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Noncircular Elastomeric-Coated Steel Belt Suspension Means

The purpose of this letter is to formally address a critical matter concerning the criteria for elastomeric belt replacement in accordance with the guidelines set forth by code and industry standards.

It has come to our attention that certain essential components, namely the counting devices and the elastomeric code-required Residual Strength Detection Means, have been identified as inoperable, defeated, or reset. We understand that these components are integral to ensuring the safety and functionality of the equipment, and their proper operation is crucial to maintaining the integrity of the belted suspension means.

In light of the identified issues with these components, we must emphasize our commitment to safety and adherence to industry standards. We recognize that the functionality of the counting devices and the Residual Strength Detection Means is paramount in ensuring the safe operation of elastomeric belt systems. Any compromise in the operability of these components can pose significant risks to both the riding public and equipment.

Therefore, as a responsible organization, we as a result of this declare the following:

Elastomeric Belt Replacement Criteria: To maintain the highest standards of safety and operational efficiency, we strictly enforce the replacement criteria for elastomeric belts as stated in ASME A17.6-2022 Section 3.7. Any belt found to be associated with inoperable, defeated, or reset counting devices the elastomeric coated steel belted suspension system will be deemed unfit for further use.

Immediate Action: In the event that any of these critical components are found to be inoperative or tampered with, we commit to taking immediate action to rectify the situation. This includes investigating the root cause of the issue, ordering the repair or replacing of the affected components, and ensuring that the belt system is fully operational and safe.

Compliance with Code and Industry Standards: We are dedicated to upholding all relevant industry standards and code regulations related to non-circular steel belted suspension means, including those governing safety and maintenance. Our commitment to compliance extends to ensuring that all necessary components are functioning as intended.

Accountability Disclaimer: We cannot be responsible or held accountable for any damage or catastrophic failure if these devices have been reset or tampered with without our knowledge. It is imperative that all personnel within our organization understand the gravity of these actions and report any issues or concerns promptly.