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Subject: ESR on materials – particular material appraisal by user inspectorate

Question:

May the particular material appraisal (referred in the third indent of 4.2 b) of Annex I) be carried out by a user inspectorate as part of the conformity assessment of pressure equipment based on modules A1, C1, F or G?

Answer:

YES for module G.

Indeed, article 14 indicates that, by way of derogation from the provisions relating to the tasks carried out by the notified bodies, the conformity of pressure equipment can be assessed by a user inspectorate. And so the particular appraisal referred in annex I 4.2 c) can be carried out by a user inspectorate if, in accordance with article 14, it has been appointed for module G.

NOTE 1: For module A1, the particular appraisal is carried out by the manufacturer. For module C1 and F, the particular appraisal was carried out previously as part of modules for design.

NOTE 2: The "service d'inspection des utilisateurs" is called "organe d'inspection des utilisateurs" in the decree of French transposition 99-1046 of 13 december 1999 (article 14).

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