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Subject: Conformity assessment – Design and manufacturing

Question:

There are many organisations that design pressure equipment that is subsequently fabricated by another organisation. Is it permissible for the company responsible for the design to obtain an EC design examination certificate (B1) and the fabricator obtain an appropriate certificate for the manufacturing phase, e.g. Product Verification (F)?

Answer:

No.

Even if different organisations can be involved, the directive clearly indicates that there can be only one "manufacturer" who is responsible for design, manufacture and conformity assessment of the pressure equipment.

The "manufacturer" may subcontract tasks in relation to design and/or manufacture but must retain overall control and have the necessary competence to take the responsibility for the product.

See also CLAP 44 - Guideline 4/3.

See also the Guide to the Implementation of Directives based on New Approach and Global Approach.

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