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The European Parliament and the Council of the European union have decided that S tairlifts fall under the jurisdiction of the Machinery Directive 98/37/EC and will also fall under the new Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC from December 2009.

So in legal terms a S tairlift is a machine

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The Machinery Directive requires that machines with a risk of falling from a vertical height of more than 3.0 m must pass an EC Type examination performed by an accredited European notified body.

This **does not** apply to stairlifts as there is never a risk of falling from 3.0 m.

However, a manufacturer may voluntarily obtain a type examination certificate if he wishes.

The stairlift has to be CE marked before it can be legally placed on the markets in the European Community.