

2017 EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

LICENSE AGREEMENT AND PROCEDURAL GUIDE





COMPLETE AND RETURN SIGNED COPIES OF PAGES 1-8 OF THIS AGREEMENT; BE SURE TO INITIAL EACH PAGE NOTING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THE INFORMATION SHARED. A COPY WILL BE SIGNED BY IPEMA AND RETURNED TO YOU.

TO: IPEMA Administrator 2207 Forest Hill Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112

We want to begin or maintain our Participant status in the IPEMA Equipment Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment in year 2017. Enclosed please find:

- One (1) executed License Application and Agreements
- A **check, payable to IPEMA in US funds,** for our Annual IPEMA Administrative Fee, which is non-refundable, is based upon our 2016 business sales volume and our IPEMA membership status as checked in the table below. *To pay by credit card, see below.*
- Our **Certificates of Insurance**, complying with section 9 of this agreement.
- Current proof of completion of a nationally recognized playground safety inspector course for the individuals mentioned in section 3.1(j) of this agreement.

Annual IPEMA Administrative Fee (non-refundable)

This scale is based upon the global gross sales volume of the company's equipment sales (for the equipment certification program) and the global gross sales volume of the company's surfacing sales (for the surfacing certification program). Under no circumstances should a company base their gross sales volume on anything other than their global sales of their related products.

Annual Sales < \$3 M > \$3M & < \$10M > \$10 M	IPEMA Members Non-Members □ \$ 300.00 □ \$1,600.00 □ \$ 600.00 □ \$2,600.00 □ \$1,200.00 □ \$4,000.00
BUSINESS ENTITY NAME – PLEASE PRINT	EIN NUMBER
MAILINGADDRESS (check here ☐ if billing address	s same as mailing address)
BILLING ADDRESS	
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	FAX NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS	WEBSITE
Pay by credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Master	Card Discover
Card #	Exp. Date/Security Code
Name on card:	Email/Phone for Cardholder:
Signature:	Date

LICENSE APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

INTERNATIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION. INC. PUBLIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

, a business entity having its principal offices at

(hereinafter "Participant") hereby applies to the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association, Inc. (hereinafter "IPEMA") for a license and authorization to use the IPEMA Public Playground Equipment Certification Logo(s) and descriptive verbiage (hereinafter "Certification Logo(s)") on the validated public playground equipment models (and related sales literature) manufactured by, or for, Participant, and to have its validated models listed on the IPEMA Website (www.ipema.org), hereinafter "Website") by the Validator.

By making this application, Participant agrees, if this application is accepted, to be bound by the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth, including those set forth in the Procedural Guide for IPEMA Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment (hereinafter "Procedural Guide") as amended by any revised Procedural Guide distributed to Participant, and the Requirements for Certification Program Logo(s) and Descriptive Verbiage use (hereinafter "logo requirements") with respect to the use of the Certification Logo(s), descriptive verbiage, and listing on the Website by Participant and its representatives, sales agents and employees, and agrees further that in the event of any material breach or default of any of the terms and conditions regarding the use of the Certification Logo(s), descriptive verbiage, or being listed on the Website, upon receipt of notice from IPEMA or the Validator advising Participant of the breach or default.

By accepting this application, IPEMA agrees with Participant as set forth herein, and authorizes use of the Certification Logo, descriptive verbiage, and listing on the Website according to the terms and conditions set forth herein, and Appendixes A, B and C.

1. **DEFINITIONS**

- 1.1 <u>CERTIFICATION L</u>OGO(s): Certification Logo(s) refers to IPEMA's unique and distinctive certification mark(s) or seal(s) which will be utilized in connection with the Equipment Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment. The Certification Logo(s) are registered and are displayed on the cover of the Procedural Guide; however, IPEMA reserves the right to designate another Certification Logo to be used in lieu thereof. See Appendix B for use of Logo(s).
- 1.2 <u>DESCRIPTIVE VERBIAGE</u>: Descriptive verbiage refers to the language approved by IPEMA that Participants must use to describe the Certification Logo. See Appendix B for use of Descriptive Verbiage. The Descriptive Verbiage may be revised from time to time.
- 1.3 <u>PUBLIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT</u>: Public playground equipment refers to public playground equipment as defined by the Standard(s).
- 1.4 PROCEDURAL GUIDE: A copy of the Procedural Guide is attached hereto, identified as "Appendix A," and may be revised from time to time, is entitled "Procedural Guide for IPEMA Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment."
- 1.5 <u>PROGRAM</u>: Program refers to the IPEMA Playground Equipment Certification Program, which provides for the inspection, testing and validation by the Validator that the Participant's certified equipment complies with the Standard(s).

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- 1.6 <u>STANDARD</u>: Standard refers to a combination of the Procedural Guide and the applicable portions of the Standard issued by the American Society for Testing and Materials, ASTM F1487 *Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use*, not including Sections 7.1.1, 10, 12.6.1, 13.2 and 13.3, as may be amended from time to time; and/or applicable portions of the Standard issued by Canadian Standards Association, CAN/CSA Z614, *Children's Playspaces and Equipment*, not including clauses 9.8, 10 and 11, as may be amended from time to time.
- 1.7 <u>VALIDATOR</u>: Validator refers to any third party testing and inspection organization designated by IPEMA, from time to time to validate, by inspections and witness testing, the Participant's certification that its public playground equipment complies with the Standard(s), as described above.

2. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

2.1 This agreement shall become effective upon the date of acceptance by IPEMA and shall be in force for the remainder of the calendar year in which it becomes effective, or unless the agreement is revoked or terminated for cause as set forth herein, including nonpayment of the yearly participation fee, IPEMA administrative fee and other fees. At the end of the calendar year, if not revoked or terminated, the Agreement shall continue from month to month until a new Agreement is signed by the Participant and accepted by IPEMA.

3. PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 THE PARTICIPANT SHALL:

- a) Comply with all applicable portions of the Procedural Guide, attached hereto as "Appendix A" and made a part hereof, as may be revised from time to time by, and at the sole discretion of, IPEMA;
- b) Perform or authorize tests, allow plant inspection, and allow review of Participant records as requested by the Validator for every certified public playground equipment model offered for validation, as provided in the Procedural Guide;
- c) Provide the Validator with the information described in the Procedural Guide to initially validate the public playground equipment model(s), and to use in determining whether subsequent production models conform to the model originally tested;
- d) Annually provide the Validator with i) a copy of the current, fully executed, License Agreement; ii) a copy of the current Certificate(s) of Insurance required by section 9 of this Agreement; iii) copies of all uses of the Certification Logo(s) and references to the IPEMA Certification Program in any media within the previous 12 months together, with copies of IPEMA's written authorization to use the Logo(s) and reference the IPEMA Certification Program, if required by Appendix B, **OR** a certification on nonuse signed by the Participant's President or CEO that the Participant has not used the Logo(s) or referenced the Certification Program in any media within the previous 12 months;
- e) During any plant inspections and review of Participant's records, grant all authorized representatives of the Validator access during normal business hours to manufacturer's place(s) of manufacture, assembly, shipment or storage of public playground equipment models offered for certification, to enable the laboratory or its authorized agent(s) to examine such public playground equipment, or parts thereof, in order to provide assurance that the production models of certified public playground equipment are in conformance with the model originally certified, tested and validated;

f)	Notify the Validator of all manufacturing, assembly, shipping or storage locations; and, within
	thirty (30) days after their first use, of any additional manufacturing, assembly, shipping or
	storage locations that relate to certified products;

- g) Prior to an official initial inspection, submit to the Validator a list of all public playground equipment models to be validated, a sampling of basic model tests representing each type of test identified in the Standard(s), as interpreted by the IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee;
- h) Affix or apply the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) only to those public playground equipment models (and related sales literature) offered by Participant for certification which conforms to those models which have been validated by the Validator as complying with, or exceeding, the Standard(s) and is made with the same materials, and in the same manner, as the original model validated by the Validator. The right to affix the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) to Participant's public playground equipment (and related sales literature) is granted solely upon the assurances given herein. Participant alone has the responsibility of ensuring that the public playground equipment to which it affixes the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) actually complies with the Standard;
- i) Comply with all applicable portions of the Logo(s) Requirements, attached hereto as
 "Appendix B" and made a part hereof, as may be revised from time to time, and at the sole
 discretion of, IPEMA, and all laws applicable to certification logos or marks, including
 notification to IPEMA of any unauthorized use of the Certification Logo(s);
- j) Provide IPEMA and the Validator with documentation, indicating current proof of completion of a nationally recognized playground safety inspector course. This certification must be maintained for the duration of the IPEMA Equipment License Agreement, and will be reviewed during the annual office inspection. Certification must be maintained for at least one (1) member of Participant's test personnel, and one (1) member of Participant's Playground Layout Personnel.

3.2 THE PARTICIPANT SHALL NOT:

- a) Affix the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) to any public playground equipment model (and related sales literature) not validated by the Validator; to any decertified public playground equipment model (and related sales literature), or for which a notice of noncompliance has been issued by the Validator; or for any public playground equipment model (and related sales literature) which has been changed from that as originally validated and the change has not been certified by the Participant and submitted for validation to the Validator;
- Use the name of the Validator in any advertising, sales promotions or other publicity material of its public playground equipment, except as agreed to by the Validator and IPEMA in writing prior to its use;
- c) Use IPEMA's name, logo, or any symbol or abbreviation thereof, or any other form of reference which may be interpreted to mean IPEMA, in any advertising, sales promotions or other communication concerning its public playground equipment, except for the descriptive verbiage, or in such manner as is expressly approved in writing by IPEMA; and
- d) Use, under any circumstances, IPEMA's name, logo, or any symbol or abbreviation thereof, or any other form of reference which may be interpreted to mean IPEMA, in any advertising, sales promotions or other communication concerning its public playground equipment, in such a manner as to indicate that IPEMA warrants or approves any public playground equipment model; or that IPEMA certifies that any public playground equipment model complies with the Standard(s); or that IPEMA makes any other representation or certification with respect to the public playground equipment to which the Certification Logo applies, except for the descriptive verbiage, or in such manner as is expressly approved in writing by IPEMA. However, upon receipt of verification from the Validator, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the Procedural Guide, the Participant may request from IPEMA the Certification

Logo artwork to identify the model(s) so validated, which must be used initially together with the descriptive verbiage in any sales literature, provided such reproduction of the Logo(s) is in close proximity to the model(s) which have been validated as complying with the Standard(s) and provided the sales literature indicates which product(s) have been so validated, or may be placed on the validated public playground equipment model(s) or its container or packaging. If the Participant makes any statement or representation about the IPEMA Public Playground Equipment Program and IPEMA's relationship thereto, such statement or representation must be accurate and factual. See Appendix B for use of Logo and Descriptive Verbiage.

4. PUBLICINFORMATION

4.1 At the direction of the IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee, the Validator will maintain a listing on the Website of Playground Equipment models which have been validated as being in compliance with the Standard(s).

5. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

5.1 IPEMA and the Validator shall not divulge, and shall take all reasonable precautions to safeguard, Participant's design and manufacturing data, test and inspection reports regarding the public playground equipment models offered for validation, and any other privileged information or information provided in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. However, the Validator may notify IPEMA of its validation and notice of compliance, or its decertification or notice of noncompliance, of Participant's public playground equipment models, as well as any other notifications required by the Procedural Guide, and IPEMA may use this information as the Procedural Guide allows.

6. FEES

- 6.1 The Participant shall pay the annual IPEMA Administration Fees (non-refundable) for participation in the IPEMA Equipment Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment in accordance with the Fee Schedule (Appendix C); Participant shall also pay the Validator fees, including the Inspection/Witness Testing fee, the Engineering Documentation Review fee, and the Validator Administrative fee, as set forth in the Fee Schedule. IPEMA may amend the Fee Schedule from time to time.
- 6.2 The Participant shall be directly invoiced by the Validator for any costs and services rendered hereunder by the Validator in connection with the Certification Program. As such, the Validator may request advance payment from the Participant, consistent with the Validator's credit policy. If payment of invoices duly rendered by the Validator shall be in arrears for a period of ninety (90) days, the Validator shall have the right to discontinue the performance of any further tests or services (including deletion of products from the Website) until payments are brought up-to-date, provided the Validator gives notice to the Participant and IPEMA sixty (60) days after the invoice date. This action is without prejudice to any other rights which the Validator may have against the Participant.

7. CERTIFICATION LOGOS

- 7.1 IPEMA is the proprietor of the Certification Logos shown on the cover of the Procedural Guide and in Appendix B.
- Participant acknowledges IPEMA's exclusive right, title, and interest in and to the Certification Logos, and will not do anything that will in any way impair, or tend to impair, any part of IPEMA's right, title, and interest. In connection with the use of the Certification Logo(s), Participant will not represent that it has any ownership in the Certification Logo(s) or in its registration. Use of the Certification Logo(s) by Participant will not create any right, title, or interest in or to the Certification Logo(s) in favor of Participant. Participant will not at any time, either during the term of this Agreement or after it has ended, adopt or use any work or logo that is similar to, or confusing with, the Certification Logos, without IPEMA's prior written consent. (initial here)

- 7.3 Artwork for the IPEMA Certification Logos will be available only from the IPEMA Administrator.
- 7.4 Upon receipt of artwork for the IPEMA Certification Logos, Participant agrees to follow Appendix B for proper use.
- 7.5 Immediately upon the termination of this Agreement, or immediately after any public playground equipment is no longer compliant with the Certification Program requirements (see Section 6 of Procedural Guide), or any product is removed by the Validator from the Website, Participant shall discontinue its use of the IPEMA Certification Logos in any form on all affected equipment and related communications to the satisfaction of IPEMA, and in compliance with the Procedural Guide as amended.

8. INDEMNIFICATION

8.1 Participant agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless, IPEMA, its officers, directors, staff and members, and the Validator(s), against and from any and all claims, expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees), losses, damages, injuries or liabilities arising from participation in, or any statement or representation about, the IPEMA Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment, including, but not limited to, use of the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) in the manufacture and sale of Participant's products.

9. INSURANCE

Participant must provide IPEMA with two Certificates of Insurance from an insurer or insurance carrier of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000 USD) specifically designating (1) IPEMA and (2) the Validator by name as coinsured under any and all product and/or general liability insurance policies maintained by Participant in connection with the manufacture and sale of its products. If Participant does not already maintain product and/or general liability insurance, it must secure such insurance(s) and so designate IPEMA and the Validator. The Certificates of Insurance or documentation of the required designation shall be in the English language, which shall be the controlling document.

10. REVISION OF STANDARD(S)

- 10.1 In the event the Standard(s) is revised or withdrawn during the term of this Agreement, IPEMA shall determine, in accordance with the Procedural Guide, the date upon which approval under this Standard(s) shall terminate, and shall notify Participant of such date.
- 10.2 In the event a new Standard is published or the existing Standard(s) is revised, the Procedural Guide provides procedures for maintaining certification.

11. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

- 11.1 Participant shall be in default and IPEMA may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to Participant, terminate this Agreement should Participant:
 - a) Fail to pay IPEMA or the Validator the fees indicated in Paragraph 6;
 - b) Fail to indemnify IPEMA and the Validator, in a manner satisfactory to IPEMA, as specified in Paragraph 8;
 - c) Fail to provide the test results in accordance with Paragraph 4.3 of the Procedural Guide;
 - d) Breach or otherwise fail to perform any other term or condition of this Agreement or the Procedural Guide; or
 - e) Be adjudicated as bankrupt or insolvent, or have a receiver or trustee appointed, or have an order approving a petition seeking reorganization under the Bankruptcy Code, or other similar laws of the United States or any state, or file a petition seeking relief under any of the foregoing, or make a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or instrument similar thereto.

- 11.2 This Agreement shall not be terminated if Participant remedies the default to IPEMA's satisfaction within the 30-day notice period.
- 11.3 In the event of any revision of the Procedural Guide or Standard(s), Participant shall be given reasonable advance notice of the revision and of the effective date thereof, and Participant, by written notice to IPEMA, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement as of the effective date of such revision(s).
- 11.4 Termination of this Agreement by whatever means or in whatever manner, shall not affect any obligation of the parties which exists as of the date of termination. Participant's obligation with respect to maintenance of records and indemnification shall not cease, regardless of the termination date, with respect to public playground equipment manufactured or distributed by it for which the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) have been utilized.

