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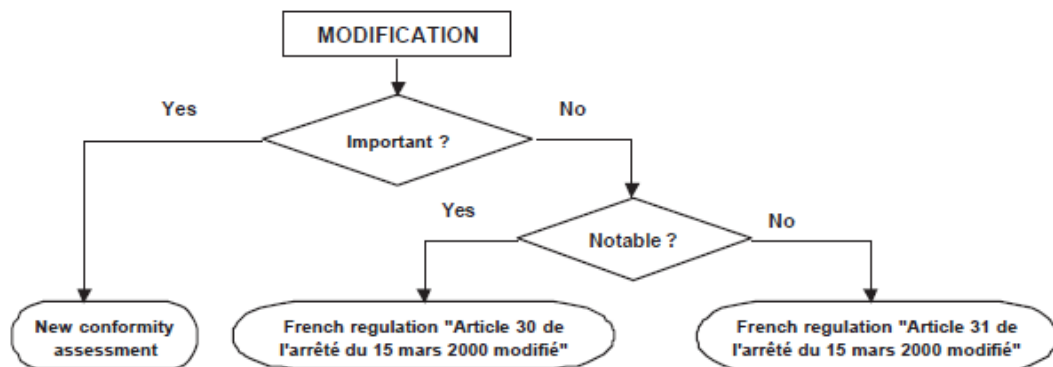
Subject: New approach - Modification**Question:** Which provisions applies to modification of pressure equipment conform to PED?

Answer: 1. Clap 70 - Guideline 1/3 recalls that pressure equipment which has been subject to important modifications that change its original characteristics, purpose and/or type after it has been put into service has to be considered as a new project covered by the directive. When pressure equipment conform to PED is subject to an important modification, a new conformity assessment shall be performed on it. Otherwise, the modifications are considered as notable or not notable modifications.

2. The notable or not notable modifications are dealt with Article VI of the French regulation ("arrêté") of 15 March 2000 called "intervention" which covered also the repairs.

2a. When the non-important modifications can affect the conformity of the pressure equipment with the requirement of Annex I of the French regulation ("decree") of 13 December 1999 there are considered as notable. The criteria that defined whether the modifications are notable are specified in professional guide submitted to the approval of the French Ministry of Industry, after consultation for advice of the French regulatory commission for pressure equipment (Commission central des appareils à pression).

2b. the other non-important modifications are considered as not notable.



Modifications compared to the previous version: Question restricted to the provisions applicable to the modifications of pressure equipment conforming to PED.