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**Question:**

If, during functional testing of an assembly at the user's premises by the manufacturer before placing it on the market, modification of an item of pressure equipment is necessary, shall this modification be carried out in accordance with Directive 97/23/EC?

**Answer:**

Yes

It is necessary to assess any modification within the global conformity assessment of the assembly even if the declaration of conformity for the item was already issued. This implies checking the technical documentation of this item by the manufacturer and the notified body to verify whether the original design is impacted.

Note: See Guidelines 1/3 and 1/4 for modification of pressure equipment in use.

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