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MEMORANDUM

To: All Amusement Ride Owners and Operators

From: Duane E. Scott, Sr., Administrator *DES, Sr.*

Date: August 22, 2017

Subject: KMG Fire Ball FRB24 (all serials), FRB 24P (all serials) and Freak Out (FRB16, all serials)

Effective August 22, 2017, the KMG Fire Ball FRB24 (all serials), FRB24 (all serials) and the KMG Freak Out (all serials) will not be allowed to operate in South Carolina for the remainder of calendar year 2017 and until further notice. I have requested that the manufacturer provide my office with comprehensive testing procedures for the KMG Fire Ball (all serial numbers) and any and all corrective action measures being considered including critical analysis of the ride where the failure occurred and any ride design changes, if any, for the KMG Fire Ball (all serial numbers) following the recent accident at the 2017 Ohio State Fair that resulted in one fatality and several injuries. My request is in addition to the KMG Bulletin FRB24-SB008 dated August 2, 2017.

I have also inquired of the manufacturer as to why the KMG Freak Out was excluded from a recent cease operation letter dated July 27, 2017. I have asked that the manufacturer provide me with comprehensive testing procedures and a critical analysis being considered for the Freak Out as well as any and all corrective action measures being considered for the Freak Out. Additionally, I am waiting for the state of Ohio to conclude their investigation and to release their findings.

The only documentation produced by the manufacturer and received by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation at this point are a letter dated July 27, 2017 informing owners of certain rides to cease operation, KMG Bulletin No. FRB24-SB008 dated August 2, 2017 regarding the inspection of the gondola support beam and joint and a letter detailing investigative findings dated August 4, 2017.

Amusement ride owners and operators having questions regarding this directive may contact me on my direct line at 803-896-7638 or by email at duane.scott@llr.sc.gov.