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### **New lifts in existing wells.**

*The following opinion, as document LC2003.04rev1, was approved at the meeting of the Lifts Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2004.*

Directive 95/16/EC applies to lifts when they are first placed on the market and put into service. It therefore applies to new lifts.

The provisions of the Directive are not applicable to existing lifts, that is to say, lifts placed on the market and put into service before Directive 95/16/EC came into force (at the earliest, after the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1997 and at the latest, after the 1<sup>st</sup> July 1999). The improvement of the safety of existing lifts is the subject of Commission Recommendation 95/216/EC of 8<sup>th</sup> June 1995 and is covered by national regulations.

New lifts, subject to the provisions of Directive 95/16/EC, include the following:

- lifts installed in new buildings;
- lifts installed in existing buildings;
- lifts installed in existing wells in replacement of existing lifts, including when the existing guide rails and their fixings or the fixings alone are retained.