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Title	EXPANSION OF PIPA SCOPE TO INCLUDE ALL INFLATABLE GAMES
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1. Introduction

After considerable negotiations between the PIPA Leadership Group and the Health and Safety Executive, agreement has been reached on how PIPA can expand its scope to include all land-based inflatables that currently fall outside of the current standard BS EN 14960 (all parts).

2. Why have PIPA requested this expansion?

Most Inspection Bodies already inspect inflatable play equipment that falls outside the scope of the standard, BS EN 14960 (all parts), and issue their own Inspection Reports. Whilst this has been seen by many as acceptable in order for operators to comply with the Health and Safety At Work Act (HASAWA) and the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations (PUWER) should anything go wrong PIPA would not be in a position to support the Inspection Body as a result, due to our current remit.

The Health and Safety Executive recognise this leaves many in the industry with a 'grey area' which sits between PIPA and ADIPS. The discussions and proposals are designed to close this and protect PIPA Inspection Bodies and Operators.

In order to offer full support to Inspection Bodies, PIPA and the Health and Safety Executive must be confident in the competency of individual Inspectors to carry out inspections of land-based inflatables that fall outside of the scope of BS EN 14960 (all parts).

This will have to involve an element of continued professional development and training in order to achieve the requirements of the Health and Safety Executive.

3. How will competency be proven?

PIPA Leadership Group has identified various categories of inflatable games which can be divided by risk category:

- non-ride on – inflatables where users ARE NOT required to sit, stand or touch when in general use - examples include, Basketball Shoot, Football Shooters, Inflatable Darts etc
- ride on – inflatables where users ARE required to sit, stand or touch when in general use - examples include Bungee Run, Gladiator Duel, Pillow Bash etc
- electromechanical – inflatables that contain a mechanical device as well as an inflatable element – examples include Bucking Bronco, Surf Simulator, Wipeout etc

PIPA have agreed with the Health and Safety Executive that various levels of inspector will need to be created to allow Inspectors a steady progression to achieve a level of competency that can be supported by PIPA and the Health and Safety Executive.

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The levels are

- Level 1 - current Inspector status
- Level 2 - current Inspector status plus non-ride on games
- Level 3 - current Inspector status plus non-ride on games plus ride on games
- Level 4 - current Inspector status plus non-ride on games plus ride on games plus electromechanical
- Level 5 – training

4. How will the different inspector levels be achieved?

At each level a training course/examination will be administered by PIPA through the PIPA Leadership Group and/or training provider. Inspectors will be required to progress in stages through the levels if they wish to expand the scope of their work from Level 1.

To clarify:

All existing Inspectors will be considered Level 1 Inspectors from the onset of the changes.

5. Is there any cost involved?

It is possible that there will be a cost (yet to be calculated) at each level of progression. PIPA will need to cover the cost of gaining the Health and Safety Executive approval and delivering the training and examination at each level. Any costs will be kept to a minimum and fully communicated if and as decided.

6. Do Inspectors have to take each level as they become available?

Not at this stage. However, if an Inspector/Inspection Body chooses not to attend any additional training/examination offered by PIPA, on land-based inflatables that fall outside the scope of the standard, as they become available, then they will not be able to retain the automatic support of PIPA/Health and Safety Executive under the terms of a 'competent person.' This will mean in the event of an investigation the Inspection Body must be able to demonstrate such competency independently.

We will obviously review this as courses and competencies become available.

7. When will courses be available?

A lot of work is now required to construct, write, and gain PIPA Leadership Group/Health and Safety Executive support before anything can be launched.

As this initiative has been developed with Health and Safety Executive and is in a new format it is vital all aspects of training and examination are met first.

The Level 2 course/examination is already under construction, and it is hoped that it will be ready for use by Spring 2022.

As soon as it is available all current Inspection Bodies will be notified.