12. NOTICE

12.1 All notices, reports and other communications permitted or provided for hereunder shall be in writing and shall be delivered in person, electronically or sent by mail, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, to the address set forth below. All communications shall be deemed to have been given when delivery in person and when received, if they have been deposited with the United States Postal Authorities addressed as set forth below, unless a change of address shall have been previously designated in writing:

TO IPEMA:	IPEMA Administrator	
	2207 Forest Hill Drive	
	Harrisburg, PA 17112	
TO Participant:		
	(Contact person - PLEASE PRINT)	
	(Technical Contact)	
	(Business entity name)	
	(Street address)	
	(City, state, zip)	
	(E-Mail)	

13. ARBITRATION

- 13.1 <u>TERMS OF ARBITRATION</u>: All claims, disputes, and other matters in question arising out of this Agreement and not otherwise resolved in accordance with the IPEMA Procedural Guide, shall be submitted to arbitration in Silver Spring, Maryland, in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect, unless the parties mutually agree otherwise.
- 13.2 <u>EXCLUSIVE REMEDY</u>: A party to this Agreement may not institute a suit at law or equity regarding any dispute under this Agreement. All such disputes shall be settled by arbitration in accordance with this Paragraph.
- 13.3 <u>FINAL AWARD</u>: The award in the arbitration proceeding shall be final and binding on the parties, and judgment on such award may be entered in any court having competent jurisdiction.

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13.4 <u>FEES AND EXPENSES</u>: Initially, all fees connected with the arbitration proceeding, other than attorney fees incurred by either party, if any, shall be shared equally by both parties. However, the Arbitrator is authorized to award either party a sum to compensate the other party for the time and expense, including reasonable attorney fees, of the arbitration if it is determined that arbitration was demanded without reasonable cause. In such event, the Arbitrator may also assess the costs of the arbitration proceeding against the party that demanded arbitration. In all other cases, the costs of the arbitration proceeding shall be assessed against the party against whom the arbitration award is determined, or against both parties if the determination is against both.

14. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 14.1 <u>NO ASSIGNMENTS</u>: This Agreement may not be assigned in whole or in part by the Participant without the written consent of IPEMA.
- 14.2 <u>HEADINGS</u>: Paragraph headings are for convenience only and shall not be construed as part of this Agreement, and shall not affect its interpretation.
- 14.3 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>: Regardless of where this Agreement is executed or is to be performed, the interpretation of this Agreement and the performance of the parties hereto shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 14.4 <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>: This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior Agreements, if any, express or implied. There are no warranties or representations other than as provided herein. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by all parties hereto.
- 14.5 <u>SAVINGS CLAUSE</u>: Should any provision hereof be finally determined to be inconsistent with or contrary to applicable law, such provision shall be deemed amended or omitted to conform therewith without affecting any other provision or the validity of this Agreement.
- 14.6 <u>WARRANTY OF AUTHORITY</u>: This Agreement shall be executed for the parties by an officer designated in the parties' governing documents as having the power to enter into contracts. The designated officers warrant that they have acted with authority, and that they may sign this Agreement for their respective entity with the effect that their entity has agreed to and shall be bound by all terms of this Agreement.

Participant:		
Ву:		
	Signature of Officer	Title of Officer
	Accepted by: International Play E	Equipment Manufacturers Association, Inc
By:		
-	Administrator	Date of Acceptance

Appendix A to IPEMA License Application and Agreement Revised: February 21, 2017

PROCEDURAL GUIDE FOR

INTERNATIONAL PLAY EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (IPEMA)

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR

PUBLIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT





OVERVIEW OF THE IPEMA PUBLIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The certification program for Public Playground Equipment is sponsored by the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association, Inc. (IPEMA). IPEMA is confident that compliance with nationally recognized Standards in the US and Canada will afford a safer, more injury-free play environment for children and the general public.

The purpose of this certification program is to assure the consumer, by the presence of certification logos and listing on the IPEMA Website, that the products bearing a logo have been tested and are in compliance with the applicable requirements of the current published ASTM F1487, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, and/or CAN/CSA- Z614, Children's Playspaces and Equipment.

As sponsor and administrator of the program, IPEMA utilizes TÜV SÜD America, Inc. as independent Validator to perform inspections, witness tests and review manufacturer's test data on a periodic basis. Equipment is tested for compliance with all applicable portions of the current ASTM or CAN/CSA Standard, this Procedural Guide, and its current Addendum.

The program is open to all entities that offer public playground equipment for sale. Participation in the program is on a voluntary basis. A participant in the Program may have any of its equipment models certified to ASTM F1487, CAN/CSA-Z614, or both. The certification logos and the IPEMA Website validated product listings will designate which standard applies to the model number. All equipment bearing a validated model number manufactured or directly marketed by the program licensee must meet the program requirements.

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SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS

Administrator: A person or organization designated by the sponsor of a certification program to

perform the administrative duties required to manage the affairs of that program.

Basic Model: The representative product of a family that represents the most adverse test

conditions.

Certification: The procedure by which a product becomes certified.

Certification Logo(s): IPEMA's unique and distinctive certification mark or seal which will be utilized in connection

with the Certification Program for Public Playground Equipment. The Certification Logo(s) are registered and displayed on the cover of the Procedural Guide; however, IPEMA reserves the right to designate another Certification Logo to be used in lieu thereof. See Appendix B for

use of logo.

Certified: Attested by Participants under the procedures of a Certification Program as satisfying the

requirements of the Standard(s).

Certifier: The Participant who certifies that the product(s) as supplied meets the requirements of

the Standard(s).

Family: A combination of a basic model and the corresponding modification models having similar

construction/design features.

Inspection: The process of examining, measuring, testing, gauging, or otherwise comparing the

product and/or service with applicable provisions of the standard(s), and review of

compliance with provision(s) of the certification procedure.

Modification

Model:

Any model of a family which does not represent the most adverse test

conditions, but may require additional testing.

Notice Delivery to the address of record via certified, registered or receipt requested mail. Notice

provided by Validator shall be sent to Participant's designated contact, Participant's officer

signing the License Application and Agreement and the IPEMA Administrator.

Participant: Any entity that offers playground equipment for sale and who signs the License

Application and Agreement and participates in the program in accordance with the terms and conditions of that document. In this document and the License Application and Agreement, "Participant" includes Participant's representatives, sales agents and employees. Participants may be of two varieties: Manufacturer of certified products; or,

Private Labeler of another manufacturer's certified products.

Private Labeler: Any entity that offers product(s) manufactured and certified by a Participant for resale and

certification under alternate brand name(s).

Program: The IPEMA Public Playground Equipment Certification Program, which provides for the

validation that Participant's certified equipment complies with the Standard(s).

Request for Validation (RV):

A submittal by Participant requesting validation of certified product models.

Sponsor: An organization under whose authority a certification program is developed, promulgated,

and financed, and with whose name the certification program is identified; the sponsor may delegate the operation and administration of a certification program to another party called the Administrator.

Standard: A combination of this Procedural Guide and the applicable portions of the Standard issued by

the ASTM International, ASTM F1487 Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, not including sections 7.1.1, 10, 12.6.1, 13.2 and 13.3, as may be amended from time to time; and/or applicable portions of the Standard issued by the Canadian Standards Association, CAN/CSA Z614, Children's Playspaces and Equipment, not including clause 9.8, 10 and 11, as may be amended from time to time.

Third Party Testing

Organization: A testing/inspection agency other than one controlled by a Participant, which has been

selected by IPEMA.

Validation: The process by which a separate determination is made by a third party testing agency that

certification by Participant is, in fact, in accordance with the program requirements.

Validator: Any third party testing and inspection organization designated by IPEMA, from time to

time, to validate, by inspections and witness testing, Participant's certification that its public playground equipment complies with the Standard(s), as described above.

Witness Test: The procedure of a third party observing the testing performed by Participant.

SECTION 2 - THE PROGRAM ROLES

2.1 PROGRAM SPONSOR

International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "IPEMA") is the Sponsor of the program. On matters pertaining to program participation, use of certification logos, etc., Participants shall communicate with the Administrator of the Certification Program. The Administrator shall also distribute and process the License Application and Agreement, with appendices, to new Participants, and to all Participants as documents are revised:

IPEMA Administrator 2207 Forest Hill Drive Harrisburg, PA 17112 (717) 238-1744 www.ipema.org

2.2 VALIDATOR

TÜV SÜD America Inc. has been designated by IPEMA as the program's independent testing and inspection agency (hereinafter referred to as "Validator"). The principal role of the Validator is to validate Participant's equipment certification. On matters pertaining to witness testing, validation visits, validated models listing, etc., communications are directed to:

ASTM and CSA Based Validator

Equipment Certification Program Manager – IPEMA Certification Program TÜV SÜD America Inc.

1755 Atlantic Blvd.

Auburn Hills, MI 48326 Phone: (616) 546-4174 Fax: (248) 393-6994

2.3 PARTICIPANT

Any entity that offers Public Playground Equipment for sale (hereinafter referred to as the "Participant"), may participate in the program in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the License Application and Agreement. Participation in the program shall be in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Section 8 of the Procedural Guide, and Appendix C of the License Application and Agreement. Application for participation in the program shall be sent to the Administrator (see Paragraph 2.1).

2.4 IPEMA EQUIPMENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee, consisting of representatives of IPEMA members, meets periodically to provide guidance for the development, modification and technical aspects of the program in order to ensure uniformity, equity, and continuity of the program. In addition, it provides rulings on appeals on noncompliance issues (see Section 6).

SECTION 3 - PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

3.1 PARTICIPANT'S APPLICATION AND AGREEMENT

Potential Participants may apply to participate in the program by completing the IPEMA Public Playground Equipment Certification Program License Application and Agreement. Upon acceptance by IPEMA, this constitutes a binding agreement between Participant and IPEMA. This Agreement is the principal document governing the relationships between IPEMA and Participant under the program. It will provide, in part, that only the equipment that complies with the Standard(s) may be certified under the program.

3.2 PROCEDURAL GUIDE

The Procedural Guide is prepared by the IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee, reviewed by the IPEMA General Counsel, approved by the IPEMA Board of Directors, and distributed by IPEMA. It is the intent that this Procedural Guide will outline and amplify the provisions of Participants License Application and Agreement for the guidance of those concerned with the operation of the program. Upon request, the Administrator or Validator will provide recommended forms to be utilized in connection with the program, along with instructions for their use. Samples of these forms are included in Section 11.

3.3 IPEMA CERTIFICATION LOGOS

Unique and distinctive logos, (examples located on front cover of this Procedural Guide) which are registered, are licensed for use by Participant to indicate that a particular Playground Equipment model has been validated under the program as being in compliance with the Standard(s). IPEMA will supply logo artwork to Participants upon their request, under the terms of the license agreement, for those validated models meeting the requirements of the program. Participant, in affixing the logo to its product and/or literature, certifies to IPEMA, and the public, that each of the validated models so labeled complies with the Standard(s) and is made with the same materials and in the same manner as the original model (specimen) approved by the Validator.

3.4 LISTING OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

At the direction of the IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee, the Validator will maintain a listing on the Website of playground equipment models which have been validated as being in compliance with the Standard(s).

SECTION 4 - OUTLINE OF VALIDATION AND TESTING PROCEDURES

4.1 BASIS FOR VALIDATION

This program currently certifies to ASTM F1487, (except Sections 7.1.1, 10, 12.6.1, 13.2 and 13.3), CAN/CSA Z614 (except Clauses 9.8, 10 and 11), or both. Forms IPEMA 06e, 07e, 08e and 09e are provided as testing requirements used by the Participant based upon the Program(s) being certified to. As the Standard(s) is revised and/or new Standards are added, the IPEMA Certification Committee will determine the effective date and procedures necessary for the program to certify to the revised Standard(s). On that date, all previously validated products must conform to the new, revised Standard to be certified. During this transition period, the equipment may need to be tested to meet the revised Standard(s). Participants shall not refer to their IPEMA Certification to the revised Standard prior to the effective date.

4.2 INITIAL VALIDATION PROCEDURES

4.2.1 Prior to an official inspection, Participant shall submit a completed Request for Validation (RV, form IPEMA 01e) for all product models to be validated. This submittal shall include a sampling of basic model tests representing each product line, the applicable structural tests identified in the Standard(s) (ASTM Section 12 and/or CSA Clause 9), photos of structural integrity testing documenting test date, and all other applicable tests, from other sections of the Standard(s).

The Participant may choose to submit complete test results from an A2LA, or equivalent, accredited lab to ISO Guide 17025 for all product models intended for certification to F1487 & CSA Z614, along with a copy of that labs Scope of Accreditation reflecting the Specification(s) outlined in this Procedural Guide. (Submitted test reports are still subject to approval by the IPEMA Equipment Certification Validator, regardless of test labs' accreditation.) Tests shall have been performed to the current Standard(s)

At the request of Participant, Validator will schedule and execute official inspections at the facility(ies) where Participant testing and manufacturing was performed, provided Participant's License Application and Agreement has been accepted by IPEMA.

- 4.2.2 Approval of the test/manufacturing facility (facility) is a prerequisite for product validation. During the initial inspection at Participant's facility, Validator will review for the purposes of validation:
 - test equipment (see Section 12)
 - calibration procedures
 - written test procedures and adherence to same
 - initial test data
 - structural integrity testing
 - review product change procedure to assure that changes follow through the manufacturing and shipping process
 - review documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements found within the ASTM 1487 standard related to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA)
 - review recent layouts to assure Participant knowledge of the applicable portions of the Standard(s).

During facility inspection, Validator, at its discretion, may inspect products from the production line or from inventory on a random basis. A limited number of product tests will be witnessed, of which Participant will be informed prior to the inspection visit.

The Validator will be allowed access to those parts of Participant's premises, and to such materials as Validator may reasonably deem necessary, to determine compliance with the Standard(s).

Participant shall render all reasonable and necessary assistance to Validator, during normal business hours, to enable the facility inspection to be carried out as promptly as possible.

- 4.2.3 The Validator is the sole judge as to whether the facility is adequate.
- 4.2.4 Upon facility approval, Validator notifies IPEMA Administrator. Administrator provides Participant with login information to IPEMA Website RV interface. Participant submits initial RV's electronically through this interface. The RV submittal shall include completed test report, along with photos of structural integrity testing.
- 4.2.5 Initial RV submittals will be processed within 30 days of electronic RV submittal. Validated product models are posted to the Website product listing at that time.

4.3 SUBSEQUENT VALIDATION PROCEDURES

4.3.1 Participant shall submit RV's through the Website interface for all certified product models to be validated, (including new products, and/or annual retests), indicating whether each is a basic or

modification model. The RV submittal shall include completed test report, along with dated photos, or some other means of showing the date, of structural integrity testing. By completing the RV, Participant stipulates that the sample tested is representative of all units produced and offered for sale. Once products are validated, approval is sent to Participant that the model has met the program's requirements.

- 4.3.2 Supplemental RV's are submitted through the Website interface by Participant to inform Validator of:
 - Changes in listing information, e.g. product name, product line name, etc.
 - Additional partial product retesting, in response to product changes
 - Changes in Basic/Modification model relationships

For product changes that affect compliance with the Standard(s), Participant is required to submit an RV, listing the model(s) that have changes prior to the first shipment of the revised product.

- 4.3.3 A Participant may remove certified product(s) from its product listing via the Website RV interface.
- 4.3.4 The Validator is the sole judge as to whether the information provided is adequate to validate, and may require additional information or tests prior to Validation.
- 4.3.5 To maintain validation, Participant must annually retest a minimum of 20% of its products, currently validated, at the beginning of each calendar year. Validator will determine the minimum number of product retests required during the current calendar year for each Participant. Notification will be sent to the Participant by the Validator that 20% of their IPEMA-certified products must be retested. The notification includes a listing of products that are expiring, based upon the test date of that product. If the number of certified products expiring exceeds the 20% requirement, all must be re-tested. If the number of certified products expiring is less than the 20% requirement, the Participant will choose the additional products to be retested. If any Participant has not submitted the required minimum number of product retests for that calendar year by December 1, Validator will advise Participant of the remaining product retests required by year end. This communication will state that if remaining product retests are not submitted by year-end, action will be initiated to remove Participant's entire listing of validated products.

