

Safety requirements: cableway installations intended to carry passengers

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PURPOSE : to present a Directive which defines, on a Community-wide basis, essential human safety and health requirements, environmental protection and consumer protection requirements applicable to cableway installations, subsystems and their safety components. **COMMUNITY MEASURE** : Directive 2000/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council relating to cableway installations designed to carry persons. **CONTENT** : this Directive shall apply to cableway installations designed to carry persons. The definition of 'cableway installations designed to carry persons' shall mean installations made up of several components, designed, manufactured, assembled and put into service with the object of carrying persons. These on-site installations are used for the carriage of persons in vehicles or by towing devices, whereby the suspension and/or traction is provided by cables positioned along the line of travel. The installations concerned are: - funicular railways and other installations with vehicles mounted on wheels or on other suspension devices where traction is provided by one or more cables; - cable cars where cabins are lifted and/or displaced by one or more carrier cables; this category also includes gondolas and chair lifts; - drag lifts, where users with appropriate equipment are dragged by means of a cable. The installations and their infrastructure, subsystems and safety components of an installation must comply with the essential requirements which are laid down in Annex II and are applicable to them. With regard to safety components, Member States shall take all necessary measures to ensure that safety components: - are placed on the market only if they permit the construction of installations complying with the essential requirements referred to in Article 3(1); - are put into service only if they permit the construction of installations which are not liable to endanger the health or safety of persons or, where applicable, the safety of property when properly installed and maintained and used for their intended purposes. Member States shall, for a period of four years following the entry into force of this Directive, allow: - the construction and putting into service of installations; - the placing on the market of subsystems and safety components which conform with the provisions in force in their territories on the date of entry into force of this Directive. **ENTRY INTO FORCE** : this Directive shall enter into force on 03.05.2000.