Minutes of the meeting of WG1 (Vehicle Lifts) held at AUTOPROMTEC on 25th May, 2001

Present :

Mrs. Monica Allegri (AGM-Cosmet), MM. Massimo Spavone (Cespa), Alberto Tameni (Corghi), Hans Peter Fritschi (Egea), Luc Missante (Egea), John Nelson (Gea), E. Lusuardi (Giulinao), Robert Ohneberg (Maha), Edo Orlandini (Orlandini), Ron Critchlow (Manganoli), J. Berends (Stertil), Claudio Bonacini (Werther International)

Excused :

Mr. H. Nussbaum

The President, Mr. H.P. Fritschi, welcomed the delegates present to this meeting.

Mr. H.P. Fritschi declared Mr. Orlandini and Berends had suggested extending today's meeting in order to have more time to discuss and to invite the notified bodies.

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As it seems inconvenient to organize a meeting during an exhibition, Mr. Fritschi proposed to organize a new meeting in September and to reserve a whole day to deal with all important points we put on the agenda.

The present members agreed.

Note of the secretariat

Mr. H.P. Fritschi contacted several members in order to organize a meeting in September. As September and October are busy months because of the abundance of trade shows, he therefore proposes to hold this meeting in November.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held in Frankfurt on 8th September 2000.

No remarks were formulated and the minutes were approved.

2. Faults on a two-post lift in Finland

This problem was discussed with Mr. Russold and Trabold in Vienna with Mr. Fritschi and Orlandini and they agreed it is contrary to EN 1493. They will ask the national bodies to paymore attention to the load distribution.

Mrs. Allegri replied the manufacturer ,AGM, resolved the problem; they tested the locking arms of the concerned lifts and replaces them.

Some participants pointed out they are not in favour to use load distribution for two-post lifts and stressed that a solution must be found with the notified bodies.

Some solutions were put forward :

- CE-marking + code allocated to each manufacturer by national authority
- □ Individual homologation by a notified body
- Individual solutions could be submitted to a technical Committee of experts, composed of representatives of manufacturers and notified bodies.
- Creation of a reference book with technical solutions to complete the safety levels defined by the standard
- Creation of a quality label that could be promoted and controlled by EGEA

The participants agreed this subject must be discussed with the members CEN TC98 Working Group 3 as well as the amendments to EN 1493.

3. Solutions for the reporting of non-compliances with EN 1493.

Mr. Trabold proposed during the meeting in Vienna three steps of reportings:

- 1. The notified body contacts the manufacturer
- 2. Safety and health department of the concerned country
- 3. Ministry of Industry towards EU Commission

4. Remote controls.

The participants agreed that regulations must be found in order to certify that remote controls are safety proven.

As this item concerns specifically the manufacturers of mobile and heavy duty lifts, Mr. Fritschi proposed to create a subgroup to handle this problem.

5. Various

Mr. Fritschi asked each association to draw up a list of national manufacturers which should be invited to the next meetings of WG 1 and to communicate it to the secretariat at the latest on 15th October 2001.