If Participant does not meet the year -end product retest requirements, Validator, with the approval of the Equipment Certification Committee, will provide notice to Participant and initiate action to remove Participant's entire listing of validated products. This action may be appealed by Participant to the IPEMA Board of Directors. Such appeal must be made by notice to the IPEMA Administrator within ten (10) business days of receipt of Validator's notice, and shall state the reasons why IPEMA's decision should be withdrawn or modified. If Participant does appeal and is found non-persuasive by the Board, Participant's entire listing of validated products is removed.

Participant's entire listing of validated products is removed when Participant fails to appeal to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) business days of delivery of notice from Validator. Decisions made by the Board are final and are not subject to appeal.

- 4.3.6 Product tests expire on December 31st following the fifth (5th) anniversary of the date on which the test was performed. It is Participant's responsibility to ensure that products are retested within this time frame. If products are not retested during this timeframe, they will be automatically removed from Participant's listing of validated products.
- 4.3.7 The Validator will conduct scheduled inspections at Participant's facility once every calendar year.

 The Validator will inspect Participant's facility(ies), witness testing, and record results on the IPEMA Equipment Inspection Form (see Section 11, form IPEMA 04e). The tests are conducted to determine

that the design and construction of selected product models conform to those originally tested and certified. The inspection determines whether Participant continues to follow procedures assuring that products shipped are representative of products tested. Validator will address those items listed in section 4.2.2 herein, as well as:

- reviewing products involving a "gray area" of interpretation
- structural integrity testing
- choosing products changed by the last Standard revision (ASTM and/or CSA)
- having Participant explain the rationale for selected Basic/Modification model relationships
- reviewing recent layouts, including those changed by the latest Standard revision (ASTM and/or CSA)
- examining Participant written internal interpretations, requiring Participant to provide the rationale
- probing for appropriate levels of knowledge of the applicable Standard(s) by
 Participant personnel in areas affecting the certification process
- review of retained records in compliance with section 4.4 of this document
- review documentation demonstrating compliance with the requirements found within the ASTM 1487 standard related to the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA)

Validator will also inspect the current License Agreement, Certificates of Insurance, and Certification Logo documents required by section 3.1(d) of the License Agreement, to determine compliance with that section, which is a requirement of validation and listing of validated products on the Website.

Upon completion of the inspection, the IPEMA Inspection Form will be signed by the Validator and Participant's representative. Validator will keep original, and a copy will be given to Participant. Procedures for correcting product and/or facility noncompliance discovered during scheduled inspections at Participant's validated facility are discussed in Section 6. If an annual (yearly, January – December), inspection does not take place, a Corrective Action will be issued per section 6.

4.4 RETAINED RECORDS

- 4.4.1 Participant must retain a complete bill of materials for the sample and piece part drawings of the complete model for all tested samples.
- 4.4.2 Other records that must be retained for Validation are field/product complaints regarding compliance that require corrective action and action taken, test procedures, test results, engineering change orders and other documents as necessary to substantiate certification.
- 4.4.3 This information must be retained on file at Participant's facility for seven (7) years, and shall be made available to the Validator.

SECTION 5 - USE OF LOGO

- 5.1 Upon receipt of RV approval from Validator, Participants may use the appropriate Certification Logo(s) and program approved verbiage to identify the model(s) as validated, in accordance with the requirements of the License Application and Agreement and Appendix B.
- To enforce the requirements of Appendix B, the Validator during the annual facility inspection, will review copies of all uses of the Certification Logo(s) and references to the IPEMA Equipment Certification Program in any media within the previous twelve (12) months, together with copies of IPEMA's written authorization to use the Logo(s) and reference the Program, if required; **OR** a certification of nonuse signed by the Participant's President or CEO that the Participant has not used the Logo(s) or referenced the Program in any media within the previous twelve (12) months.

5.3 Validator may remove from Participant's listing of validated products the models for which Certification Logo(s) were used without IPEMA's written authorization, if required by Appendix B, until such time that IPEMA's written authorization is secured.

SECTION 6 - NONCOMPLIANCE

6.1 PRODUCT NONCOMPLIANCE (Found During Annual Inspection)

A Notice of noncompliance shall be issued by the Validator when any validated model is found not in full compliance with the Standard(s), or the materials or assembly differs from the validated model approved in a manner that could affect compliance with the Standard(s). This Notice of noncompliance will take the form of an IPEMA Corrective Action Request (ICAR, form IPEMA 03e).

- 6.1.1 If, during witness testing at Participant's approved facility, a failure occurs that Participant believes is not representative of production, Participant may request Validator's inspector to select two additional units at random for immediate retest.
 - Only the failed test(s) need be repeated. If both specimens pass, the product has passed. If one or both specimens fail, the product has failed.
- 6.1.2 Upon finding a product not in full compliance, Validator will provide an ICAR Notice to Participant. Participant shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of Notice of noncompliance, exercise one of the following options:

Option 1-Participant may submit a Corrective Action Plan, to include a time schedule of activities, to Validator to resolve the issue. Validator has the authority to determine an acceptable Corrective Action Plan. If the time to completion exceeds 60 days, Equipment Certification Committee approval is required.

If the Corrective Action Plan is not implemented on schedule, Validator shall provide Notice to Participant, and then remove the non-complying model(s) from Participant's listing of validated products.

Option 2 - Participant may take no action. If a response is not received by the Validator within ten (10) business days, Validator shall provide Notice to Participant, and then remove the non-complying model(s) from Participant's listing of validated models.

- 6.1.3 For both options, the removal of the non-complying models from Participant's listing of validated models is accompanied by the revocation of Participant's right to use the Certification Logo(s) in conjunction with the nonconforming model(s).
- 6.1.4 Participant may resubmit this model for validation. The model must be tested and submitted on an RV (see section 4.3).
- 6.2 PRODUCT NONCOMPLIANCE (Found During Required Testing per Section 4.3)
 If a noncompliance is found during normal retesting, required by the Participant per Section 4.3 of this document, the Participant must process the issue through internal corrective action procedures. If corrective action cannot be concluded within 30 days, the Participant must obsolete the model in question via the IPEMA website interface.

6.3 FACILITY NONCOMPLIANCE

When Participant's previously approved facility is subsequently found to be not adequate (see section 4.3.7), a Notice of noncompliance, in the form of an ICAR (form IPEMA 03e) shall be issued by the Validator.

6.3.1 During a subsequent inspection performed by Validator, if an area of the facility is found to be not adequate, Participant will receive an ICAR from Validator. Participant shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of this noncompliance, exercise one of the following options:

<u>Option 1</u> - Participant may submit a Corrective Action Plan, to include a time schedule of activities, to Validator to resolve the issue. Validator has the authority to determine an acceptable Corrective Action Plan. If the time to completion exceeds 60 days, Equipment Certification Committee approval is required.

If the Corrective Action Plan is not implemented on schedule, Validator shall initiate action to decertify Participant's facility.

Option 2 - Participant may take no action. If a response is not received by Validator within ten (10) business days, Validator shall initiate action to decertify Participant's facility.

6.3.2 If, under Options 1 and 2 above, decertification of Participant's facility is initiated by the Validator, Equipment Certification Committee approval is required. Upon Committee approval, Validator gives Notice to Participant that facility approval is being withdrawn and the facility is being decertified.

This action may be appealed by Participant to the IPEMA Board of Directors. Any such appeal must be made by Notice to the IPEMA Administrator within ten (10) business days of receipt of Validator's decertification Notice, and shall state the reasons why the decertification decision should be withdrawn or modified. If Participant does appeal to the Board of Directors, facility decertification occurs when such appeal is found to be non-persuasive by the Board. The Board shall provide Notice to the Participant of any such action. Facility decertification occurs when Participant fails to appeal to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) business days as discussed above. Decisions made by the Board are final and not subject to further appeal.

When Participant's facility is decertified, the complete listing of Participant's validated models is removed from the website. Participant also loses the right to use the Certification Logo(s) in conjunction with any of its public play equipment.

6.3.3 If Participant loses facility validation, and thereafter obtains revalidation of its facility, models tested prior to the last approved facility validation date may be resubmitted for validation without retesting (subject to the five [5] year test expiration). In addition, all annual retesting, responses to addenda and revised standards, etc., that were required during the interim must be completed after the facility revalidation, submitted, and accepted by Validator prior to any models being listed on the IPEMA Website. New models may be submitted for validation, provided that they were tested after the facility was revalidated.

6.4 DOCUMENTNONCOMPLIANCE

A Notice of noncompliance, in the form of an ICAR (form IPEMA 03e), shall be issued by the Validator when any of the documents required by section 3.1(d) of the License Agreement are not provided or are not in compliance with the requirements of that section. Participant shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of this noncompliance, exercise one of the options listed in 6.3.1 above. Appeal procedures are outlined in 6.3.2 above.

6.5 GENERAL

- 6.5.1 Under all circumstances, all costs shall be assumed by Participant.
- 6.5.2 No Participant's validated models shall be involuntarily withdrawn from the Website listing by Validator until the process described has been completed and the Participant has received appropriate Notice.

SECTION 7 - CHALLENGE PROCEDURE

In the event the performance and/or design of a certified manufacturer's (Participant) product is challenged by any interested party (Challenger), the process below shall be followed. The confidentiality of each manufacturer shall be maintained by the Validator. The challenged manufacturer's equipment shall remain on the IPEMA Website while the challenge is in process.

The Challenger must first contact the Participant to advise of alleged nonconformance. If after thirty (30 days), the issue remains unresolved, the Challenger may elect to contact the Validator to initiate a formal challenge procedure as outlined below.

- The Challenger completes and submits the IPEMA Certification Challenge Form (form IPEMA 10e) to the Validator. Submittal shall include supporting documentation outlining the detail of challenge and applicable test data. The documentation shall specify the section(s) of the particular standard(s) being challenged. Upon receipt of the IPEMA Certification Challenge Form, the Validator will notify the Participant of the challenge.
- The Validator will estimate the full costs associated with investigation of the initial challenge. The Challenger will be provided with a quote detailing the initial challenge.
- The Challenger then agrees to accept the challenge cost(s), or discontinue the challenge. Upon acceptance, the Challenger must provide a purchase order for initial investigation costs.
- Within 30 days of the Challenger's acceptance of cost(s), the Validator will review the challenged product(s).
- An initial determination will be made by the Validator. Assessment will be performed only on the challenged characteristic(s) of the challenged model(s). If the characteristic is controlled by design, testing of a randomly acquired unit should be sufficient to confirm or deny the challenge.
- If the Validator is unable to make a conclusive resolution of the alleged nonconformance, the documentation relating to the challenge will be forwarded to the IPEMA Equipment Certification Committee (ECC) for determination of the challenge's validity.
- vii. If the challenge is not substantiated, the Validator shall notify the Participant in writing. If the challenge is substantiated, the notice of nonconformance will take the form of an IPEMA corrective action request (ICAR, form IPEMA 03e).
- viii. The non-complying Participant shall be required to take any corrective action necessary to bring the validated model(s) into compliance with the Standard(s). If Participant fails to do so, it must refrain from using the Certification Logo(s) issued for use with such model(s). Validator shall also remove the model(s) from the Participant's validated product list, and report it to the Administrator.

The full cost(s) of the challenge procedure shall be paid by the Challenger or the Participant. If the challenge is found to have basis, the challenged Participant shall pay all costs, including any costs for requalification testing, and/or follow up facility audits. If the challenge is without basis, the Challenger shall pay all costs associated to the initial challenge.

SECTION 8 – FINANCING

The Administrative functions of the IPEMA Equipment Certification Program are financed by a yearly administrative fee from Participants. This non-refundable fee is paid to IPEMA and helps defray the expenses of IPEMA relating to the Equipment Certification Program. The Fee Schedule, Appendix C to the License Application and Agreement, may be amended from time to time and is applicable to participation in the IPEMA Equipment Certification Program.

SECTION 9 - INTERPRETATION PROCEDURES

Interpretation, clarification and product implementation procedure:

Validator and/or Participant will bring interpretation questions to the Equipment Certification Committee for interpretation.

Committee will provide program interpretation, or defer to ASTM or CSA for clarification. If Committee defers, Participant writes rationale for its interpretation and Validator accepts rationale pending ASTM/CSA action.

After ASTM/CSA action or Committee interpretation, Committee may publish an interpretation as Addendum A (2017) to the Procedural Guide, and set a date for Participant's compliance to maintain validation of affected products. This Addendum may be updated periodically throughout the year. As updates are made, participants are informed of the changes to the Addendum and the action(s) they must take to maintain compliance in the program, including responding with Response to Addendum Form 05e within the time period noted.

Administrator publishes the updated Addendum to Participants. Non-participants may request Addenda from Administrator.

Participant has the following choices for compliance to Addendum:

Submit supplemental RV, dealing only with revised interpretation issues (does not extend retest date).

Submit retest RV, indicating total retest of product, which counts toward 20% retest requirement, and will extend retest date.

Submit statement that changes to remaining validated models are not necessary.

Submit statement that lists products to be dropped from validated product listing in lieu of changes.

If Participant meets compliance date, certified product list doesn't change. If Addendum effective date passes with no action by Participant, Validator shall issue a Notice of Noncompliance in the form of an ICAR (form IPEMA 03e). Participant shall, within ten (10) business days of receipt of this Notice, exercise one of the following options:

Option 1 - Participant may submit a Corrective Action Plan, to include a time schedule of activities, to Validator to resolve the issue. Validator has the authority to determine if the Corrective Action Plan is acceptable. If the time to completion of the Corrective Action Plan exceeds 30 days, Certification Committee approval is required. If the Validator and Participant cannot agree on a Corrective Action Plan, or the Corrective Action Plan is not implemented on schedule, Validator shall initiate action to remove Participant's validated products affected. If it cannot be readily determined which validated models are affected, ALL of Participant's validated products will be targeted for removal from the Website listing.

Option 2 - Participant may take no action. If a response is not received by Validator within ten (10) business days, ALL of Participants validated products will be targeted for removal from the Website listing.

Equipment Certification Committee approval is required before Validator may begin action to remove any of Participant's validated model(s) under Options 1 and 2 above. Upon Committee approval, Validator also gives notice to Participant that some or all of its validated models are being removed. Validator will identify product(s) being removed.

This action may be appealed by Participant to the IPEMA Board of Directors. Any such appeal must be made by Notice to the IPEMA Administrator within ten (10) business days of receipt of Validator's Notice to remove validated models. The appeal shall state the reasons why the decision to remove Participant's validated models should be withdrawn or modified. Decisions made by the Board are final and not subject to further appeal.

Removal of Participants validated model(s) occurs when Participant fails to appeal to the Board of Directors within fifteen (15) business days as discussed previously. If Participant does appeal to the Board of Directors, removal of Participants validated model(s) occurs when such appeal is found to benon-persuasive by the Board. When product(s) are removed from Participants certified product listing, they are removed from the IPEMA website. Participant also loses the right to use the Certification Logo(s) in conjunction with any removed play equipment.

Should Participant subsequently decide to certify any equipment previously removed, such equipment must be retested and submitted to Validator, complying with all requirements of this Procedural Guide, to include all current Addenda.

Provisions shown in Section 6.5 are also applicable to Section 9.

