was agreed by ADSC for this project to enable the new General Manager to prepare a detailed scope and proposal on how this could be taken forward and implemented.

Among the other items to be discussed it was also noted by ADIPS Chairman Adrian Mahon that Key Performance Indicators had been introduced in relation to the handling of documentation in the ADIPS office. Members of staff were applauded for the speed and efficiency with which they turned documents around, with 92.9% processed within 7 days.

Additionally, the HSE representative in attendance provided ADSC with an update on recent incidents relating to fairground and amusement park equipment and the action that was being taken in relation to these.

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