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Subject: ESR on manufacturing – Accreditation of manufacturer's testing laboratory for NDT and DT

Question:

Does the Pressure Equipment Directive require accreditation for the manufacturer's testing laboratory that carries out non-destructive tests (NDT) or destructive tests (DT) of pressure equipment or of parts intended as pressure bearing parts of pressure equipment?

Answer:

No.

According to Annex I section 3.1.3 the PED requires qualification for NDT personnel that carry out NDT of permanent joints. No accreditation is required for the manufacturer's NDT or DT laboratory or for the testing laboratory that the manufacturer may subcontract for NDT or DT.

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