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**Subject:** ESR on manufacturing – Qualification of procedures of permanent joint

**Question:** Must a Notified Body take into account a procedure of permanent joints qualified by another Notified Body or a recognised third-party organisation?

**Answer:** Yes, a Notified Body is not allowed to reject an approval of procedure of permanent joints made on the basis of a precise reference and applying competence in accordance with the PED.

Nevertheless, it is its responsibility to verify, if needed, that the joining process and the reference to the manufactured product are adequate.

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