

December 14, 2021

Re: Effective date of the CSA B355:19 Platform lifts and stair lifts for barrier-free access.

I am writing this letter to inform you with the Authority under the Nova Scotia Elevators and Lifts Act, and General Regulations that the requirements of the seventh edition of CSA B355 Platform lifts and stair lifts for barrier-free access will come into effect on December 31, 2021.

The CSA B355:19 supersedes the previous Nova Scotia adoption of the CSA B355:15 under the title Lifts for persons with physical disabilities.

All new installations and alterations to existing equipment sold after December 31, 2021 will need to comply with the 2019 code requirements.

The 2019 edition of the CSA B355 code includes the following changes:

- a) addition of requirements to address the risk of falling from an inclined platform;
- b) addition of the following definitions: alteration; driving machine, direct; endurance limit of a component; pendant control; portable equipment; relocatable lift; replacement; and traction machine;
- c) removal of the definition for conformance test. Definitions for wheelchair and attendant platform and wheelchair platform were removed and new requirements were added;
- d) modification of the following definitions: vertical platform lift, enclosed vertical platform lift, and unenclosed vertical platform lift;
- e) revised runway requirements;
- f) addition of non-mandatory Annex D, addressing alterations;
- g) addition of requirements to address glass in vision panels, in the runway, in a door or gate, and on the carriage;
- h) addition of requirements to address type test.
- i) addition of requirements for testing and certification of interlocks, combination mechanical locks, and electrical contacts;
- j) addition of requirements to address traction drives;
- k) revised requirements for overspeed governors;
- l) revised requirements for foldable seats;
- m) revised requirements for electrical protective devices.
- n) addition of marking requirements for interlocks that require gravity to operate;
- o) addition of new requirements for data plates; and
- p) corrections to Table 1

*Keyed access and operation of Barrier Free lifts will no longer be a requirement in Nova Scotia. If any existing lifts undergo alterations to remove keyed service, they shall comply with the current code for control circuit operation and the requirements in Annex D. Voluntary site assessments may require

keyed access or other protections.

Note: The latest Canadian Electrical Code CSA C22.1:21 effective date was May 1st, 2021 and is among the adopted codes for elevators and lifts.

Should you have any questions please contact me peter.mcclare@novascotia.ca

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter McClare". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "P".

Peter McClare

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