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European foreword

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Introduction

Interpretations and no-action decisions

This document contains replies to requests for interpretations concerning the understanding of clauses in EN 13814:2019 and its parts. The replies concern those requests that have resulted in an interpretation or a decision that no action is required as the standard is sufficiently clear.

An interpretation does not have the same status as the text of the standard. However, following an interpretation gives assurance that the relevant clause of the standard has been correctly applied. An interpretation is a clarification of the meaning of the standard.

Disclaimer

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A request for an interpretation may lead to:

- a) *an interpretation of the standard with no action to the standard (no revision and no amendment)*

This should reflect a reasonable interpretation of how the standard should be used, taking into account:

- the wording of the standard;
- the rationale of the standard;
- the history of the standard.

This is also applicable when it is agreed that the standard appropriately specifies how amusement rides and amusement devices shall be assessed.

- b) *a proposal for an amendment of the standard*

This is applicable when it is agreed that the standard is deficient in some way.

NOTE Interpretation and no-action decisions are published in EN 13814-1:2019/prA1:2023, which will be updated on a regular basis

Proposals for amendments will be progressed as new work item proposals in accordance with CEN rules.

- c) *a future revision*

This is applicable when the standard is not clear and a suitable amendment cannot be found to fully clarify the question. It is also a case when an opportunity was identified to further add to the content. Further work is needed on existing requirements or new requirements may need to be drafted.

Proposals for a revision will be progressed as a new work item proposal in accordance with CEN rules.

Answers to requests for interpretations

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1 Scope

The purpose of this document is to provide replies to requests for interpretations of all parts to EN 13814:2019.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
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4 EN 13814-1:2019, Safety of amusement rides and amusement devices — Part 1: Design and manufacture

4.1 General. Interpretation request – ESMA

Question

I am contacting you following a visit to your website and reading about EN 13814.

We are in the Leisure Karting industry and we often face national administrations referring to EN 13814 when it comes to certification and applicable norms to our activities when we claim EN 16230-1 and EN 16230-2 is better adapted.

However, the answer I always get is the same and is: We don't know about EN 16230-1 and -2, we always worked with EN 13814, why should be apply one instead of the other? Is there a clear line of where one applies versus the other?

Initially, my understanding was that EN 13814 was only applying to mobile temporary rides but it also looks like it applies to permanently installed rides. In our industry, we only refer to permanent venues dedicated to Karting (or sometimes part of multi entertainment venues) and we can't figure out how to justify application of 1 norm versus the other.

Could you help with this?

Reply

No action/Clarification

EN 13814 is applicable only to "go karts" installation which are part of amusement parks and fairgrounds:

"5.2.5 Speedways/Go-karts

5.2.5.1 General

These requirements are specific to amusement parks and fairground go-karts."