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## Decree on lift safety.

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### Message

Message 002

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Translation of the message 001

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Fristerne indledes ikke - Kein Fristbeginn - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - Does not open the delays - No abre el plazo - N'ouvre pas de délais - Non fa decorrere la mora - Geen termijnbegin - Nao inicia o prazo - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Inleder ingen frist.

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#### 4. Notification Number

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## 5. Title

Decree on lift safety.

## 6. Products Concerned

Lifts already installed.

## 7. Notification Under Another Act

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## 8. Main Content

This Decree aims to improve the general safety level of the stock of lifts existing in France. It imposes three types of measures:

- the implementation of appropriate safety devices to counter the 17 principal risks listed with regard to the French stock of lifts. This obligation shall be staggered over 15 years with two intermediate stages at 5 years and 10 years depending on the devices in question.
- the implementation of basic provisions concerning maintenance and repair, as well as the introduction of basic clauses in maintenance contracts.
- the carrying out of a periodic technical inspection of all lifts every five years to check their operating status and guaranteed safety level.

## 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The French stock of lifts is old and dilapidated. Acts of vandalism are also seriously compromising lift safety in certain areas.

Following several serious accidents, the government has been provoked to take rapid legislative action to improve the safety of lift users.

## 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

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

## 11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

## 12. Grounds for the Emergency

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## 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)

WTO aspect (Agreement on technical barriers to trade): Yes

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