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**Subject:** Assembly – Limits of an assembly**Question:** Does the Pressure Equipment Directive put formal upper limits to the extent of an assembly?**Answer:** The PED does not limit the extent of an assembly, which can range from simple standard products up to large complex industrial plants.

An assembly can itself be composed of other assemblies and further items of pressure equipment.

For such a final assembly, two cases are possible:

1) When a manufacturer places on the market a product as a final assembly, consisting of assemblies and items of pressure equipment, intended to be put into service as such, he has to perform the global conformity assessment resulting in the CE-marking of the final assembly. If some of the constituent assemblies are not CE-marked – see CLAP 168 - Guideline 3/10 - the individual items of pressure equipment shall be included in the global conformity assessment.

2) When a user takes the responsibility for the final assembly, it constitutes an installation as explained in CLAP 9 - Guideline 3/2.

Note: The definition of an assembly is explained in CLAP 65 - Guideline 3/8.

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