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Dear amusement device owner,

RE: Mandatory major inspections for amusement devices

The Queensland *Work Health and Safety (Amusement Devices – Public Safety) Amendment Regulation 2019* (the Amendment Regulation) commenced on 1 May 2019.

The Amendment Regulation includes a requirement for persons with management or control of an amusement device to ensure a major inspection of the device is carried out by, or under the supervision of, a competent person at specified intervals.

Intervals for major inspections are within every 10 years unless otherwise specified by the manufacturer of the device or a competent person who has previously inspected the device. There are transitional provisions for some amusement devices that existed at commencement of the new major inspection requirement. Further details of the transitional provisions are in **Appendix 1** attached to this letter.

A competent person for carrying out a major inspection of an amusement device is a registered professional engineer (RPEQ) who has acquired through training, qualification or experience the knowledge and skills to inspect this type of plant. For inflatable devices with platform heights under 9 metres, the person is not required to be an RPEQ but is competent if they have acquired through training, qualification or experience the knowledge and skills to inspect this type of plant.

As part of Workplace Health and Safety Queensland's (WHSQ) effort to enhance safety in the amusement device industry, we will be requesting evidence that major inspections of amusement devices have been carried out by the required date.

In January 2020, as part of the plant item registration renewal process, you will be required to provide the date of manufacture for each amusement device and if applicable, the date that the last major inspection was undertaken.

From January 2020 WHSQ will not be accepting plant item registrations or renewals for 10-year-old amusement devices manufactured after 1 May 2009 without evidence of compliance with the major inspection requirements. However, existing registered amusement devices manufactured prior to 1 May 2009 will continue to be renewed

until May 2021, when the transitional period for completion of major inspections ceases.

It is important to note that WHSQ Inspectors will be checking for compliance with the Amendment Regulation (which includes the requirement for major inspection) as part of their on-site audits.

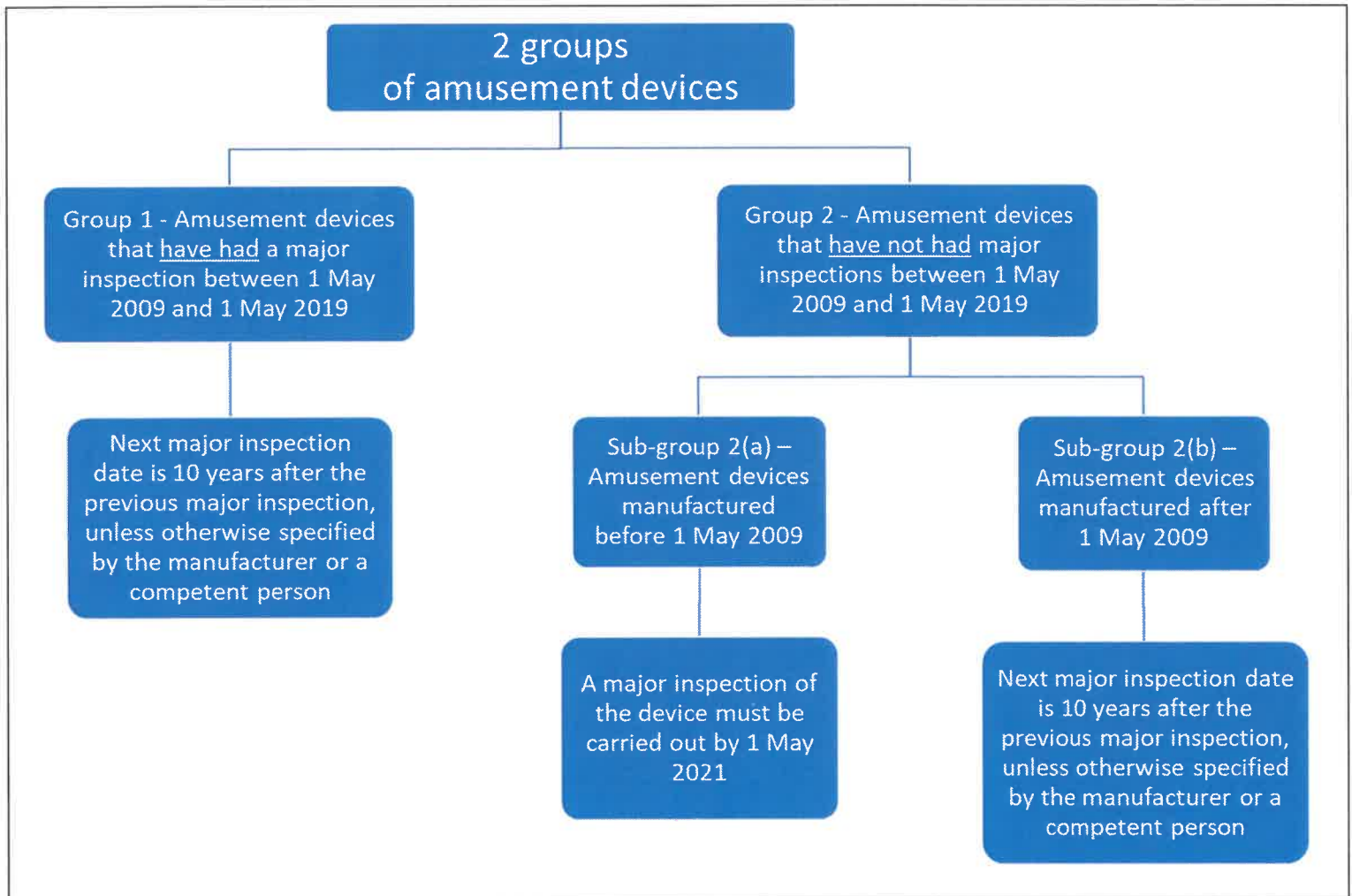
Please review the date of manufacture of amusement devices that you own and ensure that you have complied with the major inspection requirement. Should you have any queries please contact the Engineering Unit of WHSQ on (07) 3738 5096.

Yours sincerely



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APPENDIX 1 – TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR MAJOR INSPECTION OF AMUSEMENT DEVICES



Example 1: An amusement device manufactured on 10 January 2010 has not had a major inspection between 1 May 2009 and 1 May 2019. The manufacturer has not specified a period for a major inspection. Under the new regulatory requirement, a major inspection of the amusement device must be carried out by 10 January 2020.

Example 2: An amusement device manufactured on 15 October 2008 has not had a major inspection between 1 May 2009 and 1 May 2019. Under the new regulatory requirement, the first major inspection must be carried out by 1 May 2021.