

JAHARP2021-04

Scissor Lifts

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Final Press Release

Organisation of the Joint Action

The Joint Market Surveillance Action JAHARP2021-04 involved 9 Market Surveillance Authorities (MSAs) from 7 EU Member States.

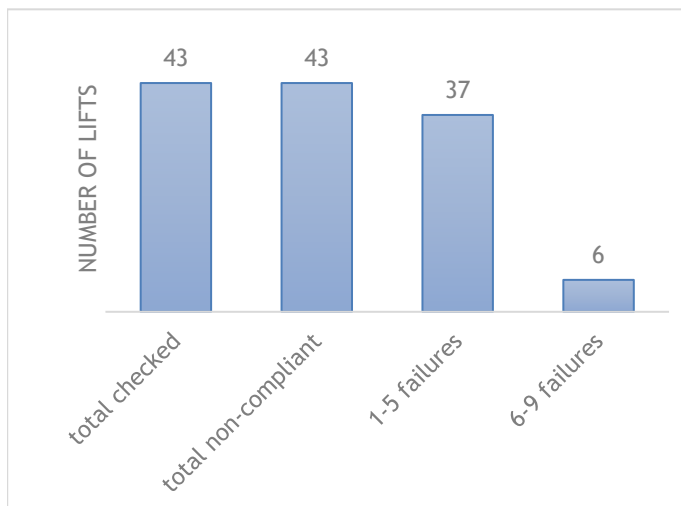


A total of **43 models of Scissor Lifts** (Mobile Elevating Work Platforms) from **19 different brands** were checked for conformity with the safety requirements of the **Machinery Directive 2006/42/EU** and the specifications of EN 280.

41 machines were inspected at the premises of importers, distributors or rental companies in each of the participating countries by one expert from the inspection body, who assisted the national inspection teams. In addition, 2 machines were sent for more comprehensive testing at an accredited Inspection Body.

Most of the machines checked were wheel-mounted, battery-powered Scissor Lifts, but some diesel-powered rough terrain and crawler-mounted machines were included in the sample. The maximum platform height of the machines ranged from 3 to 18 metres.

Results of the inspections and tests



The most serious defects concerned the malfunctioning of:

- the device fitted to prevent lifting more than the maximum load (17 cases) or
- the device fitted to prevent travel if the machine is on a too steep slope (9 cases).

Malfunction of these safety devices can lead to the collapse or overturning of the Scissor Lift. These non-conformities have been assessed as **high or serious risks**.



One case has already been notified to the European Commission's Safety Gate ([A12/00292/24](https://safetygate.europa.eu/cases/A12/00292/24))

Final Conference

On 26 June 2024, the **Final Conference for JAHARP2021-04** was held online. The organisation and results of the inspection and testing of Scissor Lifts were presented and discussed with stakeholders. The participants agreed that there was a need for review and clarification of several requirements of the harmonised standard.

Participants in the Final Conference included representatives of the European Commission, MEWPs Manufacturers' Associations, CEN Technical Committee 98 in charge of the harmonised standard for MEWPs, as well as several individual manufacturers.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS

JAHARP2021 Omnibus is made of 7 coordinated product compliance verification activities + 3 horizontal activities running until November 2024.

KEY OUTCOMES

Dangerous products removed from the EU market or brought into conformity; level playing field for all market actors.

Better, more harmonised product market surveillance; new skills and knowledge for the EU MSAs; improvement of harmonised standards.

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