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Dear Members,

We are pleased to send you the second edition of ELCA's new Bulletin.

This is ELCA's biannual Newsletter. Next to news from the Lift sector, this newsletter includes summaries of technical meetings and achievements of the association.
Enjoy reading!

EDITORIAL

ELCA moves to a new location

On 19 December 2008, ELCA moved to a new location.

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Standards for ELCA members

This section of the Newsletter includes a description of latest developments and impact of standards and guidelines relevant to lift and lift components which are currently discussed at European and international level and that would have an impact on the equipment, installations and maintenance practices for lift components manufacturers.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the Secretariat in case you wish to receive further information on the impact of the below regulations on your business activity! The ELCA technical expert is available to answer any request.

Safety Requirements for Construction and Installations of New Electric & Hydraulic Lifts - EN 81-1&2

CEN has established a working group (TC10/WG1/AH18) dedicated to the revision of standards supporting the ESRs (Essential Safety Requirements) foreseen by the Lift Directive 95/16/EC and the Machinery Directives 98/37/EC and 2006/42/EU to be applied to new lifts, namely the standards EN 81-1 and EN 81-2.

All components manufacturers and all lift package manufacturers as well as installation and maintenance organizations are affected by these changes.

In particular the revision of EN 81 parts 1 & 2 introduces some changes to the safety requirements for lifts that must be complied with by the manufacturers of components and complete lifts.

The Amendment A3 will even anticipate some of the new requirements, including precautions

- against the unintended movement of cars with open doors, at the latest by mid of year 2009.
- for stopping and levelling accuracy

The industry would need to have a suitable time for the implementation of the modifications.

The information about the final version of Amendments A3 will be timely distributed to the associates in order to enable them to get organized before the new standards come into force.

ELCA asked a series of modifications to be adopted at the revision of EN 81-1 and EN 81-2 in order to comply with the ESRs.

The modifications proposed attain to:

- the equipment of the lift which must be with means enabling people trapped in the car to be evacuated;
- the accompanying documentation that should be in the language of the Member State where the lift is installed and should contain an instruction manual and a logbook where repairs and/or periodic checks can be noted;
- the safety of the machinery which must be constructed in a way that can be adjusted and maintained without putting persons at risk.

According to our expert opinion Amendment A3 might be published by the end of October 2009. ELCA succeeded to obtain a transitional period of 18 months instead of the 6 months initially foreseen.

Special tools and software for maintenance and rescue operations - Revision of EN 81-2

Following a letter that NORMAPME sent to CEN regarding the use of special tools and software for maintenance and rescue operations in which they suggested a series of modification to standards for lifts, ELCA and EFESME sent a joint letter on the same subject to Mrs. Le Bail, Deputy Director General, SME Envoy at DG Enterprise, asking the European Commission to monitor the progress made within CEN on this issue

Latest news from NORMAPME

Since January 2009 ELCA is part of NORMAPME, the European Office of Crafts, Trades and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises for Standardization.

NORMAPME is currently actively participating in the CEN/TC 10 + ISO/TC 178 on lifts, escalators and moving walks. An estimated 10000 of SMEs are present in maintenance and lift component manufacturing, in which they face strong commercial competition against the few multinationals of the sector as well as the threat of being wiped out from the market through standardization of new technologies belonging to multinationals. (Normapme newsletter April-May 2009, issue 41)

EU News

Review of the Lift Directive 95/16/EC in the Member States

Following a request received from Mrs. Beata Pich, of DG Enterprise at the European Commission, ELCA sent a letter concerning the lack of conformity of the Italian DM 236/89 (on building provisions, including lifts, for the accessibility of disabled persons) with the Lift Directive 95/16/EC. ELCA explained that there are means, such as the SOLVIT Centers network in the European Union countries, made available in order to overcome this sort of problems.

Prior to accessing these means, a more throughout investigation on the details of this matter will be completed, with appropriate comparisons of all relevant requirements, taking into account that DM 236/89 is open to acceptable deviations.

Within UNI, the Italian Standardization Body, an Ad Hoc Working Group has therefore been established with the scope of identifying the differences between the specifications given in DM 236/89 and those given in EN 81-70 for the accessibility of lifts by all persons, including disabled ones.

This Working Group is going to complete its work within the next few weeks and the interested parties expect it to enable a more focused and appropriate approach with the Italian authorities in order to help solving the problem.

Eco-design

On the 24 April the European Parliament adopted the proposal of the European Commission to enlarge the eco-design directive to all energy related products (and not only to a limited group as it has been since 2005). The Eco-design directive so far allowed setting compulsory minimum Eco-design requirements for energy-using products such as boilers, water heaters, computers, televisions or industrial fans. The directive will now be extended to all energy related products including products that do not consume energy during use but have an indirect impact on energy consumption. The key principles of the directive however remain unchanged. Minimum eco-design requirements can be complemented by voluntary benchmarks. Voluntary agreements by industry may be an alternative to regulation. Nevertheless if industry fails to act voluntarily, it will now be possible to set such standards for all energy related products.

