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PROGRAMMING MANDATE TO CEN/CENELEC/ETSI IN THE FIELD OF PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION BY ROPE

I. MOTIVATION.

Passenger cableway installations are items of equipment consisting of several components designed, constructed, assembled and commissioned with a view to providing a transport service.

These installations are covered by Directive 90/531/EEC relating to procurement procedures in the water, energy, transport and telecommunications sectors.

This mandate arises from the proposal for a Directive relating to cableway installations designed to carry passengers which was approved by the Commission on 31 January 1994 (COM(93) 646 final). The purpose of the proposal is to ensure the free movement of safety components for cableway installations and complete cableway installations by harmonizing the essential requirements relating to safety, health, environmental protection and consumer protection.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE MANDATED WORK.

CEN, CENELEC and ETSI are requested to draw up a programme of standards for the safety components of cableway installations and complete cableway installations. The programme will cover the need of the following 13 areas:

- Terminology
- General provisions
- Calculations
- Cables
- Tension devices
- Mechanics

- Carriers
- Electrical devices
- Civil engineering works
- Inspection, maintenance and checks
- Evacuation and rescue
- Operation
- Quality assurance

A description of the standards to be drawn up should be given in order to make it possible to compare it with the requirements of the proposal for a Directive relating to cableway installations; in addition an economic justification and, where appropriate, proposals for stage-by-stage implementation should also be given so as to allow the evaluation of projects and priorities.

III. BODIES TO BE ASSOCIATED.

The programme should be prepared in cooperation with all interested parties, and in particular international and European organizations such as OITAF¹ and FIANET²

IV. EXECUTION OF THE MANDATE.

1. Within six months of approval of the mandate, CEN, CENELEC and ETSI should submit a joint and mutually accepted programme, including a timetable for the adoption of the standards to be drawn up.
2. A standardization mandate is foreseen following the presentation of the programme.

¹ OITAF : International Organization for Transportation by Rope.

² FIANET : International Federation of Cableway Operators.