SECTION 10 – PRODUCT RECALLS AND MODIFICATIONS

IPEMA recognizes that the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and other recognized government regulatory agencies outside of the U.S. ("other agency") may recall an IPEMA certified product or require a modification be made to that product for the manufacturer to continue marketing said product to consumers. Should that occur, the following procedures are to be carefully followed by the manufacturer that is a Participant in the IPEMA certification program:

- 1. Upon public notification that the CPSC or other agency has issued a recall of an IPEMA certified product, or requires a modification of an IPEMA certified product, a copy of the public notice (or news release) received by the manufacturer must be forwarded to both IPEMA and TUV.
- 2. Within two (2) weeks of notification of a recall of an IPEMA certified product, the manufacturer must visit the IPEMA website and make the recalled product "Obsolete", thereby removing it, including its model number, completely from both the IPEMA website and the listing of certified products associated with the manufacturer.
- 3. Within two (2) weeks of notification of a modification being required of an IPEMA certified product, the manufacturer must visit the IPEMA website and either mark the product in question as "Obsolete" or submit a "Supplemental RV" for that product. The Supplemental RV will include a choice for "Product Modified due to Mandatory Government Requirement", and the manufacturer will choose that option and complete the form requested. Note this option will maintain the model number of the product.
- 4. Those manufacturers choosing to keep the same model number by selecting "Supplemental RV" in #3 above will see a disclaimer being printed on any IPEMA certificate requested which includes that product. The certificate will include a column entitled "Mandatory Modification Date" and the date of the public notice from the government agency will be included in that column. The disclaimer on the certificate will read as follows: There has been a modification required to this product by either the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or a recognized government regulatory agency in countries outside of the U.S. If you purchased this product prior to the date listed above, you must contact the manufacturer to obtain details regarding the modification. Upon notification to IPEMA from CPSC or other agency of completion of a recall, this notice will no longer apply and shall be removed.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed above may result in the manufacturer losing its IPEMA certification for all its products.

SECTION 11 - FORMS

NOTE: See the following pages for Forms listed below:

Request for Validation (RV) – IPEMA 01e

Supplemental Request for Validation (RV) – IPEMA 02e IPEMA Correction Action Request (ICAR) – IPEMA 03e

IPEMA Equipment Inspection Form – IPEMA 04e (5 pages) Response to Addendum - IPEMA 05e

IPEMA ASTM Based Certification Test Requirements Data Sheet – IPEMA -06e (3 pages)

IPEMA ASTM Based Certification Test Requirements Data Sheet (CSA Incremental) – IPEMA 07e (2 pages)

IPEMA CSA Based Certification Test Requirements Data Sheet – IPEMA 08e (3 pages)

IPEMA CSA Based Certification Test Requirements Data Sheet – (ASTM Incremental) – IPEMA 09e (2 pages)

REQUEST FOR VALIDATION (RV)

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Form IPEMA 01e

SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR VALIDATION (RV)

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Form IPEMA 02e

IPEMA CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUEST (ICAR)

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Form IPEMA 03e

IPEMA Playground Equipment Certification Program

Annual Inspection Report

Inspection Type: Initial Inspection: Annual/Subsequent Inspection: Dates of This Inspection:	<u> </u>				
Participant:					
Certification to Standard(s)	ASTM F148	37	0	CSA Z614	
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Date:			Date:		
Summary Comments:					

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Program Related Documentation

Contact:		
	Yes	No
Does Participant have:		
Current signed license agreement on file? Date Approved:		
IPEMA Procedural Guide? Revision:		
ASTM F1487, Latest Revisions:		
CSA Z614, Latest Revision:		
Current Addendum?		
Internal Interpretations?		
Does participant have distribution list for IPEMA documents?		
Does test technician understand use of all IPEMA forms/website operation?		
Certificates of Insurance? Amount? Exp. Date:		
TUV SÜD America?		
IPEMA?		
Does participant have adequate system to track 20% and 5 year retest requirements?		
Document method:		
Review Families Basic/Modifications with personnel: From Current Listing on Website		
Are families designated properly?		
Do any designations require correction? (Explain Below)	_	
Logo Usage - Review IPEMA Certification Logo(s) for proper use per Appendix B	ū	
Comments:	-	
Design Procedure Review		
Design Procedure Review Contact:		
Contact:	Yes	No D
Contact: Does participant have written procedures for new product development?		
Contact: Does participant have written procedures for new product development? Does procedure include step for testing to IPEMA?		
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Quality Procedures Review

Contact:	Yes	No
Does participant have procedures to address:		
Inspection of incoming supplied parts?		
Inspection of manufactured components?		
Does the quality procedure address control of drawing for supplied parts/components?		
Customer complaints?		
Are complaints reviewed to determine if product changes are necessary?		
Review examples of complaints that have prompted product changes (if any), and follow the process changes. Document any findings below.	s thru comple	etion of
Was process confirmed during inspection?		
Is the participant ISO certified?		
Comments:		
Calibration/Equipment Documentation		
Contact:	Yes	No
Are adequate procedures in effect to control calibration of test equipment?		
Does the system adequately provide for calibration recall?		
Is all testing equipment traceable to NIST or its equivalent? Document examples.		
Are calibration certificates on file for all outsourced calibrations?		
Do calibration records reflect the following:		
 Item identification? (Description and Name) 		
 Date calibrated and calibration due date? 		
 Identification of personnel that performed the calibration? 		
 Identification of NIST traceable equipment used to perform the calibration? 		
Drawing of the test equipment? (If calibration software is not used)		
Comments:		
Private Label Documentation/Requirements		
Contact:	Voc	No
	Yes	No 🔲
Agreement between parties Agreement duration & renewal provisions		
Detailed listing describing manufacturers component number/private labeler component no.		
Verify all applicable test results (including material content requirements of	_	_
CPSIA) are maintained and current on file. List reports on checklist.		
Review of private labelers certified component listing ensuring current	_	_
certification status		
Review of installation and maintenance instructions		
Review 20% private label retest requirement		
Review Basic and modified component listing on test report(s)		
Comments:		

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Test Samples

Contact:		
	Yes	No
Does participant have a written procedure for ordering test samples?		
Are test samples representative of product offered for sale?		
Are maintenance and installation instructions included in package sent to customer?		
Are they adequate per standards?		
Are maintenance instructions general?		
Are maintenance instructions specific?		
Comments:		
Product Testing/Review of Test Personnel		
Product resting/neview of rest reisonner		
Contact:		
	Yes	No
Do test forms cover all of the required tests per ASTM and/or CSA requirements?		
Is this form used to record test results?		
When performing tests, are reference standards, addendum, etc. reviewed and		
followed? Are addendum questions referenced on test document?	_	_
Is age appropriateness determined prior to/after testing has begun?		
Are standard scopes reviewed at any time during the testing? Are material requirements (ASTM Section 4/CSA Clause 7) reviewed during testing		
process?		
Does a general file exist that shows compliance to these requirements?		
Is it current?		
Is technician's testing methodology consistent with IPEMA requirements?		
Does technician understand correct usage of all test gauges?		
Is instructional literature reviewed for compliance to test standards?		
Does technician understand all aspects of structural integrity testing?		
Are all measurements and loads applied correctly?		
Is structural integrity testing consistent with IPEMA practices?		
Certifying Body: Expiration Date:		
Comments:		
Comments.		

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Playground Layout Review

Contact:			
		Yes	No
Has participant designated personnel to verify Are personnel certified playground inspectors Certifying Body:			
How are use zones/encroachment zones verif	ied? Is method adequate?		
Review specific areas with personnel responsi representatives/etc. Document process from			sales
Comments:			
Components evaluated during inspection			
Model Number	<u>Description</u>		
Noncompliances found during component te	sting		
Noncompliances round during component te	<u>Stillig</u>		

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RESPONSE TO ADDENDUM

Company:				Date Submitted:					
Contact:					Standard:	ASTM F1487	l F1487		
Address:					CAN /CSA				
Phone:	Phone:				Addendum	m No.:			
					Addendun	n Date:			
The following i accurate repre		-							
Addendum Question #	Validated Model #			Description	1		Compliance Maintained by (Enter 1,2,3,4 or 5, see below.)		
Submitted By:					Reviewed	Ву:			

CODES FOR COLUMN 4 ABOVE

- Supplemental RV Submitted
 No Changes Necessary
 New (Restest) RV Submitted
 Product Dropped from ASTM Validated Models Listing
- 5. Product Dropped from CAN/CSA Validated Models Listing

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IPEMA ASTM Based Certification Testing Requirements

Participant	Company:								
Product Lir	ne:								
Model Nur	nber:					Initial Test: 🔲			
Product De	escription					Initial Test Date:			
Manufactu	•					Expiration Date:			
Basic Mode		on Mod	del: 🗆	1		Retest: 🗖			
						Retest Date:			
Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
1.0	Scope				6.4.3	Exposed Bolt Ends			
1.0	Materials and					Projections which			
4.0	Manufacture				6.4.4	increase in size			
4.1	General Requirements				6.4.5	Connecting Devices			
4.2	Fasteners				6.5	Crush and Shear Points			
4.3	Tires				6.6	Suspended Hazards			
	General Requirements					Requirements for			
5.0	'				7.0	Access/Egress			
5.2	Age Specification	٥	0		7.2	Rung Ladders, Stepladders, Stairways, and Ramps			٥
5.3	Anchoring Method				7.3	Other Means of Access			
5.4	Small Parts				7.3.1	Spiral Stairways			
6.0	Performance				7.3.2	Climbers			
6.1	Head and Neck Entrapments				7.4	Transition of Access to Platform			
6.1.1	Bounded Rigid Openings	٥			7.5	Platforms, Landing, Walkways, Ramps, and similar transitional play surfaces			٥
6.1.2	Bounded non Rigid Opening				7.5.5	Guardrails			
6.1.3	Boundaries of Large Openings				7.5.6	Protective Barriers			
6.1.4	Partially Bounded Openings				7.5.7	Adjacent Platforms			
6.2	Sharp Points and Edges				8.0	Equipment			
6.3	Protrusions				8.1	Balance Beams			
	Accessible Projections								
6.3.1					8.2	Climbers			
6.3.2	Determining Projection is Protrusion	٥	٥		8.2.5	3 Dimensional Climbing net structures			
6.3.3	Swing Seat Protrusions				8.3	Upper Body Equipment			
6.4	Entanglements				8.4	Sliding Poles			
6.4.1	Slide Protrusions				8.5	Slides			
6.4.2	Projections from				8.5.1	Access to Slide			

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Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
8.5.2	Slide Transitional Platforms				9.0	Playground Layouts			
8.5.3	Slide Chute Entrance				11.0	Installation			
8.5.4	Slide Chute				12.0	Structural Integrity (see page 2)			
8.5.5	Exit Region				12.2	Loading Test Criteria			
8.5.6	Slide Clearance Zones				12.3	Strength of Swing Components and Structures		0	0
8.6	Swings				12.3.1.1	Single Occupancy swings			
8.6.1	Placement				12.3.1.2	Swing Supporting Structure			
8.6.2	Support Structure				12.4	Components subject to lateral load			
8.6.3	Hangers				12.4.1.1	Individual Longitudinal Components			
8.6.4	Suspended Elements				12.4.1.2	Multiple Longitudinal Components			
8.6.5	Clearances				12.4.1.3	Individual Surfaces			
8.6.6	Fall Height				12.4.1.4	Slide Beds			
8.6.7	Suspended Element Impact Attenuation Test				12.4.1.5	Designated Occupancy Components		٥	٥
8.7	Swinging Gates and Doors				12.4.1.6	2 Dimensional Grid Nets			
8.8	Merry Go Rounds – (Whirls)				12.4.1.7	3 Dimensional Matrix Nets			
8.9	Roller Slides				12.5	Components subject to lateral loads			
8.10	Seesaws				12.5.1	Accidental Concentrated Load			
8.11	Spring Rocking Equipment				12.5.2	Surge Distributed Load			
8.12	Log Rolls				13.0	Maintenance			
8.13	Track Rides				14.0	Signs Labels or Both			
8.14	Roofs				15.0	Manufacturer ID			
8.15	Stepping Forms								-

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Load Calculations Per Section 12

Load Type (i.e. swing, Individual longitudinal, multiple longitudinal, etc.)			
Formula for determining number of users			
Calculated Load			
Description of load application			
Actual Tested Load			
Deflection Location			
Dimension Before Load			
Dimension After Load			
Permanent Deflection			
Load Comments:			
Comments:			
		Yes	No
Model stated above is in complete compliance program requirements established by IPEMA.			
The model was tested by the individual below representation of the test results.	on this date. The report summan	ry provides ai	n accurate
Performed By:		Date:	
Reviewed By:		Date:	

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IPEMA ASTM Based Certification Testing Requirements (CSA Incremental)

Participan	t Name:								
Product Li	ne:								
Model Nu	mber:					Initial Test: 🔲			
Product Description					Initial Test Date:				
Manufacti	ure Date:					Expiration Date:			
Basic Mod	el: 🗖 Modificatio	n Mod	el: 📮			Retest:			
						Retest Date:			
Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
1.8	2% Tolerance				12.4.6	Toggle Test (Slides)			
7.3	Coatings (Non-toxic Finish)				12.4.7	Toggle Test (Sliding Poles)			
7.6	Rope – Selection Criteria				13.1.4.1	Hand rails			
8.3.1	Foundations				13.2.1.3	Hand rails – Spiral Stairways			
9.1.2	Manufacturer Compliance to Clause 9 & Documentation to owner				13.2.2.1	Climbers (Use restrictions for Free Standing Arch Climbers)	_		
9.2	Righting moment must exceed overturning moment		٥		13.4.3.3	Guardrail Openings (greater than 375mm) (2% tolerance applies)			
9.4.3	Swing Assemblies (Load Increase)				13.4.4.3	Barrier Openings (greater than 375mm) (2% tolerance applies)			
9.4.4	Swing Structures (Load Increase)				13.4.5.4	Consideration to inadvertent falls			
9.6	No lateral load exemption for at grade components		٥		14.1.3	No-encroachment (embankment slides)			
9.7.2	Vandal Resistant Steel Cores for Guy or suspension wires on net climbers				14.3	Use zones around rotating equipment	0		
12.2.4	Partially Bound Openings				14.4.1.4	Protective Surfacing zone width for to-fro swing structures			
12.2.5	55º Req. for Openings				14.4.1.5	No Encroachment Zone for to-fro swings			
12.3.4	Rough Surfaces								
12.4.5	Connecting Devices no infill exemption								

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Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
14.4.2.1	Protective Surfacing Zone, Rotating Swing, "Y" Greater than 1.8m	0			15.5.6.3	Slide Exit Section (Radius of End – 10mm)	٥	_	
14.4.2.4	No Encroachment Zone (Rotating Swings)		٥	٥	15.5.7.2	Spiral Slide Clearance Zone		٥	
14.4.3	No Encroachment Zone (combination swings)				15.5.8.1	Roller Slide (Same Req as 15.5.2.3 & 15.5.6.3)	٥	٥	٥
14.5.2	Protective Surface Zone (exit end of slide)				15.5.9	Embankment Slides	٥	٥	
14.5.3	No Encroachment Zone, Slide Exits, H > 1.2m				15.8	Vertical Rotating Equipment	٥	_	
14.6	Embankment Slides				15.9.4	Spacing of Multi SeeSaw structures		٥	٥
14.8	Cable Rides Protective Surfacing Zone				15.12.3.1	Track Ride: Unobstructed Riding Zone			
15.4.2	Upper Access Restriction for Sliding Poles				15.13	Pulley or Cable Rides			
15.4.7	Slide Poles (Age Recommendation)				15.14	Climbing Net Structure			
15.4.8	Sliding Poles (Fall Height)				15.17	Drainage			
15.5.2.3	Free Standing Slide Transition Platform Depth		٥	٥	16.1	Manufacturers I D	٥	٥	٥
15.5.3	Slide Sitting Section Slope Requirements				16.2	Age Group label			
15.5.4	Sliding Section Entrance				16.7.1	Space Requirements			
15.5.5.3	Sliding Section (No zero "g" spots on Slide)								
Comments	S:								
establishe	ted above is in completed by IPEMA	·						Yes	No 🗆
	I was tested by the indiv epresentation of the tes			n this c	late. The re	port summary provides	an		
Performed	l By:						Date: _		
Reviewed	Ву:						Date: _		

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IPEMA CSA Based Certification Testing Requirements