Next steps:

In 2011, the Commission will present the 2nd Working Plan of the Eco-design Directive that will be replacing the 1st Working Plan published in October 2008 and valid from 2009-2011.

In 2012, the Commission will review the effectiveness of the Eco-design Directive. On this basis the Commission will assess the appropriateness of further extending the scope of the Directive to non energy related products

Improving the energy efficiency of buildings

The European Parliament adopted a legislative resolution amending the proposal for a directive on the energy performance of buildings. According to the amendment all buildings built after 31 December 2018 will have to produce their own energy on-site and by 2020 the energy demand of building will have to be reduced. The Commission wants Member States to set intermediate national targets for existing buildings by 2015 and 2020. Moreover the Commission by 30 June 2010 committed itself to propose addition EU financial instruments to support the energy efficiency of buildings among which a VAT reductions for goods and services related to energy efficiency and renewable energy

might be foreseen. The requirements affects also existing buildings when going under a major renovation, in this case a building a energy performance will have to be upgraded in order to meet the minimum energy performance requirements. The goal is to reach "net-zero energy buildings". However a common definition of net-zero energy is not available and should be established by the Commission by the end of 2010. By 2010 the Commission will establish also a website containing the latest versions of every Energy Efficiency Action Plan.

Events & Meetings

Recent Events

Meeting ELCA/EFESME/ELA - 23 April 2009

A meeting took place on 23 April between representatives of ELCA, EFESME and ELA in order to discuss issues of common interest, such as SNEL implementation, energy efficiency, the revision of the lift directive, EN 81-1 & 2, global standards harmonization and ISO conformity assessment procedures.

Regarding SNEL implementation, a joint letter had been sent to Mrs. Pich, of DG Enterprise, at the end of January asking the European Commission to accept placing the "Status of application of the Safety Norm for Existing Lifts EN81-80 - SNEL" on² the European Commission CIRCA website, and ensuring the follow-up. At the Lift Working Group meeting of February, the request of ELCA/EFESME/ELA had been dealt with. Indeed, civil servants from different countries have corrected or improved the text of the SNEL Status table, related to their country, a positive sign of the progress of SNEL, since it is made available on the CIRCA website of the Commission.

During the joint meeting, it was also suggested to send a second joint letter to the Commission asking to keep recommendation 215/16/EC and to revise the recommendation on the occasion of the Lift Directive revision. This letter is currently being finalized and will be sent out to the commission shortly.

The next ELCA/EFESME/ELA meeting will take place on 8th September 2009.

CEN Standard Days

On 19 and 20 May CEN held the Sixth edition of the Standard Days in Brussels: an open two info day event on European Standardization. A new session on CEN keymark and on environment and standardization were added to the usual program.

27-29 May 2009 - Lift Expo Russia Moscow

The 4th edition of the Lift Expo Russia took place in Moscow from 27 to 29 May. ELCA shared a booth with AECAE, the Spanish lift components association.

17-19 June 2009 - Spain Elevator Exhibition Barcelona

The 4th edition of the Spanish Elevator & Components Exhibition took place in Barcelona from 17 to 19 June. The three days trade gathered Spanish and international visitors from the lifts sector. ELCA was present at the Trade Show.

EFESME: New Executive Committee

EFESME held its 5th General Assembly in Paris on 21st April during which the new Executive Committee was elected. Mr Jean Claude Georges was elected as the new President. The outgoing president, Mr Ferrarini, was appointed Secretary General. Mr Massimo Bezzi was elected Vice President and Mr Paul Marien Treasurer. Mr Jaime Fernandez Martinez was confirmed as Vice President.

ANACAM nominees

On 9 June ANACAM board met in Rome to nominate the new top positions in ANACAM for the period 2009/2012. Edoardo Rolla has been appointed as Secretary General, Antonio Ciani Administrative Secretary, Bruno Forzinetti and Ezio Bertazzoni Vice-Presidents. With Mazzarda as a President this will be the new board of ANACAM for the next 3 years. Upcoming Events.

ANICA Seminar on Amendment A3 of EN81.1-2

On 12 June in Milan (at the Holiday Inn of Assago) ANICA organized a seminar on amendment A3 of EN81.1-2.

The **ELCA Board & AGM** were held on 30 June in Brussels.

Upcoming Events

Interlift 2009, 13-16 October 2009, Augsburg

Upcoming meetings for ELCA Technical Expert and Members

Forum meeting ELCA/EFESME - initially on 29 July in Brussels.

Next working groups

15-16 July: WG1/AH10 Revision EN 81-2 Hydraulic lifts
21-23 July: WG1 /AH15-16 Revision documentation EN 81-1 & 2
31 Aug- 1-3 Sept: ISO TC 178

Thank you for reading! Do not hesitate to contact ELCA in case you have questions.

Sincerely,

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