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**Subject:** New approach – Transitional period**Question:**

What happens during the transitional period

- For equipment between 0,5 and 4 bar?
- For the CE marking?

**Answer:**

During the transitional period of PED, the manufacturer may choose:

- To apply the PED and affix the CE marking as far as PED is concerned: in this case, the equipment can freely move within the European Union;
- To continue to apply the national regulation of the country for which the equipment is intended: in this case, the equipment shall not bear the CE marking as far as PED is concerned.

In the case of equipment not covered today by the French regulation, i.e. the equipment between 0,5 and 4 bar, for the internal market, this double choice is to apply the directive and affix the CE marking or to apply no regulation and to not affix the CE marking.

Nevertheless, nothing prohibits a user to ask for a CE marking (if applicable) or a manufacturer to use it as a marketing argument.

NOTE: The transitional period will begin 30 months after the adoption of the directive and will end 60 months after the adoption of the directive.

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