Participan	t Name:								
Product Line:									
Model Number: Initial Test:									
Product D	•					Initial Test Date:			
Manufact						Expiration Date:			
Basic Mod	lel: 🗖 Mod	ificati	on M	odel: 🗖		Retest: 🗖			
						Retest Date:			
Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
1	Scope				9.6.2	Accidental Concentrated Loads			
4	User Age Groups				9.6.3	Surge Distributed Loads			
6	Compliance				9.7	Net Climbers			
7	Materials				10	Surfacing			
8	Installation				11	Inspection and Maintenance			
9	Structural Integrity				12	Performance Requirements			
9.2	Stability				12.2	Head and Neck Entrapment			
9.3	Loading Test Criteria				12.2.2	Accessible Openings (Completely Bounded)			
9.4	Strength of Swing Components and Structures	٥			12.2.3	Non Rigid Completely Bounded Openings			٥
9.4.2	Single Occupancy Swings				12.2.4	Partially Bounded Openings			
9.4.3	Multiple Occupancy Swings				12.2.5	Angular Portions of Openings			
9.4.4	Swing Supporting Structures				12.3	Sharp Points/Edges, Protrusions, Surfaces			
9.5	Components and Structures Subject to Vertical Loads				12.3.2	Sharp Points and Edges			
9.5.2	Individual Longitudinal Components				12.3.3	Protrusions and Projections			
9.5.3	Multiple Longitudinal Components				12.3.4	Surfaces			
9.5.4	Individual Surfaces				12.4	Entanglement			
9.5.5	Slide Bedways				12.4.1	Protection Against Entanglement			
9.5.6	Components w/ Designated Occupancy	٥			12.4.2	Projections from a Horizontal Plane	۵		۵
9.6	Components Subject to Lateral Loads				12.4.3	Exposed Bolt End Projections			
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Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Clause	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
12.4.4	Projections that increase in size				15.5.3	Sitting Section (If provided)			
12.4.5	Connecting Devices				15.5.4	Sliding Section Entrance			
12.4.6	Slides and Protrusions Adjacent to Slides				15.5.5	Sliding Section			
12.4.7	Sliding Poles				15.5.6	Exit Section			
12.5	Crush or Shear Points				15.5.7	Slide Clearance Zones			
12.6	Suspended Hazards				15.5.8	Roller Slides			
13	Requirements for Access/Egress				15.6	Swings			
13.1	Rung Ladders, Step Ladders, Stairways and Ramps				15.6.1	Placement			
13.1.1	Spacing				15.6.2	Support Structure			
13.1.2	Design				15.6.3	Hangers			
13.1.3	Slope				15.6.4	Suspended element impact attenuation testing		۵	
13.1.4	Handrails				15.6.5	Clearances			
13.2	Other Means of Access				15.6.6	Fall Height			
13.2.1	Spiral Stairways				15.6.7	Suspended element impact attenuation testing			
13.2.2	Climbers				15.7	Swing Exercise Rings and Trapeze Bars			
13.3	Transition from Access to Platform				15.8	Vertical Rotating Equipment			
13.4	Platforms, Landings, Walkways, Ramps, Stairways, and Similar Transitional Designated Surfaces				15.9	See-saws			
13.4.1	General				15.10	Spring Rocking Equipment			
13.4.2	Drainage				15.11	Log Rolls			
13.4.3	Guardrails				15.12	Track Rides			
13.4.4	Protective Barriers				15.12.1	General			
13.4.5	Adjacent Platforms				15.12.2	Landings			
14	Play space Layout				15.12.3	Riding Zone		□	
15	Equipment				15.12.4	Hand Gripping Components		۵	
15.1	Balance Beams				15.12.5	Fall Height			
15.2	Climbers				15.13	Pulley or Cable Rides			
15.3	Upper Body Equipment				15.14	Climbing Net Structure			
15.4	Sliding Poles				15.15	Roofs			
15.5	Slides				15.16	Elevated Platforms			
15.5.1	General				15.17	Drainage			
15.5.2	Starting Platforms				16	Identification and Information			

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Load Calculations Per Clause 9

Load Type (i.e. swing, Individual longitudinal, multiple longitudinal, etc.)			
Formula for determining number of users			
Calculated Load			
Description of load application			
Actual Tested Load			
Deflection Location			
Dimension Before Load			
Dimension After Load			
Permanent Deflection			
Load Comments:			
Comments:			
		Yes	No
Model stated above is in comestablished by IPEMA.	plete compliance with CSA Z614-14, and all program requirements		
The model was tested by the of the test results.	individual below on this date. The report summary provides an accur	ate repres	entation
Performed By:	Date:		
Reviewed By:	Date:		

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Testing Requirements for CSA Based Certification (ASTM Incremental)

Participant	t Name:								
	ne:								
Model Number: Initial Test: □									
Product De	escription					Initial Test Date:			
Manufactu	ıre Date:					Expiration Date:			
Basic Mod	el: 🔲 Modifica	tion M	odel:			Retest: 🗖			
						Retest Date:			
Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
1.7.1	General Tolerances (Note: when dimensional numbers are close, ASTM is generally more restrictive. Must be reviewed.)				7.5.4	Non-overlap for wheelchair turning/parking spaces			
3.1.40	Natural Stability not Permissible			٥	7.5.5.1	Guardrail requirement for wheelchair platforms			
4.1.2	CPSIA Compliance			٥	7.5.5.2 (4)	Professional judgment for design of wheelchair structures			
4.1.3	Potential treatment after fabrication				7.5.5.5	Wheelchair ramp handrail criteria			
5.4	Small Parts (CFR Part 1501)				7.5.5.6	Wheelchair ramp curb criteria			
6.2.1	Sharp Points and Edges			٥	7.5.6.1	Barrier Height for Steps			
6.4.4	Projections that Increase in Size				7.5.6.2	Wheelchair ramp handrail criteria			
6.6.2.3	Suspended Hazards (7" max length)				7.5.6.3 (4)	Professional judgment for design of wheelchair structures			
7.2.4	Accessible ramp lengths				8.2.5	3-dimensional climbing net structures			
7.2.5	Wheelchair landing criteria				8.3.3	Upper body equipment for wheelchairs			
7.2.6.1	Continuous handrails for ramps				8.3.5	Requirements for hanging rings			
7.5.3	Reduced width for wheelchair path				8.5	Review embankment slides to meet this criteria			

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Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A	Section	Description	Pass	Fail	N/A
Geotion	Slide Transition Platform	1 433		14//	Section	To-Fro Swings; "X"	1 433	1 411	11,71
8.5.2	(±2º)				9.4.1.1	measured to Protective			
						Surfacing			
	Slide Chute Entrance					Use Zone, Rotating			
8.5.3					9.4.2.1	Swing "Y" < 72in			
	11" Requirement for					Use Zones for Rotating			
8.5.5.1	Slide Run Out				9.4.2.3	Swings Support			
						Structures			
8.5.5.2	Slide Exit Region (slope of 0° to -4°)				9.4.3	Use Zone for Combination Swings			
	,								
0.5.6.4	Slide clear area extends				0.5.4.2	Spring Riders over 30"			
8.5.6.1	through exit zone				9.5.1.2	(see use zone overlap per 9.2.3)			
	Merry-go-rounds					Review embankment			
8.8	Wierry go rounds				9.6	slides to meet this			
						criteria			
0.43.3	Track Ride Platform				0.6.2	Slide exit clearance zone			
8.13.3	width and max height				9.6.3	requirements			
	Roof criteria					Overhead Obstructions-			
8.14					9.8.4	84" Min Clearance			
8.15	Stepping Forms criteria				12.5.1	460 lb. Concentrated			
	Han Zama Dinamaiana					load required			
9.3.2	Use Zone Dimensions				14	Signs and Labels or Both			
Comment	s:								
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	ted above is in complete	•	liance	with CSA	\	ASTIVI 1487, and all prog	ram	Yes 🔲	No 🗆
requireme	ents established by IPEM	A.						_	_
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	epresentation of the tes			iii tiiis ut	ate. The rep	ort summary provides a	a11		
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IPEMA Certification Challenge Form

Step 1: Contact the Participant directly to resolve the issue at least thirty (30) days prior to the submission of this form. Contact Name: Date of correspondence: Step 2: If no resolution has been reached per Step 1, complete this form and return to Validator. , (hereafter referred to as the Challenger) would like to request that TÜV SÜD America, Inc., (IPEMA program Validator) initiate a review of an alleged product(s) nonconformance, manufactured by ______ (hereafter referred to as the Participant). **Challenger Info** Name: Company: Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Email: **Product Information** Equipment/Structure ID: Intended User Age: Component name: Component number: <u>Site/product location where alleged nonconformance was found:</u> Site Name: Address: City: State: Zip: Date of Findings: Describe the issue: Applicable Section(s)/Clause(s) per ASTM/CSA:

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IPEMA Certification Challenge Form

Upon submittal of this form the Challenger shall include the following documentation, but not limited to: photos, inspection report, and drawings. The Validator may request additional information.

It is understood that by undertaking this challenge, the full cost(s) of the challenge procedure shall be paid by the Challenger or the Participant based on the following outcome.
1.) If the challenge is without basis, the Challenger shall pay all costs associated to the initial challenge
2.) If the challenge is found to have basis, the challenged party shall pay all costs, including any costs for requalification testing, and/or follow up facility audits.
Minimum billing is described in the Fee Schedule (Appendix C of the IPEMA Equipment License Application and Agreement), or per provided Validator quote.
Duly signed and authorized by:
Challenger's legal name (printed)
By: Signature
Name:
Title:

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SECTION 12 – IPEMA TEST EQUIPMENT LIST FOR F1487 & CAN/CSA Z614-14

EQUIPMENT	RANGE	TOLERANCES	CALIBRATION INTERVAL
Torso Probe	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.2) CSA (Fig 3)	<3.5", ≤6.2"	1 year
Head Probe	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.3) CSA (Fig 4)	≥9.0″	1 year
Accessibility Probe	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.20) CSA (Fig 19)	Industry Standard	See Note 1
Partially Bounded Probe	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.4) CSA (Fig 5)	± 0.05"	1 year
Sharp Edge Tester	per 16 CFR 1500.49	N/A	Before each use
Sharp Point Tester	per 16 CFR 1500.48	N/A	Before each use
Angle Measuring Device	0-180°	±1°	1 year
Radius Measuring Tool	0.25	Industry Standard	See Note 1
Projection Test Gages		ID THICKNESS	
0.5 Projection Gage	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.10)CSA (Fig 7)	≥.50, ≤.25	1 year
1.5 Projection Gage	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.10)CSA (Fig 7)	≥.50, ≤.75	1 year
3.00 Projection Gage	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.10)CSA (Fig 7)	≥3.00, ≤1.5	1 year
Swing Protrusion Gage	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.11)CSA (Fig 12)	≥1.25, ≤.12	1 year
0.04 Feeler Gage	ASTM F1487 (Sec 12.2) CSA (Clause 9.3)	Industry Standard	See Note 1
Force Gages	0-50lbs.	±1 Division	1 year
5/8" Diameter Rod	ASTM F1487 (Section 6.4)	±.005"	1 year
3/16" Diameter Neoprene Rod	Type A, Durometer 50-60	±.020"	1 year, See Note 3
Load Distribution Block	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.51) CSA (Fig 1)	≤6" x 6"	See Note 1
Load Distribution Strap	ASTM F1487 (Fig A1.51) CSA (Fig 1)	≤2 ¼"	See Note 1
Weight Scale	To accommodate Participant's weight range	±1 Division	*1 year
Weights	-	-0	See Note 2
Tape Measure		±1/32"	1 year
Calipers, 0-9"		±.001	*1 year
Toggle Test Device	CSA (Fig 14)	Pole 400mm (16") Cord; Chain Length 600 mm (24"), Dia. 3 mm (0.12")	1 year
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NOTE 1: Check when placed in service and check periodically.

CSA (Fig 15)

NOTE 2: Permanent weights shall be checked annually. Weights that use loose or easily damaged materials (sand, loose metal, salt blocks, etc.) shall be checked before each use.

±0.5mm

See Note 1

NOTE 3: Calibration conditions 73°F ± 9°F

ADDENDUM A (2017)

of the IPEMA Procedural Guide, "Appendix A" for Public Playground Equipment Interpretations Based on ASTM F1487 and CAN/CSA Z614 Approved: February 21, 2017

General Information:

This Addendum of the IPEMA Procedural Guide, Appendix A, for Public Playground Equipment is the beginning of the process identified in Section 9 of the Procedural Guide. This Addendum supersedes all previous Addenda and contains the official program interpretations for the IPEMA Equipment Certification program, based upon standards ASTM F1487-11 and CSA Z-614-14.

PROGRAM PROCEDURE

- Q234: Do the ASTM and CSA standards treat figures as part of the standard requirements?
 - A: Yes. CSA and ASTM consider information on figures as clarification and supplement to text.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q001: If a product is not clearly defined in the standard, what sections should be tested and are the products able to be validated?
 - A: Test component to all sections that do apply and it can be validated.

PROGRAM PROCEDURE

- Q007: During Structural integrity testing should the test results show the amount of deflection, before and after testing.
 - A: Yes, before and after measurements are required to verify compliance. Professional Judgment must be used to determine if a hazardous condition exists after load tests are performed.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q009: Do manufacturers need to have internal interpretations of ASTM F 1487 and or CSA Z614-14 standards to maintain internal consistency of testing?
 - A: Yes

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q010: Do test reports need to have a signature sign-off? Are there any requirements or general program knowledge for one to sign as a reviewer on test report or RV's?
 - A: No. The manufacturer must assume responsibility for the sign-off and reviewer knowledge. The company is responsible for the actions of its employees. A typewritten name will be required in lieu of signature.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q011: Should a component test report have all sections of ASTM F1487 /CSA Z614-14 addressed (Pass, Fail, Not applicable) or a predetermined matrix of testing areas?
 - A: A matrix covering all sections is required. Pass, Fail, or N/A is then used to answer each part of the matrix. Validator will have final approval of test matrix.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q236: How are sections of the standards addressed that are not related to the physical testing of a component? (Layout, quotes, etc)
 - A: Sections are addressed during required Inspections.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q014: If a manufacturer outsources components should they be inspected or treated differently than in-house produced products?
 - A: No

Q015: Do manufacturers need to purchase test equipment if the equipment is not required to test their products?

A: No

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q047: What should be done if a component's testing method is in question and a participant is seeking approval?

A: See Section 9 of the IPEMA Public Playground Equipment Procedural Guide.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q067: How do we handle request for product "specials"?

A: The committee discussed and agreed that a product variation that has not gone through the testing, certification and validation process cannot be considered IPEMA Certified and shall not be represented as such even if the variation could be a modification model. This means that a product "special" will normally take longer to ship and cost more because of the certification program requirements. Participants should educate their sales representatives about the certification program steps when the customer requires a validated "special" product.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q068: If a sign or product documentation states the users age group falls outside of the appropriate standard, can the corresponding equipment be IPEMA certified public play equipment?

A: The current wording does not allow IPEMA certification. The user group falls outside the appropriate standard user group. If wording was added to signage and documentation to qualify the certified age group, the product could be certified.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q069: How are owner/operator responsibilities handled under the IPEMA public playground equipment certification program?

A: The Standards identify the owner/operators responsibility as well as the manufacturer's responsibilities to inform the owner operator of any recommendations

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q071: How are revisions of interpretations of standards requirements handled?

A: When an interpretation is revised/superseded, there will also be an implementation date assigned. The new interpretation will not be used until that date. This means that products certified according to the old interpretation are still considered validated, but the participant must recertify the product to the new interpretation within the time frame specified by the certification committee to maintain the validation.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q073: Does a participant have to use the exact load distribution devices required throughout the Standard?

A: Exact duplication of the suggested apparatus or load distribution devices are not required if equivalent results are obtained.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Q074: How should a participant address testing products, "Not Recommended", in the Standard?

A: Products "Not recommended" for use in specified conditions will not be certified under this program.

- Q076: There is a misunderstanding about what testing of "production" parts means. In this case, what does production mean?
 - A: Parts produced to the approved production documentation that has no differences, which would affect compliance issues.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q132: Should the validator need to evaluate each composite structure which has a designated product number if a participant claims IPEMA Certification.
 - A: Yes

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q138: Should the temperature at which a participant performs there testing be within a certain temperature range?
 - A: No, Standard does not specify a temperature range of the test area.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q146: What requirements are there for a participant who uses the IPEMA certified public play equipment logo on products, via hot stamping, burning, etc?
 - A: See License Application and Agreement (Section 7) & Procedural Guide (Section 3.3)

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q149: How does a participant document in each test folder or component test report that the product meets the Addendum revisions or clarifications?
 - A: Compliance to the Addendum will be addressed by the participant completing the RESPONSE TO ADDENDUM form from the current IPEMA Procedural Guide. This form can be in each product test folder or in a "general reference test folder".

