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To: All Registered Lift/Escalator Contractors,  
All Registered Lift/Escalator Engineers

Dear Sirs,

**Circular No. 12/2017****Type Approval of Lifts and Safety Components in compliance with EN81-20&50:2014**

With EN81:1/2:1998+A3:2009 superseded by EN81-20:2014 and EN81-50:2014 (hereinafter collectively known as EN81-20&50) in September 2017, the type approval requirements under the Lifts and Escalators Ordinance Cap 618 for electric lifts and hydraulic lifts, in particular the requirement of the type-examination certificate, will be changed <sup>Note</sup> as follows on the specified effective dates tabulated below:

Item	Categories of Type Approval	Approval Requirement	Effective Date
1	Type approval for new model of lift or safety component	(A) For a new model of safety component which will be used in a lift after the effective date, a type-examination certificate showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 shall be submitted with the new type approval application	1 September 2018
		(B) For a new model of lift which will be installed after the effective date, a type-examination certificate showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 shall be submitted with the new type approval application	1 September 2020

2	Existing type approved lift	For an existing model of lift which has already been type-approved and will be installed after the effective date, a type-examination certificate showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 or a test report together with declaration from the principal manufacturer stating that the lift is in compliance with EN81-20&50 shall be submitted for approval	1 September 2020
3	Existing type approved safety components	(A) For an existing model of safety component which has already been type-approved and will be used other than for replacement of identical components in existing lifts after the effective date, a type-examination certificate showing its compliance with EN81-20&50 shall be submitted for approval	1 September 2019
		(B) For an existing model of safety component which has already been type-approved and will be used for replacement of identical components in existing lifts, no update on type-examination certificate is required	Not applicable

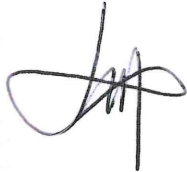
Note: The changes outlined above are along with the principle adopted in the relevant EU directive.

You are also reminded that a type-examination certificate submitted for type approval under Cap 618 should be accompanied by a test report prepared by the testing institute to substantiate the certification and only original or certified true copies of the type-examination certificates and test reports will be accepted.

You should also allow sufficient time for processing, with due consideration to the number of applications and documents that need to be processed, updated and approved. To facilitate our processing, you should provide relevant information in a systematic manner, and all key parameters and messages on the type-examination certificates and submissions should be duly highlighted.

If you have any further queries, please contact our Mr Kaiser CHEUNG at 3757 6120 or Mr Jerry WONG at 2808 3117.

Yours faithfully,



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            The Registered Elevator and Escalator Contractors Association Limited  
            The Hong Kong General Union of Lift and Escalator Employees