

**Guideline****8/9****CLAP****FORM N°189****Version : 2****Directive 97/23/EC****Keywords :** Pressure equipment

Manufacturing

Marking

**Directive references:** Annex I § 3.3 a) - 97/23 EC

Article 3 § 1.1 a) - 97/23 EC

**Adopted by WPG:** 28/02/2002**Adopted by CLAP:** 28/02/2002**Subject:** ESR on manufacturing – Individual serial number**Question:** Must an individual serial number always be provided, even if the items of pressure equipment are manufactured in batches or series?**Answer:** No.

For items of pressure equipment manufactured in batches or series (such as portable extinguishers or valves) the identification may be limited to the batch or series number. It is not always necessary to provide an individual serial number on each item of pressure equipment.

Note:

1. When a national authority applies the safeguard clause the decision will relate to all products belonging to the same batch or series. Similarly if a manufacturer withdraws non-compliant or defective products from the market this will relate to all products belonging to the same batch or series.
2. It should be noted that some linguistic versions are unclear on this point.
3. Sufficient identification shall be possible according to the nature of the equipment.

Modifications compared to the previous adopted version: Editorial correction on 2004-09-16.