

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>THE NETHERLANDS</u>
2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, Directorate-General for Labour
3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Electric and hydraulic passenger lifts (HS 84281091)
5. Title: Decree of ... 1990 Amending the Decree on Lifts No. 1 (Staatsblad 1956, page 167)
6. Description of content: The proposal is mainly to amend the Regulations on the Manufacture of Lifts, namely by introducing on 1 January 1991 the Standards NEN-EN 81-1 and EN 81-2 as the sole basis for manufacture, in agreement with the plan expressed in 1987 by the Netherlands Secretary of State for Social Affairs and Employment in the explanatory memorandum on ministerial exemptions (in connection with the implementation of Council Directive 84/529) and in agreement with the wish expressed by lift manufacturers and users in this respect. The purpose of making NEN-EN 81-2 compulsory is to anticipate the implementation of the Amendment to Directive 84/529 which is soon to be made. The inspection period for lifts is furthermore being brought in line with practice as it has been for a number of years.
7. Objective and rationale: The Amendment will substantially improve the safety of lifts for both users and installers.
8. Relevant documents: Amendment to Decree No. 1 on Lifts adopted pursuant to the Law on Dangerous Machinery (and, consequently, to the Ministerial Order of 23 August 1956) and withdrawal of the Ministerial Orders of 21 July 1958 and 16 June 1987.
9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force:
10. Final date for comments: 10 December 1990
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: