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When some items of pressure equipment with the meaning of the 97/23/EC directive are integrated into a machinery with the meaning of the 98/37/EC directive, that is not itself an assembly with the meaning of the 97/23/EC directive, which information are to be transmitted and which references are to be mentioned in the declaration of conformity?

Answer:

Depending if the items of pressure equipment covered by the 97/23/EC directive and integrated to the machinery have been placed on the market separately or are only placed on the market when integrated to the machinery, the nature of the information to be transmitted is different.

In the first case, when it is placed on the market separately:

- The declaration of conformity of the items of pressure equipment may not be provided with the declaration of conformity of the machinery but shall be kept in the technical file of the machinery (see CLAP 162 – Guideline 9/16);
- The manufacturer of the machinery shall include in the instructions for use the necessary safety information concerning the items of pressure equipment;
- The declaration of conformity of the machinery can mention the 97/23/EC directive, as for example “the items of pressure equipment integrated to this machinery and covered by the 97/23/EC directive are in conformity with this directive; the corresponding declaration of conformity are included in the technical file of the machinery.”

In the second case, the manufacturer of the machinery is also the manufacturer of the items of pressure equipment integrated to the machinery. The declaration of conformity of the machinery shall include the complete list of the directives with which the design of the machinery complies, and in the present case the 97/23/EC directive; the instructions for use shall include the necessary safety information concerning the items of pressure equipment.

Note: When the machinery is an assembly with the meaning of the 97/23/EC directive, see CLAP 178.

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