

EPSA - Nationale Information

Country: The Netherlands

EU member states must comply with the general rules and regulations adopted by the European Union related to platform lifts and stairlifts. There might, however, be additional requirements that are specific for the individual member country. It is important that manufacturers and distributors, as well as planners and builders, know and comply with these specific requirements of the country in question.

Main regulations:

Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC

The Machinery Directive, with Articles and Annexes, defines the essential safety and health requirements for machinery, which includes platform lifts and stairlifts. A Notified Body must be asked to issue an EU Certificate of Conformity for platform lifts with travel height of over 3 metres.

Safety regulations for the design and construction of stairlifts and platform lifts

The Machinery Directive is transposed into the national law of each EU member state. In the Netherlands, these are the law on dangerous machines (responsible ministry of SZW) and the law on trade goods (responsible ministry of VWS).

Product Standards EN 81-40 and EN 81-41

EN 81-41 is an EU standard for platform lifts which will be harmonized by all EU member states in the course of 2009. EN 81-40 is already a harmonized EU standard for stairlifts. If a machine is made in accordance with the Standard then it meets all the essential safety and health requirements. National rules and safety authorities may, however, demand additional or more stringent requirements than those defined by the harmonized standards.

Stairlifts

For stairlifts there are no additional regulations.

Platform Lifts (enclosed)

For enclosed platformlifts there are no additional regulations.

Platform Lifts (not enclosed)

Non enclosed Platform Lifts with a maximum travel height to 1.8 metres have to fulfill the standard EN-3584.