Five year review of the application of supplementary tests of in-service lifts & the guidelines for the safe operation of escalators and moving walks

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The 2006 “Guidelines for the supplementary tests of in-service lifts” were formulated by a review committee comprising owners, users, lift manufacturers, lift maintenance companies, inspection bodies, lift consultants, enforcement authorities and other professional bodies, chaired by the Health and Safety Executive. The 2006 Guidelines superseded the document “Lifts Guidelines (LG 1)”, published by SAFed in December 1998.

The purpose of the tests is to supplement the thorough examination in order to establish the equipment’s suitability for continued safe use. Such tests, which should only be called for by the competent person, will need to be undertaken and documented in order to enable the subsequent thorough examination to be completed. In some circumstances the competent person may require to witness the ‘supplementary test’.

It is five years since the 2006 Guidelines were published in 2006. Much experience has been gained of their application during this period. The speaker will outline this experience and how the feedback has been acted upon.

SAFed also undertook the writing of “Guidelines for the safe operation of escalators and moving walks” in association with the HSE. These escalator guidelines are for the selection and design considerations, safe operation, maintenance, management, thorough examination and supplementary testing of all escalators and moving walks in service, irrespective of age or location. Richard Hughes will briefly describe their content.