7.28. Undefined use buildings

When designing a new building or part of a building with an undefined final use, the architect or engineer should take into account the possible future use, possible distribution changes or possible partitions of the building, guaranteeing that in all cases accessibility requirements will be followed.

In addition to basic accessibility characteristics, building spaces should have the possibility to be easily adapted to the needs of different users during the building's lifespan, particularly housing.

7.29. Facilities for service animals

The following recommendations should be considered in places where there is a possibility of people with service animals:

- 1. In theatres, cinemas, conference rooms, auditoriums and all the facilities where people are expected to sit or wait it is recommended that some seats should have a space for a service animal near their owner.
- 2. In large buildings, such as shopping malls, leisure or entertainment facilities, and mass transport facilities it is recommended to provide a relief facility for assistance animals.
- 3. The relief areas shall not be directly connected to spaces used by persons but shall be connected to the accessible path of travel.
- 4. The relief facility should have a minimum dimension of 3000 mm x 4000 mm and should be surrounded by a 1200 mm high fence. The entrance should be easy to operate and to find by a person with visual impairment. Moreover, the surface should be concrete with a smooth finish to assist in cleaning, with a cross fall of 3,5 % to assist in drainage.
- 5. It is recommended to provide a waste bin and a supply of plastic bags close to the entrance.
- 6. The service animal facility should have an accessible sign saying "For Service Animals only".

The facility should be regularly cleaned and well maintained.