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ESR on manufacturing – Welding procedure qualification (WPQ)

Question:

Can the welding procedure qualifications performed in accordance with the provisions of the French regulation ("arrêté") of 24 March 1978 be accepted for the manufacturing of a pressure equipment in categories II, III and IV in accordance with the requirements given in the Directive, Annex 1 § 3.1.2?

Answer:

See

- CLAP 78 - Guideline 6/1 "ESR on manufacturing - Third party witness for the whole permanent joining and testing process"
- CLAP 147 - Guideline 6/11 "ESR on manufacturing - Approach for the approval of permanent joining procedures"
- CLAP 160 - Guideline 6/8 "ESR on manufacturing - Harmonized standards for permanent joining"

Modifications compared to the previous adopted version: Reference to the key guidelines