

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>FRANCE</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Ministry of Public Works, Transport, Housing, Tourism and the Sea – Directorate-General of Town Planning, Housing and Construction – Arche Sud – 92055 – La Défense Cedex Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Lifts
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree concerning the placing of lifts on the market (11 pages)
6.	Description of content: This Decree aims to improve the general level of safety of France's stock of existing lifts. It provides for the mandatory implementation of three types of measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The installation of appropriate safety devices to counter the 17 key risks identified in regard to the country's stock of lifts. The timeline for meeting this requirement is staggered over a period of 15 years, with two intermediate deadlines at five and 10 years depending on the devices involved.- The implementation of basic provisions concerning maintenance and repair, and the introduction of basic clauses in maintenance contracts.- Technical inspection of all lifts once every five years in order to check their operating status and guaranteed safety level.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: <p>France's stock of lifts is old and dilapidated. Acts of vandalism are also seriously compromising lift safety in certain areas.</p> <p>Following several serious accidents having aroused public concern, the Government has decided to take rapid regulatory action in order to improve the safety of lift users.</p>

8.	Relevant documents: Law No. 2003-590 of 2 July 2003 ("Town Planning and Housing"), Article 79 Decree No. 2000-810 of 24 August 2000 concerning the placing of lifts on the market
9.	Proposed date of adoption: Proposed date of entry into force: } February 2004
10.	Final date for comments: End of January 2004
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: CINORTECH AFNOR 11, avenue Francis Pressensé 97571 SAINT-DENIS-LA PLAINE Cedex