

Safety requirements: cableway installations intended to carry passengers

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The Commission's amended proposal retained Parliament's amendments aimed at: - introducing installations for urban transport where specific mechanical requirements were provided for; - clarifying that these installations were not always linked to tourism; - introducing the concept of the cross-border nature of certain installations and the corresponding regulatory issues; - highlighting the importance of the choice of site from the point of view of safety; - extending environmental impact assessments to all sites; - emphasising that the constraints linked to the operation of the installations must be taken into account in the safety analysis; - clarifying the conditions of application of the directive upon its entry into force; - clarifying the conditions of application concerning existing installations where essential safety requirements were not met; - clarifying the definition of safety components; - introducing the concept of authorisation for construction; - doing away with the compulsory nature of the derogation procedure where an innovative approach was concerned; - extending the provisions to cover construction; - clarifying the concept of third parties, including skiers; - extending the notion of external constraints to include the specific environmental characteristics of the sites; - clarifying that the qualifications of the management personnel involved were the responsibility of the Member State. The Commission rejected the amendments which: - stipulated that the Committee could amend the essential requirements in the directive; - proposed that for cross-border installations, the Committee should designate a Member State to lead the operation.