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q164: 1.) Are individual companies required to document all certified product changes?
 - 2.) Are these subject to IPEMA validator inspection?
 - 3.) Do product changes require information concerning whether or not IPEMA validated products are affected, and to include an explanation if they are affected?
 - A: 1.) Yes, this is part of the initial and subsequent inspection procedure and facility approval process
 - 2.) Yes, this is part of the initial and subsequent inspection procedure and facility approval process.
 - 3.) Yes, participants product design documentation, (ECO, ECN, etc.), are subject to review by the validator.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q171: Does the participant need to produce use zone, protective surfacing zone and no encroachment zone drawings or can they rely on their representatives?
 - A: The participant must produce their own use zones, protective surfacing zones, and no encroachment zones, and no the participant cannot rely on their sales representatives to produce them.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q178: Can replacement parts be certified?
 - A: No; When a component part of certified equipment requires replacement, utilizing the same part that was tested when the equipment was certified fulfills the certification requirements. Suppliers of individual parts such as swing seats may not certify their parts because of the lack of final product control.

- Q180: Can the validator process RV's when a participant has an outstanding CAR?
 - A: This is a validator discretion.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q190: How can a participant that has currently certified products to the ASTM F1487 standard also obtain certification to the Canadian requirements (CSA Z614)?
 - A: An existing participant can achieve certification to the CSA Z614 standard by testing the products currently certified to ASTM 1487 standard using the ASTM Based certification/CSA Incremental test form. (See Procedural Guide page A24) and other program procedures. Prior testing to CSA Incremental requirements will be valid if performed and documented while the facility is approved. Before "Requests for Validation" forms (RV's) are submitted, the participants facility must be approved to the programs CSA requirements. If the participant's facility fails to meet the CSA program requirements, the failing criteria must be addressed by Corrective Action Requests (CARs). All previous tests for the requirements are valid except those addressed by the Corrective Actions, re-tests must be performed in those areas.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q191: When participant's products are certified to multiple standards, how should use zones (ASTM), protective surfacing zones, and no-encroachment zones (CSA) for different markets be addressed?
 - A: The appropriate use zones, protective surfacing zones and no-encroachment zones must be shown in the installation instructions for the market where the unit is being installed. However, custom plans provided with the unit can supersede the installation instructions. For Catalogs or other promotional material, that communicates the size of the area required, the following statement must be used.
 - "The space requirements shown in this publication are shown to ASTM/CSA Standards. (Choose One) Requirements for other standards may be different."

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q192: Can participants implement product changes to meet proposed revisions to the Standards prior to publication?
 - A: Yes, if the product changes do not violate the current standard. Participant may not claim IPEMA certification to new standard until program implementation.

PROGRAM PROCEDURES

- Q202: How can a participant that has currently certified products to the CSA Z614 standard also obtain certification to the ASTM F1487 requirements?
 - A: An existing participant can achieve certification to the ASTM F1487 standard by testing the products currently certified to CSA Z614 standard using the CSA Based/ASTM Incremental test form, (See Procedural Guide page A30) and other program procedures. Prior testing to ASTM Incremental requirements will be valid if performed and documented while the facility is approved. Before "Requests for Validation" forms (RV's) are submitted, the participants facility must be approved to the programs ASTM requirements. If the participant's facility fails to meet the ASTM program requirements, the failing criteria must be addressed by Corrective Action Requests (CARs). All previous tests for the requirements are valid except those addressed by the Corrective Actions; retest must be performed in those areas.

Q243: When certifying individual components (i.e. swing seats, accessory items, etc.) as part of a larger play structure, can a participant use another manufacturer's test results/certification for RV submittals?

A: No. Participants must provide test results exclusive to their play structure.

Q244: When certifying a play structure (combination of individual components), can a participant use another manufacturer's test results for RV submittals?

A: Yes. Provided there are no changes made to the play structure or the individual components. See Private Labelling section of the Procedural Guide.

ASTM F1487- ONLY

SECTION: 4.1.2

Q246: How are the material content requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act 2008 (CPSIA) found in section 4.1.2 verified?

A: During inspection, the Participant provides to the validator test report(s) demonstrating compliance.

SECTION 6.2.1

Q019: The current equipment list requires the sharp edge and sharp point testers. Do Manufacturer's need to buy the equipment?

A: Yes. Program requires this test equipment.

SECTION 6.3.1

Q199: If a bolt end that is recessed, as indicated in ASTM F1487 section 6.4.3, is inaccessible as an entanglement hazard, can this method also be used to determine accessibility of a recessed protrusion?

A: No, Intended for entanglement only.

SECTION 6.6.2.3

Q174: Can a swing seat using a strap or similar flexible device to maintain and support a child into a swing seat which is permanently attached at one side and able to be connected and disconnected at the other end, meet the current ASTM / IPEMA Requirements.

A: Yes. If the product meets the 7" max cord length requirement, when disconnected and Entrapment conditions when connected.

SECTION 7.3.2

Q084: In section 7.3.2, do flexible climbers such as ropes/nets need to conform to the grip diameters of 0.95 to 1.55 inches/24 to 40 mm

A: No

SECTION 7.5.5

Q214: This section state" guardrails shall be provided on platforms, landings, walkways, ramps and similar transitional play surfaces." Would stairs and step ladders at a height of greater than 20"/30" fall under this category?

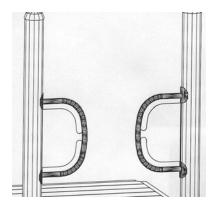
A: No stairways, and step ladders are not considered transitional play surfaces and have their own handrail requirements within the Standard.

SECTION 7.5.5.2 and 7.5.6.3

Q223: Is the 15" maximum clear opening required to be maintained throughout the entire required height of the barrier/guardrail?

A: Yes, however, the opening within a barrier /guardrail may contain a blend radius at the top and/or bottom, and may also contain additional openings that are necessary for each event as stated in the standards.

Rational: The allowance of the blend radii and/or additional openings maintains the intent of the standards for protection against inadvertent falls. The blend radii and openings are consistent with the existing allowable openings between the lower edge of the barrier/guardrail and the platform surfaces as required by the standards.



SECTION 7.5.5.5

Q224: Can barriers be used on ramps less than 30" for 2-5 or 48" for 5-12 year olds?

A. Yes, provided they meet the requirements of section 7.5.6.2.

SECTION 8.5.5.5

Q162: How does one determine that edges are rounded or curved in the slide exit region? Should the ¼" radius gage be utilized here?

A: Standard only states that the edges must be rounded or curved without specific dimensional requirements. For reference, CSA uses a dimension of 10mm. (3/8") Use professional judgment.

SECTION 8.7

Q231: Would a flexible rubber membrane as shown here attached at one edge be considered as a door or a gate and therefore be not recommended as described in section 8.7 in ASTM F1487?



A: The rubber membrane would not be considered a swinging door, therefore IPEMA will allow certification. The item indicated does not represent the issues that 8.7 was added to prevent.

CAN/CSA Z614 Only

CLAUSE 12.2.4

Q119: Are there any exemptions to a partially bounded opening?

A: Yes, see CSA Z614 Clause 12.2.5.2

Q: What if the opening is near ground level?

A: No exemption for being near the ground.

CLAUSE 12.4.6

Q213: If a slide meets the toggle test requirements when placed adjacent to one component, but fails when placed adjacent to another component, can this slide still be certified? (Similar to a wide slide attached to small tri deck that does not provide adequate transition area, can still be certified for use on a square deck that provides adequate transition area.)

A: Yes, Participants must test all components that may be placed next to a slide, for entanglement using the toggle test fixture. A listing of components that failed must be maintained, and the components on this list may not be placed on a structure next to a slide. This list, if any, will be reviewed during annual visits with layout personnel.

CLAUSE 13.1.4.1

Q228: States: "For stairways and ramps, with the exception for spiral stairways noted in Clause 13.2.1.3, at least two continuous handrails shall be provided on each side, except where protective barriers are used. The handrails attached to the side of the stairs or ramps shall be immediately contiguous with the stepping or walking surface. The lower handrail shall be at approximately 350 to 550 mm (13.78 to 21.65 in) above the step tread, and the upper rails shall be at approximately 725 to 950 mm (28.54 to 37.40 in) above the step tread."

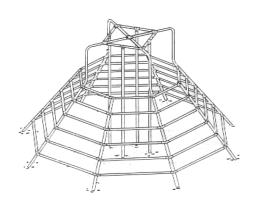
If Guardrails are used, must they meet the same requirements?

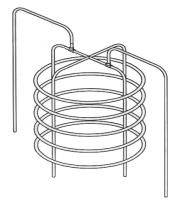
A: Yes

CLAUSE 15.4

Q183: Do "stand alone" traditional pieces of equipment, shown below, need to meet CSA Clause 15.4 sliding pole requirements? Specifically Clauses 15.4.2, 15.4.3.

A: For freestanding components apply CSA Clauses 15.4.1, 15.4.4 and 15.4.5. CSA Clauses 15.4.2, 15.4.3 and, 15.4.6 do not apply





CLAUSE 15.6.2.3

Q134: In CSA Z614 clause 15.6.2.3, What is the definition of energy absorbing, material?

A: The standards do not specifically address this issue, Use professional judgment.

CLAUSE 15.7

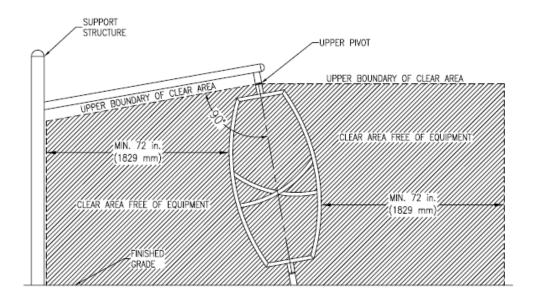
Q048: What is the maximum number of chain links allowed on trapeze bars before they fall under CSA Z614-07 Clause 15.7 (swinging exercise rings and trapeze bars)? For CSA there are no written requirements.

A: For reference, ASTM specifies, The chain or flexible element length cannot exceed 178mm (7") and the dimension from the pivot point to the bottom of the hand hold device not exceed 381mm.(15") Use professional judgement.

Clause 15.8.5

Q240: How are clearance zones for vertical rotating equipment evaluated?

A: The zone is measured 1.8 meters out, in all directions, from the perimeter of the rotating device. The space is evaluated from the ground to the top of the rotating portion of the device.



CLAUSE 15.17

Q221: Are conventional sand and water tables examples of equipment which are designed with the potential for trapping water?

A: Yes, they are. Therefore, they are no longer compliant to the CSA Z 614 standard unless they provide a means of drainage.

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SECTION 1.0 CLAUSE 1

Q035: What is the limit for product validation for the IPEMA program? Examples: Basketball hoops, drop shots, fitness equipment?

A: ASTM F1487 Section 1 and CSA Z614 Clause 1, covers scope of products.

SECTION 4.0 CLAUSE 7

Q012: How should a participant address ASTM F1487 section 4.0 (Materials/Manufacture) and CSA Z614 clause 7. (Materials/Manufacture)

A: They should have a reference folder or something similar to cover all products.

SECTION 5.3 CLAUSE 3

Q131: Can the moveable product shown below qualify as play equipment for IPEMA certification?

A: No, if this product is intended to be portable. (See ASTM F1487 section 5.3 and CSA Z614 clause 3.)



SECTION 6.0 CLAUSE 12

Q037: Are bolts and nuts on the underside of a deck subject to protrusion and entanglement tests?

A: Yes, see ASTM F1487 section 6.3.1 and 6.4.3, CSA Z614 clauses 12.2.3.3 and 12.3.3

SECTION 6.1 CLAUSE 12.2

Q173: If a component has a design, such as the steering wheel/barrier configuration, that would fail the partially bounded opening in one orientation but can rotate in such a manner that this area in question is oriented below horizontal, does this meet the current standard.

A: No it does not. There is no guarantee that rotation of the steering wheel will allow the neck to clear the opening.

SECTION 6.1.1.1

CLAUSE 12.2.2.2

Q166: How does this section apply to an opening that does not completely pass through? For example a box like, orifice deeper than 4". The "opening" has dimensions/shape that accepts the torso probe to a depth greater than 4"/100mm and does not accept the head probe.

A: If it's not a through hole, it's not an opening. The area in question is not an opening. (Read B5 in the CPSC guidelines)

SECTION 6.1.2 CLAUSE 12.2.3

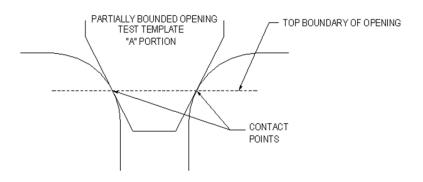
Q150: How does one test a non-rigid completely bounded opening that's boundaries are created by chains supporting a swing?

A: Test to ASTM F1487, section 6.1.2, and CSA Z614- clause 12.1.3 for non-rigid completely bounded opening using a 50lb force on the probe while the seat is loaded with a maximum user weight of 120 pounds/222N.

SECTION 6.1.4.4 CLAUSE 12.2.4.3

Q058: Regarding ASTM Section 6.1.4.4 and CSA Clause 12.2.4.3: where is the top boundary of the opening?

A: The top boundary of the opening is determined by the points of contact between the opening and the "A" portion of the test template. See figure below.



SECTION 6.3.3

CLAUSE 12.3.3.4.1

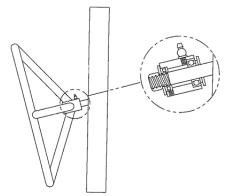
Q175: When testing surfaces of suspended members of swing assemblies per section 6.3.3, and Clause 12.3.3.4.1, shall they be evaluated occupied, unoccupied or in worst case situations?

A: Unoccupied. Section 6.3.3 and Clause 12.3.3.4.1 do not require this test to be performed when seat is occupied.

SECTION 6.3, 6.4

CLAUSE 12.3.3, 12.4

- Q188: Does the grease fitting on the steering shown below need evaluation of protrusions and entanglement issues if the wheel can freely rotate?
 - A: For Protrusions. The grease fitting must be evaluated in all orientations with all three protrusion gages.
 - A: For Entanglement. This design allows the grease fitting to be oriented in the above horizontal position, however because the component freely rotates "self clearing" the grease fitting can be easily positioned below the horizontal plane and would pass.



SECTION 6.4.3

CLAUSE 12.3.1

Q003: If manufacturers state in their installation instructions to reduce the extension of a bolt to less than two threads beyond the nut face, is this acceptable?

A: Yes

SECTION 6.4.5

CLAUSE 12.4

Q165: How is the alignment of a "S" hook tested when not on a swing assembly? For example, in the horizontal position.

A: S-hooks in their static condition having an overlapped condition may not have the overlapped portion project above the horizontal plane in any orientation.

SECTION 6.5

CLAUSE 12.5

Q059: Regarding ASTM F1487 section 6.5 and CSA Z614 clause 12.5 what is meant by "entrap" a 0.62"/16mm diameter rod? What if the moving component pushes the rod out of the opening?

A: First, check location for accessibility per ASTM F 1487 section 6.5.1, and CSA Z614 clause 12.5.2. Second, determine if accessible area in question impedes the removal of rod in any orientation (see definition of entrapment, ASTM F1487 section 3.1.13 and CSA Z614 clause 3.1).

NOTE: Openings that remain at less than 0.62" meet the current requirements.

SECTION 6.5

CLAUSE 12.5

Q226: What is considered "normal swinging angle" when testing for Crush and Shear points on swinging elements?

A: 90°or maximum obtainable angle, whichever is less. This assumes the joint is not already exempt per 6.5.1.3 of ASTM F1487 and Clause 12.5 of CSA Z614

SECTION 6.6 CLAUSE 12.6

Q109: In ASTM F1487 section 6.6, and CSA Z614 clause 12.6.3, what component requirement exemptions does this section allow? If you have multiple components suspended below 84" (2100mm), can it be below 45° and have a cross section of less than 1" (25mm)?

