

3. Distributors shall ensure that, while a safety component for lifts is under their responsibility, its storage or transport conditions do not jeopardise its compliance with Article 5(2).

4. Distributors who consider or have reason to believe that a safety component for lifts which they have made available on the market is not in conformity with this Directive shall make sure that the corrective measures necessary to bring that safety component for lifts into conformity, to withdraw it or recall it, if appropriate, are taken. Furthermore, where the safety component for lifts presents a risk, distributors shall immediately inform the competent national authorities of the Member States in which they made the safety component for lifts available on the market to that effect, giving details, in particular, of the non-compliance and of any corrective measures taken.

5. Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide it with all the information and documentation in paper or electronic form necessary to demonstrate the conformity of a safety component for lifts. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by safety components for lifts which they have made available on the market.

Article 12

Cases in which the obligations of manufacturers apply to importers or distributors

An importer or distributor shall be considered a manufacturer for the purposes of this Directive and he shall be subject to the obligations of the manufacturer under Article 8, where he places a safety component for lifts on the market under his name or trade mark or modifies a safety component for lifts already placed on the market in such a way that compliance with this Directive may be affected.

Article 13

Identification of economic operators

Economic operators shall, on request, identify the following to the market surveillance authorities:

- (a) any economic operator who has supplied them with a safety component for lifts;
- (b) any economic operator to whom they have supplied a safety component for lifts.

Economic operators shall be able to present the information referred to in the first paragraph for 10 years after they have been supplied with a safety component for lifts and for 10 years after they have supplied a safety component for lifts.

CHAPTER III

CONFORMITY OF LIFTS AND SAFETY COMPONENTS FOR LIFTS

Article 14

Presumption of conformity of lifts and safety components for lifts

Lifts and safety components for lifts which are in conformity with harmonised standards or parts thereof the references of which have been published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* shall be presumed to be in conformity with the essential health and safety requirements set out in Annex I covered by those standards or parts thereof.

Article 15

Conformity assessment procedures for safety components for lifts

Safety components for lifts shall be subject to one of the following conformity assessment procedures:

- (a) the model of the safety component for lifts shall be submitted for EU type examination set out in Annex IV, Part A and the conformity to type shall be ensured with random checking of the safety component for lifts set out in Annex IX;
- (b) the model of the safety component for lifts shall be submitted for EU type examination set out in Annex IV, Part A and be subject to conformity to type based on product quality assurance in accordance with Annex VI;
- (c) conformity based on full quality assurance set out in Annex VII.

Article 16

Conformity assessment procedures for lifts

1. Lifts shall be subject to one of the following conformity assessment procedures:

- (a) if they are designed and manufactured in accordance with a model lift that has undergone an EU-type examination set out in Annex IV, Part B:
 - (i) final inspection for lifts set out in Annex V;
 - (ii) conformity to type based on product quality assurance for lifts set out in Annex X;
 - (iii) conformity to type based on production quality assurance for lifts set out in Annex XII;