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Subject: Clarification on BS EN 14960 Part 4

It is now approaching three months since the release of BS EN 14960 Part 4, covering bungee run-type inflatable devices. While PIPA supports the development of publicly accessible standards to align and improve safety across the industry, we wish to clarify that this standard was not authored, issued, or approved directly by PIPA. BS EN 14960 Part 4 is developed through the European Committee for Standardisation (CEN) by multiple countries and published by the British Standards Institution (BSI) in the UK.

During its creation, PIPA provided feedback to CEN and the technical working group (WG9) on the elements we believed to be of issue. Very little would appear to have been adopted into the final document.

PIPA was not made aware of the release date, nor consulted on or given a preview of the final draft. Since its publication, the standard has generated significant uncertainty across the sector, with inspectors, manufacturers, and controllers requesting clarity on how it should be applied. Indeed, we are aware of some practical concerns raised by stakeholders regarding omissions in the standard with regards to anchorage provisions, and test methods for critical elements. This is not the 'norm' with regards to such documents and only continues to add confusion to the situation.

PIPA's Position on BS EN 14960 Part 4 – Bungee Runs

PIPA is now advising it's members the following points:

- BS EN 14960 Part 4 must not be applied retrospectively. Equipment manufactured prior to the release of this standard should not automatically be considered non-compliant.
- Devices which were manufactured prior to the release of the standard need to be considered as historical devices and inspected and risk assessed on a case-by-case basis, in discussion with the respective manufacturer.
- The inspection of bungee run type devices under the PIPA scheme has been postponed until further notice, and the inspection hub will not permit any further reports to be created.
- PIPA will be producing further guidance on the inspection of bungee run devices, to enable a consistent approach for inspecting these types of devices, whether they are new or of a historical design.

PIPA will immediately write to industry stakeholders including, designers, manufacturers and inspectors, to establish a working party to create a full risk-based industry guidance as is required under health and safety legislation.

PIPA is committed to providing all stakeholders a degree of stability following the release of BSEN14960 part 4, so as to not hamper or disrupt the industry during the peak part of the season.

Signed: The PIPA Leadership Group