



INFORMATION NOTE

Use of revised EN 81 supplementary standards while waiting for their citation in the “Official Journal of the European Union”

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On February 1st 2019, the EU Commission announced its refusal to publish the references of six revised supplementary standards provided by CEN for citation in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

The affected standards are: *EN 81-21/28/58/70/71/77*.

On February 12th 2019, the Commission provided CEN with detailed comments and reasons for the refusal requesting to revise those six standards accordingly before re-considering their citation in the OJEU.

The further revision of those standards has already been started with the target date for publication on Q3 2020 and citation in the OJEU by **Q1 2021**. Meanwhile, the currently cited version of those standards remains valid (Currently Cited Versions).

As a result, in the period until Q1 2021 the industry must deal with a situation where revised standards have been published by CEN (Revised Published But Not Cited) – and considered as the “state of the art” – but since these standards are not cited in the OJEU they do not provide “Presumption of Conformity” in the Conformity Assessment Procedures under the Lifts Directive.

While waiting for further revision and citation for the six standards to be completed (expected Q1 2021), it is noted that each of the Revised Published But Not Cited standard is already an improved version as compared to the Currently Cited Version of the same standard. Those improvements are, in the view of the technical experts of ELA, generally speaking not conflicting the Currently Cited Versions of the same standards. In the absence of a conflict, nothing should thus prevent an installer/manufacture from using the Revised Published But Not Cited standard to claim conformity to the Currently Cited Version of the same standard. For example, an installer could use Revised Published But Not Cited EN 81-71:2018 to claim conformity to Currently Cited Version EN 81-71:2005, in which case the installer could use simultaneously a reference to both standards.

The Lifts Directive provides the installer with a choice from a variety of Conformity Assessment Procedures and their combination. Those procedures also govern the application and use of references of standards for achieving conformity to the essential requirements of the Directive. Considering the wide range of options available to installers, this ELA Information Note cannot cover all the possibilities and combinations.

For more information on use of supplementary standards in combination with EN 81-20:2014, see ELA Communication Hot Topic Nr. 26 of October 26th, 2016.