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## Order on safety work to be carried out in lift installations

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End of Standstill : 02/08/2004

Invocation of the Emergency Procedure : Yes

### Message

Message 002

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Translation of the message 001

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No abre el plazo - Nezahajuje odklady - Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Neietekmē atlikšanu - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Nem nyitja meg a késések - Ma' jiftaħ il-perijodi ta' dawmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Nao inicia o prazo - Neotvorí oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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#### 2. Member State

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#### 4. Notification Number



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## **5. Title**

Order on safety work to be carried out in lift installations

## **6. Products Concerned**

Lifts already installed.

## **7. Notification Under Another Act**

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## **8. Main Content**

The Order is based on a Decree currently being signed, which has already been notified to the Commission. It specifies the nature of the safety devices required by this Decree as well as the scope of lifts concerned by the works obligation depending on the type of device.

Works obligations are spread over 3 periods of 5 years in order to allow owners to meet the financial cost involved and to allow installers to train and recruit appropriate staff.

All devices recognised as equivalent shall be acceptable in accordance with the aforementioned Decree.

## **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The French stock of lifts is old and dilapidated. Two thirds of this stock of 470,000 lifts are more than 25 years old. Acts of vandalism are also seriously compromising lift safety in certain areas.

Following several serious accidents that have roused opinion, the government has decided to take swift legislative action to improve the safety of lift users.

## **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Article 79 of Law No 590 of 2 July 2003 "town planning and housing".

Decree currently being signed, having already been notified to the European Commission and the Member States under Notification No 2003/0431/F.

## **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

Yes

## **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

Law No 590 of 2 July 2003 lays down the obligation to make the French stock of lifts safe and sets a period of 15 years for the implementation of the appropriate safety devices.

This period runs from the date of publication of the Law (July 2003). It has therefore already started with the time necessary to draft the implementing Decree and its Orders as well as the necessary consultation time for each of these texts.

Furthermore, the Decree spreads the works obligations over 5-year periods. The first phase of works is therefore already reduced to 4 years at the moment.

The Order subject to consultation by the Member States specifies the content of the works required by the Decree. It subjects the start of the works to conditions.



In addition to the technical problem of the timeframe, we must point out a certain number of fatal accidents which have occurred in lifts in France in recent months, which have also helped strengthen the feeling of insecurity and urgency to implement the measures laid down by the texts under preparation.

**13. Confidentiality**

No

**14. Fiscal measures**

No

**15. Impact assessment**

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**16. TBT and SPS aspects**

TBT and SPS aspects (Agreements drawn up within the framework of the WTO)

TBT aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade)

Yes

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