A: 45° from ground to component, 1" (25mm) does apply.

SECTION 6.6.2.2 CLAUSE 12.6.3.2

Q081: In ASTM F1487 section 6.6.2.2, and CSA Z614 clause 12.6.3.2, would a nylon rope

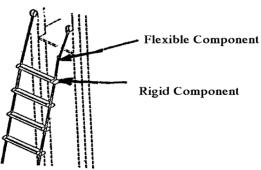
covering a steel cable fall under rope or cable?

A: Nylon covered steel cables are considered cables.

SECTION 7.0 CLAUSE 13

Q082: In ASTM F1487 section 7.2, and CSA Z614 clause 13.1, requirements for rung ladders and stepladders are given. What areas of ASTM F1487 section 7.0, and CSA Z614 clause 13 would apply to this product located below?

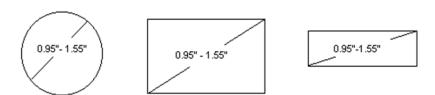
A: F1487section 7.2, and CSA Z614 clause 13.1 do not apply to this product This is a flexible component, See ASTM sections 7.3.2 and 8.2.1 and CSA clauses 13.2.2 and 15.2.1.



SECTION 7.2.6.4 CLAUSE 13.1.4.4

Q194: In ASTM F1487 section 7.2.6.4 and CSA Z614 clause 13.1.4.4, the requirement for hand rail diameter is .095/1.55 inches/24/40mm in diameter or maximum cross section. What is the minimum cross section?

A: The clarification is that the maximum cross sectional dimension is between .095 and 1.55 inches.24/40mm The minimum cross sectional dimension can be anything. (See drawings)



SECTION 7.2.6.4 CLAUSE 13.1.4.4

Q205: Are hand supports used as a balancing aid-required to meet handrail diameter requirements of 0.95" to 1.55"?

A: No.

SECTION 7.3.2.5 CLAUSE 13.2

Q193: Do hand supports for climbers need to meet the hand rail requirements for stairs? A: No.

SECTION 7.4.3 CLAUSE 13.3.3

Q120: ASTM F1487section 7.4.3 and CSA Z614 clause 13.3.3 of the standards state that rung ladders, flexible components and arch climbers shall not have the final access be above the designated play surface it serves. This is to eliminate a tripping hazard located at the point of access to platforms. Does this apply to climbers such as corkscrew or spiral and other climbers that have loops for foothold and handholds above the designated play surface it serves?

A: No, It doesn't apply.

ASTM Section 7.5 CLAUSE 13.4

Q195: Does a Sand & Water table which is installed at 30" and has a flat surface greater than 2" by 2", require guardrails for use by 2-5 year olds?

A: No, It's not a platform

SECTION 7.5 CLAUSE 13.4

Q219: Can a play activity or panel that contains a designated play surface be placed on a platform that does not require guardrails/barriers?

A: Yes.

Q: Does this play activity or panel have to meet requirements for guardrails/barriers

A: No

SECTION 7.5 CLAUSE 13.4

Q136: Is a suspension/clatter bridge walking surface a transitional play surface subject to guardrail and/or barrier requirements?

A: Yes

SECTION 7.5.5.2 & 7.5.6.3 CLAUSE 13.4.3.3 & 13.4.4.

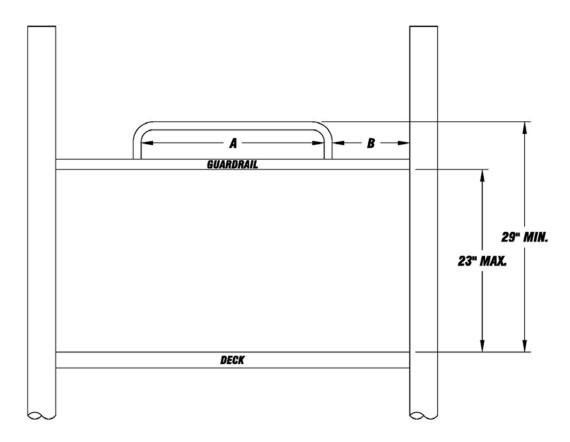
Q197: ASTM F1487 sections 7.5.5.2 & 7.5.6.3 and CSA Z614 clauses 13.4.3.3 and 13.4.4.3 state that if an opening for access to an event is greater than 15" /375mm, it requires a horizontal top rail. If the structure is intended for ages 2-12, what is the minimum height of the horizontal top rail? 29"/725mm or greater for 2-5 or 38"/950mm or greater for 5-12.

A: Minimum height is 38"/950mm

SECTION 7.5.5.2

CLAUSE 13.4.3.3

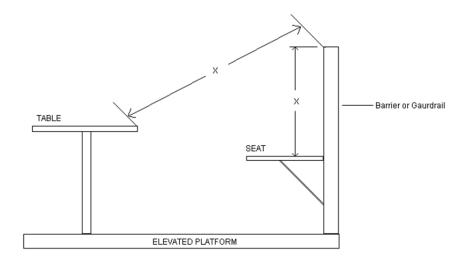
- Q103: In ASTM F1487 section 7.5.5.2 and 7..5.6.3, and CSA Z614-03 clause 13.4.3.3 and 13.4.4.3, what is meant by completely surrounding the elevated surface? The picture below has a use of 2 to 5 years of age. Does the guardrail configuration meet the requirements of ASTM F1487 section 7, and CSA Z614 clause 13? Are there requirements for the dimensions "A" and "B"?.
 - A: Dimension "A" shall be evaluated per ASTM section 6, and CSA clause 12 (completely bounded openings).
 - A: Dimension "B" Horizontal members of guardrails or barriers can be considered as completely surrounding an opening if the area where the guardrail terminates precludes passage of the torso probe between the guardrail and the support post, and this gap also meets the partially bounded opening requirements.



SECTION 7.5.5 & 7.5.6

CLAUSE 13.4.4

- Q137: How should the height of the barrier or guardrail adjacent to a table or seat be evaluated?
 - A: The minimum height requirements apply to the barrier or guardrails from which the seat is attached. The barrier or guardrail height requirements must be evaluated from a tabletop to the upper surface of all adjacent barriers or guardrails. The height requirement is measured from the seat or tabletop. See drawing below. X = the minimum height requirement. 29"/725mm for 2 to 5 years of age and 38"/950mm for 5 to 12 years of age. (See next page)

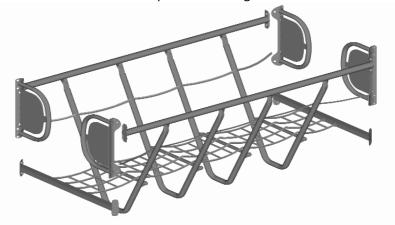


Section 7.5.5/7.5.6

CLAUSE 13.4.4.1

Q229: Would the component shown below be considered a climber, or a transitional platform, or bridge and would Guardrails/Barriers be required if set at an elevation of 59" or 71"

A: Component would be considered a climber. It would not allow a user to move freely (per definition of a platform in section 3.1.22) without maintaining constant contact, or three point contact, while traversing it. In addition, the side rails need not meet the requirements for guardrails in section 7.5.5.3.



SECTION 7.5.6

CLAUSE 13.4.4.1

Q107: Please clarify the wording, "minimize the likelihood of climbing." What is considered to be a toe or foothold? What is acceptable?

A: Use professional judgment

SECTION 8.0

CLAUSE 15

Q211: Is the diameter of parallel bars required to meet handrail diameter specifications?
 A: No, ASTM Section 8.0/CSA Clause 15 has no specific diameter requirements for parallel bars.

Q237: How would the item below be categorized? A climber? A bridge?



A: For CSA, Planer Net- and therefore must meet Clause 15.14.

For ASTM – Climber and therefore does not require specific Guardrails/Barriers heights.

Must meet 8.2.

This Net climber is a flexible climber component that connects between two platforms. Children must use balance and coordination to cross the activity. To cross it, it has handrails at a height appropriate for the intended age group (2-5).

It is not a ramp or walkway and, therefore, barriers or guardrails should not be required.

SECTION 8.3.1 CLAUSE 15.3.1

Q204: Spacing of hand rings on an overhead ring trek. ASTM F1487 section 8.3.1and CSA Z614 Clause 15.3.1 indicates a maximum spacing of 15 inches/375mm between fixed handholds of an overhead event. However they do not specify handholds of a ring trek. CPSC Handbook Section 12.1.5 indicates that it is acceptable to be greater than 15"/ 375mm due to the swinging effect. Is it acceptable for ring treks to be greater than 15"/375mm? What is the maximum distance?

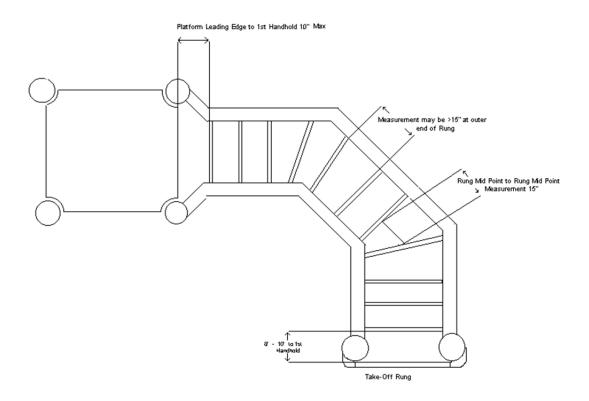
A: ASTM/CSA do not specify max distance.

SECTION 8.3.1

CLAUSE 15.3.1

Q158: On the curved ladder, where rungs are not parallel, is the 15 inch/ 375mm dimension evaluated from the middle of the rung to the middle of the next rung or is it the end of the rung to the end of the next rung at the largest end?

A: 15" /375mm maximum when measured from the center to center at the midpoint of the rung.

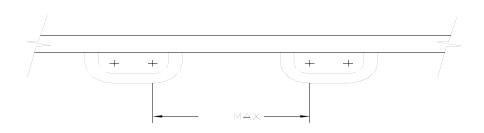


SECTION 8.3.1

CLAUSE 15.3.1

Q217: On overhead events where rungs are in the orientation as shown below, at what point are rung spacing measurements taken?

A: Measurements shall be taken tangent to the centerline radius as shown in the illustration below.



SECTION 8.3.2 CLAUSE 15.3.4

Q159: Is the 10"/250mm maximum requirement measured from the end of the deck to the rung centerline or to the inside of the rung circumference?

- A: The distances from the leading edge of the take-off/landing structure can reference any portion of the rung.
- Q: How is the 8"/200mm minimum requirement measured?
- A: This dimension can be taken from any portion of rung to rung.

SECTION 8.5.3.1 CLAUSE 15.5.4.1

Q198: Do hand supports for slide chute entrances have to meet the dimensional requirements for handrails?

A: No

SECTION 8.5.4.1 CLAUSE 15.5.5.1

Q163: How is the length of a slide bed measured to determine the height/length ratio

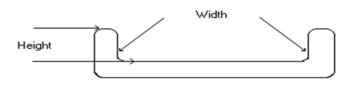
in ASTM F1487 Section 8.5.4.1 and CSA Z614 Clause 15.5.5.1?

A: (ASTM) Use Figure A1.22 (CSA) Use Figure 37

SECTION 8.5.4.3 & 8.5.4.4 CLAUSES 15.5.5.5 & 15.5.5.6

Q218: When measuring slide chute widths and heights of side walls on flat bottom open chute slides that have a radius, At what points are measurements taken?

A: Measure height at the bottom of the radius, width at the top of the radius.



SECTION 8.5.2 CLAUSE 15.5.2

Q181: Can slide transition platforms overlap?

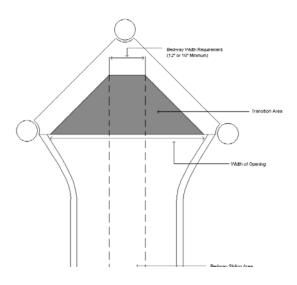
A: Yes

SECTION 8.5.2

CLAUSE 15.5.2.4

Q086: When evaluating the minimum transition dimension of a slide that is attached to a triangular platform - what is the width of the continuously curved slide bedway and must that width extend the full depth requirements.

A: Using ASTM F1487 Fig A1.23 and CSA Z614Fig 36, for continuously curved bedway slides, the bedway width is 16"/400mm for 5 to 12 year olds and 12"/300mm for 2 to 5 year olds. (18 Months to 5 years for CSA) Transition area must be in one plane. The width of the far end must be 12"/300mm or 16"/400mm as stated above. The width of the near end must be the width of the opening. See drawing below.



SECTION 8.5.2.2

CLAUSE 15.5.2.3

Q087: In ASTM F1487 section 8.5.2.2, and CSA Z614 Clause 15.5.2.3, the transition platform for slides, if you change elevations in the transition area (as at an entrance to a tube slide), how is the platform transition dimension requirements affected? How should a tube slide entrance be measured if the tube is connected to a panel 10"/254mm above the platform? Can the platform be included as the transition area?

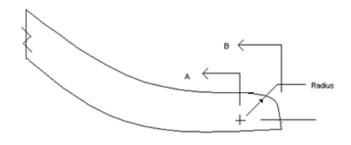
A: There is nothing in the standard that requires the platform transition area and bedway to be in the same elevation. The entire transition area shall be in one plane.

SECTION 8.5.5.2

CLAUSE 15.5.6.2

Q115: When measuring the 11"/275mm minimum slide exit length, which starting point is correct? A at the start of the radius or B at the end of the slide? See drawing below.

A: B



SECTION 8.5.5.4

CLAUSE 15.5.5.4

- Q227: If verifying the radius of the slide curvature with a radius gauge, (30") should the length of the gauge be standardized? Different lengths can render different results.
 - A: The overall geometry should meet the curvature of the gage, however, slight variations may exist due to nature of the product. Other methods of verification are acceptable and the validator will be the final judge.

SECTION 8.5.6 CLAUSE 15.5.7

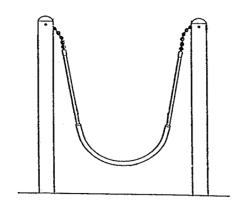
- Q097: Some 270° open bedway slides curve (or "spiral") between deck posts. Would this fail the clear area requirement per ASTM F1487 section 8.5.6 and CSA Z614 Clause 15.5.7?
 - A: Yes, if the post falls within the 21" (525mm) clear area requirement for slides per ASTM F1487 section 8.5.6.2. and CSA Z614 Clause 15.5.7.2

SECTION 8.5.6 CLAUSE 15.5.7

- Q182: Can two slide clearance zones, 21" (525mm) clear area, overlap?
 - A: Yes
 - Q: Can a slide clearance zone overlap an adjacent component?
 - A: No. The slide clearance zone cannot have any equipment within this area, per ASTM F1487 figure A1.27 and CSA Z614 Fig. 42.

SECTION 8.6 CLAUSE 15.6

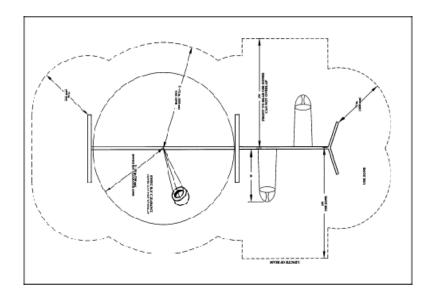
- Q088: If this product meets the definition of a swing per section 3/Clause 3, what areas of ASTM section 8.6 and CSA Z614 Clause 15.6 would apply. ?
 - A: All parts of ASTM F1487 section 8.6 and CSA Z614 Clause 15.6 apply



SECTION 8.6.4 CLAUSE 15.6.4

Q176: Is it possible to place a multiple axis swing in one bay and in the same structure, different bay, have a single axis to-fro swings?

A: Yes. Provided the swing bay clearance zones do not overlap.



SECTION 8.6.7 CLAUSE: 15.6.7

Q245: What is required when submitting a suspended element for testing?

A: Suspended Element, along with all relative hardware as specified by the manufacturer, to produce the most adverse condition (see section 8.6.7.3(1) & Clause 15.6.7.3 (a)) in which the product is intended to be used. Participant to define installation beam height.

