Regulations applicable to existing lifts:

SNEL in Belgium

A case study
The Belgian Royal Decree (1)

• Work started in 1999:
  – Participating are: lift-owners and users, inspection bodies, lift industry, authority (consumers- and workers safety) and several neutral experts, …

• Royal Decree published in 2003:
  – 4 degrees of risks: immediate, high, mid and low.
  – Application dates: immediate, 2008(high), 2013(mid), 2018(low).

• First revision in 2005:
  – Application dates + 5 years: 2013, 2018, 2023

• Second revision in 2012:
  – Application dates becoming depended of lift age!
  – Modernisation work on each lift in one shot!
The Belgian Royal Decree (2)

- Second revision 2012:

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Today status and lessons learned:

- Only after 2 reviews …., the overall acceptance level of the “2003” modernisation Decree and his new application dates generally well accepted in “2012” by all stakeholders! (= after a decade of dialogue !)

- Oldest lifts (<1958), high in (replacement) cost, low in amount, some historically highly valued, … was (politically) justifying the new date of 2022… .

- Continuous ongoing dialogue with all stakeholders needed! … Today focussing on the legal aspects if not modernised in due time …(end 2014, 2016 and 2022 !)