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Target Audience:
AFQ Inspectors
SG Specialist Inspectors

ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION SHEET 7 - SAFE USE AND OPERATION OF PLAY INFLATABLES INCLUDING BOUNCY CASTLES

This SIM alerts inspectors to a change in the application of ADIPS to play inflatables and to the withdrawal of Entertainment Sheet 7.

BACKGROUND

- 1 Entertainment Information Sheet No.7 *Safe use and operation of play inflatables, including bouncy castles* (file 330), requires the implementation of pre-use amusement devices inspection procedure scheme (ADIPS) inspections for play inflatables from January 2002 onwards.
- 2 Agreement on the Safety Quality Schedule (SQS), the document defining the qualifications and experience required by inspection bodies, is not now expected in the foreseeable future. It will not therefore be possible for dutyholders to comply with the requirements of ADIPS at this time.

ACTION BY INSPECTORS

- 3 **Inspectors should not seek to require compliance with the ADIPS scheme for inflatables until further notice.**
- 4 Inspectors should however satisfy themselves that dutyholders are complying with their duties under HSW Act 1974 ss.2-6, as appropriate, by other equally effective means.
- 5 Manufacturers, suppliers, users and others should be advised that ADIPS compliance is not required for inflatables at this time. However compliance with HSW s.6 and the general duties to ensure good maintenance, appropriate supervision of users, training of operators, etc still apply.

STATUS OF ENTERTAINMENT INFORMATION SHEET 7

- 6 **This sheet has now been withdrawn by HSE Books.** It will now be reviewed and republished, as a matter of urgency, to remove the references to ADIPS.
- 7 Much of the information in it is still current, correct, useful and would be of assistance to duty holders in meeting their section 6 duties and so will be retained. inspectors can still

use the general principles, other than the ADIPS details, contained in the information sheet, if they receive enquiries.

INFORMATION

8 The Sector will continue to press for the agreement of an SQS in the longer term. Should a SQS be agreed, the Sector will review the guidance current at that time.

9 Enquiries regarding this SIM should be addressed to the Entertainment Section of the Food and Entertainment Sector at the Glasgow office (Tel 0141 275 3012, e-mail Area 21, FOD Entertainment Section).

Cancellation of instructions

10 SIM 5/2002/14 - **cancel** and **destroy**.

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