SECTIONS 8.8/8.11

CLAUSES 15.8/15.10

Q232: How would the below item be clarified? Rotating Equipment/Springing Rocking Equipment? The item Rotates and has a similar motion as Springing Rocking Equipment.



A: This product is not considered rotating Equipment. It would fall under Spring Rocking Equipment and therefore, require footrests.

SECTION 8.9.2.1

CLAUSE 15.5.8.3

Q105: In section 8.9.2.1, please define and explain the meaning of the word "admit"? Is this rod only to be used between the rollers and any space/hole along the rolling surface?

A: Admit means entry without force. The rod is to be used along the sliding/rolling surface either between the rollers or adjacent stationary segments.

SECTION 8.11.3

CLAUSE 15.10.3

Q104: The length, width and thickness dimensional requirements are confusing, please explain the intent of ASTM F1487 section 8.11.3, and CSA Z614 Clause 15.10.3

A: The footrest width is the distance extending out from the equipment and is a minimum of 3.5"/90mm.

SECTION 8.14

CLAUSE 15.15

Q215: Can products similar to those shown below be considered as roofs, and be certified by IPEMA?

A: Yes, Only if they are attached to a play structure and meet all requirements of ASTM F1487, or CSA Z614, they can be certified by IPEMA (see pic #1)

If the unit is used only as a shade structure, and not integral with the playground structure, it does not fall under the scope of Playground Equipment and therefore may not be certified. (See pic #2)



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SECTION 8.14

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CLAUSE 15.15

Q031: What portions of the standard apply to a roof?

A: See ASTM F1487 section 8.14, and CSA Z614 Clauses 15.15. All other tests including ASTM section 6, and CSA Clause 12 also apply.

SECTION 11.1

CLAUSE 8.1

Q168: How are the alignment and closing of "S" hooks covered in participants' installation instructions? Does this procedure need detailed explanation in the installation instructions or is the statement, "make sure all S-hooks are closed to a dimension less than 0.040"/3mm sufficient?

A: They must identify all hazards (orientation, closing dimensions, etc.) or a generalized safety statement referencing ASTM F1487, section 6.4.5 or CSA Z614 Clause 12.4.5.

SECTION 12.0 CLAUSE 9.0

Q050: How are the number of users determined for the following equipment? Which ASTM F1487 section 12, and CSA Z614 Clause 9.0 are required

A: Surface retention borders - not in program

Log Roll - the manufacturer designated the number of users Ball tilt table - use the area of the designated play

Spring rider - use a static test with the designated number of users specified by the manufacturer.

Suspended balance beam - a suspended balance beam is tested the same as a regular one, as a longitudinal component. See ASTM F1487 section 12.4.1.1, and CSA Z614 Clause 9.4.2.

Crawl tunnel - Longitudinal component

Talk tube - No loading required

Elevated sand box - No horizontal loading, use weight of the sand plus surface area for vertical loading.

Rings - each ring is a longitudinal component, subject to ASTM F1487 sections 12.4.1.1. and 12.4.1.2 and CSA Z614 Clauses 9.4.2 and 9.4.3. Climbing Walls- Number of holds divided by 4.

Sliding Pole - Two users. Based on limited access at the top of a sliding pole and the fact that you cannot access this product from more than one level.

SECTION 12.0 CLAUSE 9.0

Q117: What are the pertinent points to consider when evaluating a Sand and Water table?

A: When testing for structural integrity, the entire projected top surface area (Table rim plus sand or water bowl) must be used when calculating the load requirements. The product is to be tested with the maximum amount of sand or water, (whichever weight is greater) installed. However, since this upper surface is not a platform, guardrails will not be required. Note this product must be fixed to the ground for certification because moveable products are not covered in this program.

SECTION 12.0 CLAUSE 9.0

Q141: Is a component, which is strictly used as a handhold and not intended to prevent inadvertent falls, subject to a horizontal load?

A: No.

SECTION 12.2.2 CLAUSE 9.2

Q093: In regard to ASTM F1487 section 12.2.2, and CSA Z614 clause 9.2, must a connection or part that is covered and may bear the highest stress loading, be checked for cracks that wouldn't be visible without disassembly of that connection or removal of a coating?

A: Use professional judgment.

SECTION 12.4 CLAUSE 9.5.4

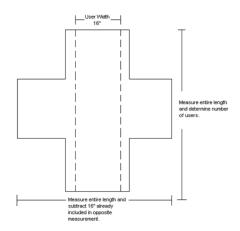
Q124: How is the number of users determined for stairs or steps? Should the area of the steps be evaluated as projected area or individually?

A: Neither, the total area of all steps determines the number of users.

SECTION 12.4 CLAUSE 9.5.2

Q200: How do you determine the number of simultaneous users on a component that has overlapping surfaces? (Example :+ shaped crawl tube)

A: Measure entire length of initial surface to determine its number of users, for overlapping surface, reduce entire length by 16" (400mm). See drawing



SECTION 12.5 CLAUSE 9.6

Q041: In ASTM F1487sections 12.5.1 and 12.5.2, and CSA Z614 clauses 9.6.2 and 9.6.3, what is considered the length of a handrail when there is more than 2 supports on the handrail. Is it the overall length of the handrail no matter how many supports there are or is it the length between supports?

A: A)For the distributed load test, ASTM F1487 section 12.5.2, and CSA Z614 clause 9.6.3 the length used is the entire length
B) For the surge load test, ASTMF1487-section 12.5.1, and CSA Z614 clause 9.6.2, the load test is independent of the length.

SECTION 12.5.1 CLAUSE 9.6.2

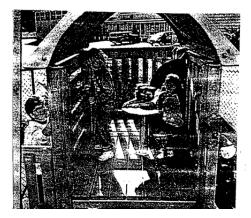
Q153: Can a participant use either type of load distribution device for this load test?

A: Yes, either type of load distribution device is acceptable.

SECTION 9.1.1 CLAUSE 14.1.1

Q129: In photo shown below, is resilient surface required under this table?

A: No, resilient surfacing is not required on adjacent surfaces within composite play structures.



SECTION 14.3.2

CLAUSE 16.5

Q072: How does a participant determine if a label attachment is sufficient?

A: Test for label permanence as found in ASTM F1487 section 14.3.2 and CSA Z614 clause 16.5 of the Standards are performed and determined as follows: An attempt shall be made to manually (by hand) remove the warning label without the aid of tools or solvents. The warning label shall be considered permanent if during the attempt to remove it, it cannot be removed the label tears, or the surface to which the label is attached is damaged.

Appendix B to IPEMA License Application and Agreement Requirements for Certification Program Logo(s) and Approved Descriptive Verbiage Use

General Information:

The purpose of this appendix is to ensure proper and accurate usage of the IPEMA Certification Program Logo(s) by program participants. All uses of the IPEMA Certification Logo(s) and descriptive verbiage by Participant and its representatives, sales agents, and employees must be submitted to IPEMA headquarters for review and approval prior to use, except as otherwise indicated herein.

Each IPEMA Certification logo always includes the following verbiage as part of the logo: "To verify product certification, visit www.ipema.org". For printed publications, only the first occurrence must include the verbiage.

To enforce these requirements, copies of all uses of Certification Logo(s) and references to the IPEMA Certification Program in any media within the previous 12 months together with copies of IPEMA's written authorization to use the Logo(s) and reference the IPEMA Certification Program, if required, **OR** a certification of nonuse signed by the Participant's President or Corporate Officer that the Participant has not used the Logo(s) or referenced the Certification Program in any media within the previous 12 months, must be given to the Validator during the annual facility inspection.

B.1 Certification Logos

Surfacing Participants: ASTM F1292 and ASTM F2075 and ASTM F3012







Equipment Participants: ASTM 1487 and CAN/CSA Z-614





Color: As indicated on the artwork above. Logo(s) may also be used in one color, black on white background.

Minimum Size: Minimum reduction would be that which still allows the website address "www.ipema.org" to be read clearly. The original aspect ratio of the seal must be retained.

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IPEMA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM Logo Usage Requirements

B.2 Certification Logo(s) Used on Actual Product

The logo(s) may be used on product labels for validated products listed on the IPEMA website, www.ipema.org, such as participant's ID labels. When a label containing the Certification Logo(s) is used with multiple products, all products must be validated and listed on the IPEMA website. Likewise, when a label containing the Certification Logo(s) is used on a play structure, all components on the structure must be validated and listed on the IPEMA website. For use in this manner prior approval from IPEMA headquarters is **not** required.

B.3 Certification Logo(s) used as Notice of Product Certification

The certification Logo(s) may be used on:

- General Publications and catalogs
- Trade publication advertising
- Media (sales flyers, newsletters, video, power point, presentations, etc.)
- Internet websites
- Custom plans and drawings

The logo(s) must be clearly linked to a product or group of products that have been validated and are listed on the IPEMA website. Products must include the name used in the listing of certified products on the IPEMA website and product numbers, if applicable.

The Certification Logo(s) may be used on Websites provided the logo(s) are clearly linked to a product or group of products that have been validated and listed on the IPEMA website. In addition, each use of the logo(s) must be linked to the IPEMA website. When used in this manner, the prior approval of IPEMA headquarters is **not** required.

Although other descriptive verbiage is no longer required to be included with the logo, if any descriptive verbiage, other than the verbiage that appears in the logo, is used to describe the Certification Program, prior approval of IPEMA headquarters is required. "IPEMA certified" or other similar verbiage may not be used without the logo. However, use of the following descriptive verbiage does **not** require prior approval from IPEMA headquarters:

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"In the interest of playground safety, the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) provides a Third Party Certification Service whereby a designated independent laboratory, TÜV SÜD America Inc., (TÜV), validates a surfacing manufacturer's certification of conformance to ASTM F1292, Standard Specification for Impact Attenuation Under and Around Playground Equipment (Section 15 excepted); and for an engineered wood fiber manufacturer its certification of conformance, also to ASTM F2075, Standard Specification for Engineered Wood Fiber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface Under and Around Playground Equipment, Section 4.4, for testing Sieve Analysis. Section 4.5, for testing for the presence of Hazardous Metals, and Section 4.6, for testing the presence of Tramp Metals; and for a Loose Fill Rubber manufacturer its certification of conformance, also to ASTM F3012, Standard Specification for Loose Fill Rubber for Use as a Playground Safety Surface under and around Playground Equipment, Section 4.2, for Sieve Analysis, Section 4.3, for testing for the presence of Hazardous Metals, Section 4.4, for testing the presence of Tramp Metals, Section 4.5, for testing for the presence of Sharp Tramp Metals Content, and Section 4.6, for testing for Total Lead Content. The use of the corresponding logo in [participant's name] [media description] signifies that [participant's name] has received written validation from the independent laboratory that the product(s) associated with the use of the logo conforms to the requirements of the indicated standard. Check the IPEMA website (www.ipema.org) to confirm product validation, its thickness and critical height."

Equipment Participants:

'In the interest of playground safety, the International Play Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) provides a Third Party Certification Service whereby a designated independent laboratory, TÜV SÜD America Inc., (TÜV), validates an equipment manufacturer's certification of conformance to ASTM F1487, Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Playground Equipment for Public Use, except sections 7.1.1, 10, 12.6.1, 13.2, and 13.3; to CAN/CSA Z614, Children's Playspaces and Equipment, except clauses 9.8, 10 & 11; or both. The use of the corresponding logo in **[participant's name] [media description]** signifies that **[participant's name]** has received written validation from the independent laboratory that the product(s) associated with the use of the logo conforms to the requirements of the indicated standard. Check the IPEMA website (www.ipema.org) to confirm product validation.'

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B.4 Descriptive Verbiage used without the Certification Logo

The descriptive verbiage shown below may be used at any time by program participants without an accompanying Certification Logo. However, this verbiage must not be linked to any products, whether validated or not. When used in this manner, the prior approval of IPEMA headquarters is **not** required; however, any other descriptive verbiage does require approval from IPEMA headquarters. "IPEMA certified" or other similar verbiage may not be used without the logo. Non-participants may not use this verbiage in any of their materials.

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B.5 Descriptive Verbiage Used by Certification Participants without any Certified Product(s) Participants shall not use the Certification Logo(s) until they have at least one product certified and listed on the IPEMA website. The descriptive verbiage shown below may be used by Participants in the IPEMA Certification Program who do not have any certified products. When used in this manner, the prior approval of IPEMA headquarters is **not** required; however, any other descriptive verbiage does require approval from IPEMA headquarters. Non-participants may not use this verbiage in any of their materials.

<u>"Insert Participant's namel</u> is a participant in the IPEMA Certification Program and is in the process of product certification. You may confirm product certification and learn more about the IPEMA Certification Programs at www.ipema.org."

B.6 Descriptive Verbiage Used by Certification Participants with at Least One Certified Product on Custom Plans and Drawings

The descriptive verbiage shown below may be used on custom plans and drawings by Certification Program participants who have at least one certified product listed on the IPEMA website. Critical details such as fall zone dimensions and product names must be included on the plan in sufficient detail to allow verification of the validation of the product. Use of the Certification Logo(s) is optional. When used in this manner, the prior approval of IPEMA headquarters is **not** required; however, any other descriptive verbiage does require approval from IPEMA headquarters. "IPEMA certified" or other similar verbiage may not be used without the logo. Non-participants may not use this verbiage in any of their materials.

Surfacing Participants

"The playground surfacing identified in this plan is IPEMA certified. The use and layout of this surfacing conform(s) to the requirements of F1292 (Section 15 excepted); and for engineered wood fiber, also, to ASTM F2075, sections 4.4, 4.5 & 4.6; and for Loose Fill Rubber, also, to ASTM F3012, sections 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5 & 4.6. To verify product certification, visit www.ipema.org."

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Equipment Participants

"The play components identified in this plan are IPEMA certified. The use and layout of these components conform(s) to the requirements of ASTM F1487 or CAN/CSA Z614 or both. To verify product certification, visit www.ipema.org."

B.7 Additional Descriptive Verbiage Required when Use Zones Are Shown

When Participant's products are certified to multiple standards, ASTM overall use zones may be different than CSA protective surfacing and no encroachment zones. The use zones shown by a participant in various media must therefore be related to the particular standard used to establish the zones. For catalogs and other promotional materials that communicate the size of the area required, the following statement must be used in the preface or introductory statement of the publication showing the use zones.

"The space requirements shown in this publication are shown to [ASTM][CSA] (**choose one**) Standards. Requirements for other standards may be different.

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Appendix C to IPEMA Equipment License Application and Agreement FEE SCHEDULE – 2017 Effective Date: January 1, 2017

Annual IPEMA Administrative Fee (non-refundable)

Annual Sales*	IPEMA Members	Non-Members
< \$3 M	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,600.00
> \$3 M & < \$10M	\$ 600.00	\$ 2,600.00
> \$10 M	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 4,000.00

This non-refundable fee is paid to IPEMA and defrays their expenses related to the Equipment Certification Program. Note: IPEMA Membership Fees are an additional fee required for membership.

Validator Fees- See Section 6 of License Application and Agreement Daily fee for Inspection / Witness Testing at Participant's Plant.

Domestic (US and Canada)
\$1,212.96 (Travel expenses
Included; Per Diem, Transportation Air/ground,
Lodging, Meals.)

International, (Outside North America)
\$881.86 (plus travel expenses)

This daily fee is based on an eight-hour day for each day during the initial and annual inspections that the Validator is in the Licensee's plant for the purpose of inspection. For domestic travel, (US and Canada), one day will be added as an allowance for travel time. For each international location (outside of North America) two days will be added as an allowance for travel time. The total fee covers the personnel hourly fee and the inspection report.

Cancellations / Postponements: In the event that the customer cancels or postpones activities on less than 30 days' prior notice to TÜV, the Applicant shall pay TÜV a fee, with respect to the activities not done as originally scheduled, equal to one full day, \$1,212.96, plus all expenses associated with the change.

Hourly Fee for Engineering Documentation Review – billed quarterly \$94.39

Annual Validator Administrative Fee

Number of	
Certification	
Programs	Annual Fee
1	\$1,078.19
2	\$1,294.35
1	\$3,775.14
2	\$4,530.18
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^{*} Sales \$ reported by the Program Participant (\$ shown are USD)