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**Subject:** ESR on manufacturing – Procedure for permanent joining used on several sites

**Question:** If a manufacturer has a procedure for permanent joining approved by a notified body or other recognized third-party organization at one site (location), may that manufacturer use the same procedure at other sites for similar applications?

**Answer:** Yes, provided the other sites are under the same technical and quality management.

Note: Standard EN 719 on welding co-ordination and standard EN 729-1 on quality requirements for welding define manufacturing organization as welding workshops or sites under the same technical and quality management. Standard EN 288-3 on welding procedure tests states that an approval of a welding procedure specification (WPS) obtained by a manufacturer is valid for welding in workshops or sites under the same technical and quality control of that manufacturer.

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