

Guideline

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Subject: ESR particular – Symbol for litre

Question: In the linguistic versions of the directive the symbol for the unit for volume (litre) is not consistent (big L, small l). Which symbol should be used?

Answer: The big "L" should be used. This should be taken into account by the Member States when transposing the directive.

Reason:

In the field of pressure equipment the symbol for litre is mainly used in connection with numbers. The letter "l" and the figure "1" look often identically so that misunderstandings between figures and the symbol can occur. Often the marking on nameplates is stamped so it is important that the symbol is easy readable.

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