

REGULATIONS NOT HARMONISED AT EUROPEAN LEVEL**RIDES****SCOPE**

The regulations on rides covers:

- All rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs, which must be designed, built, operated and maintained safely.
- Inspections that have become mandatory and that pertain to new equipment and operating equipment, periodical inspections and the verification of in-house self-checks

Fun fair equipment and rides, which fall outside the scope of the 'Machinery' Directive, are not concerned by the articles of the French Labour Code that have incorporated the requirements of the said directive.

FRENCH REGULATIONS

- [Act No 2008-136 of 13 February 2008](#) on the safety of rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks
- [Decree No 2008-1458 of 30 December 2008](#) implementing Act No 2008-136 of 13 February 2008 on the safety of rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks

PRESUMPTION OF CONFORMITY

Equipment which complies with:

- requirements concerning the design and manufacturing of this equipment, the technical documentation provided by the manufacturer and the instructions for the general public set forth in standard NF EN 13814 (2007) or
- regulations, standards, technical specifications or the manufacturing methods of another EU Member State or party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area or Turkey, providing the same level of safety as that guaranteed by this Decree is deemed to also comply with the provisions of Article 1 of the abovementioned Act of 13 February 2008.

The references of the requirements of these standards and regulations are published in the *Journal officiel de la République française*.

CONTACTS

➤ **AUTHORITY RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATIONS**

- *Ministère de l'Intérieur* (Ministry of the Interior) :
 - Direction de la sécurité Civile - Sous-direction de la gestion des risques
Bureau de la réglementation incendie et des risques de la vie courante

FURTHER INFORMATION

Orders set forth the technical verification measures, in particular a list of points to check, the techniques and the frequency of inspections (annually for thrill rides).

They also specify the terms and conditions for approval and the criteria for independence and competence to be met by the inspection bodies.

■ [Order of 12 March 2009](#) relating to measures to verify the safety of rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks (moveable equipment)

■ [Order of 12 March 2009](#) relating to measures to verify the safety of rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks (equipment permanently anchored to the ground)

■ [Order of 26 January 2009](#) relating to the terms and conditions for approving technical control bodies for the inspection of rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks

➤ **BODIES APPROVED TO INSPECT RIDES :**

Ministry of the Interior's website : There is a regularly updated [list](#) of bodies approved to inspect rides, machinery and facilities for fun fairs and amusement parks.