

Directive 97/23/CE**Keywords:** Notified body

Essential requirements

Directive reference:**Adopted by CLAP:** 15/01/1998**Subject:** New approach – Activities of inspection bodies**Question:** May an inspection body act simultaneously for the affixing of the CE marking and for the purchaser in a voluntary field?**Answer:** The notified body is chosen by the manufacturer which puts in an order for the pressure equipment of "risk" category II to IV. The purchaser can orient this choice in the framework of the order he puts in with the manufacturer.

The mission of the notified body is restricted to ensure that the essential requirements of the directive are fulfilled and that the CE marking affixed by the manufacturer corresponds to the respect of these requirements.

If the purchaser or the manufacturer wants to extent this mission on a voluntary basis beyond the essential requirements of the directive; the mission of the inspection body or the supplementary mission of the notified body will result in a separate order between the requesting party and the considered body.

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