

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0796/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Lift safety

The European Committee for Standardisation has produced a safety norm for existing lifts, the SNEL. This standard helps countries identify the risks of existing lifts and legislate to improve their safety. Recommendation 95/216/EC¹ accompanying Directive 95/16/EC² obviously does not mention this new norm. In view of the number of fatal accidents that have occurred in recent years and as some countries have enacted legislation in this sphere or are in the process of doing so, it would appear to be essential to update the recommendation. This would help policy-makers determine the most appropriate measures to take to minimise the risks linked to existing lifts in compliance with Norm EN 81-80, which was ratified on 3 November 2003.

Can the Commission give an undertaking that the recommendation will be updated?

¹ OJ L 134, 20.6.1995, p. 37.

² OJ L 213, 7.9.1995, p. 1.