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Article 3, section 1.1(a) second indent, states that all portable extinguishers must comply with the essential safety requirements (ESRs) and be assessed according to Annex II, Table 2. In addition, Table 2 states that portable extinguishers must exceptionally be classified at least in category III. To what parts of a portable extinguisher do these requirements apply?

**Answer:**

Article 3, section 1.1(a) and Annex II, Table 2 are applied to vessels and therefore the requirements are relevant to the cylinder (bottle) of the portable extinguisher. The other parts of the portable extinguisher which are pressure equipment are classified according to Article 3 and assessed according to the appropriate Tables.

NOTE: A portable extinguisher is an assembly referred to in Article 1, section 2.1.5 and Article 3, section 2.2. It shall be subjected to a global conformity assessment procedure of Article 10, section 2 and it shall bear the CE marking as an assembly.

The global conformity assessment procedure of Article 10, sections 2 (b) and 2 (c) is determined by the highest category applicable to the equipment concerned other than that applicable to any safety accessories. Because the cylinder (bottle) of a portable extinguisher is classified at least in category III the global conformity assessment procedure to be applied must be chosen among those laid down at least for category III.

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