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**Subject:** Scope – Electrical pressure cookers

**Question:**

Article 3 paragraph 1.2 states that all pressure cookers shall satisfy essential requirements set out in Annex I ; Article 1 paragraph 3.6 excludes from the scope of the Directive equipment classified as no higher than category I and covered by Directive 73/23/EEC (as replaced by Directive 2006/95/EC). How to apply these two Articles to electrical pressure cookers?

**Answer:**

All electrical pressure cookers with a maximum allowable pressure above 0,5 bar are also in the scope of the Directive 97/23/EC, irrespective of their product pressure-volume.

**Reason:**

The pressure hazard of pressure cookers could be high if the design is not adequate. It is the reason why their design must be subject to a conformity assessment of at least one of the category III modules. This applies to electrical pressure cookers as well as externally fired pressure cookers. The sixth recital of the Directive explains that the exclusion laid down in Article 1 paragraph 3.6 is intended for equipment where the hazard due to pressure remains small.