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# Lifts, escalators and passenger conveyors — Comparison of worldwide standards on electromagnetic interference/electromagnetic compatibility

Ascenseurs, escaliers mécaniques et trottoirs roulants — Comparaison des normes mondiales relatives à l'interférence électromagnétique/la compatibilité électromagnétique



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### Foreword

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### 0 Introduction

#### 0.1 Background

International standardizing bodies such as IEC, ISO, CISPR, CENELEC, have been involved in drawing up common normative and technical documents to bring international markets closer together.

At the 1996 plenary meeting of ISO/TC 178, it was decided to carry out a comparison between various national and international electrical requirements applicable to lifts (elevators) and escalators. The first objective was to identify and compare the major EMC requirements applicable in the countries of the Working Group members (Resolution 1996/134).

The content of this Technical Report is based on the information provided by ISO/TC 178/WG 8 members.

#### 0.2 Understanding electromagnetic interference/electromagnetic compatibility (EMI/EMC)

An electromagnetic disturbance (noise that is not sinusoidal or unwanted signal) is any electromagnetic phenomenon which may degrade the performance of a device, equipment or system. Electromagnetic interference (EMI) is the degradation in the performance of a device, equipment or system caused by an electromagnetic disturbance. The cause of EMI is unplanned coupling between a source and a receptor by means of a transmission path. Transmission paths may be conducted or radiated. See, for example, Figure 1.

The ability of the device, equipment or system to function satisfactorily in an electromagnetic environment, without introducing intolerable disturbances to that environment is called electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).

EMC has three elements:

- a) a source of energy
- b) a receptor that is disrupted by this energy
- c) a coupling path between the source of energy and receptor.

Methods of coupling electromagnetic energy from a source to a receptor fall into one of four categories:

- a) conducted (electric current)
- b) inductively coupled (magnetic field)
- c) capacitively coupled (electric field)
- d) radiated (electromagnetic field).



#### Key

- 1 source
- 2 receptor
- 3 cable
- 4 power line

<sup>a</sup> Path 1: direct radiation from source to receptor.

<sup>b</sup> Path 2: direct radiation from source, picked up by cables (power, signal and control) connected to the receptor, which reaches the receptor via conduction path.

- <sup>c</sup> Path 3: EMI radiated by cables (power, signal or control) of the source.
- <sup>d</sup> Path 4: EMI conducted from source to receptor via cables (common power supply, signal/control).

NOTE 1 Source: Engineering EMC-IEEE Press.

NOTE 2 EMI carried by power/signal/control cables that are connected to the source can be coupled to the power/signal/control cables of the receptor, especially when cable harnesses are bundled, even when common power/signal/control cables do not exist.

#### Figure 1 — Mechanisms of electromagnetic interference