

**Question for written answer E-009329/2012  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Health and safety of lifts in Malta

It has been reported that a number of lifts in Malta are potentially dangerous and a safety hazard to their users, due to being unregistered and uncertified. The inspection of lifts to ensure that they are in line with EU safety standards is often irregular and haphazard. Lift installers are legally bound to abide by EU standards and regulations, but some choose to operate outside the regulatory system and this naturally puts lift users at risk.

1. Does this issue fall within the remit of the Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC?
2. If so, does the Commission have the necessary mechanisms in place to guarantee the regular rendering of accounts by Member States, in order to ensure that these lifts comply with the above Directive?