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Subject: Conformity assessment – Pressure cookers

Question: Does the classification of the pressure cookers in category III for the assessment of the design mean that also the essential safety requirements are linked to category III?

Answer:

No

In accordance with Article 3 paragraph 1.2, all the pressure cookers shall satisfy the essential safety requirements of the directive and shall bear the CE marking.

The determination of the category of the pressure cookers regarding essential safety requirements following Article 9 paragraph 1 is made in accordance with table 5 of Annex II, i.e. :

- Category I for the pressure cookers for which the product PS.V is not greater than 50 bar.L
- Category II for the pressure cookers for which the pressure is not greater than 32 bar and the product PS.V is over 50 bar.L and not greater than 200 bar.L

The only differences in essential safety requirements with regard to category are stated in Annex I sections 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2, 4.2c and 4.3 (see also CLAP 139 - Guideline 2/11).

The design assessment shall be made in accordance with a module of Category III or IV, i.e. modules B, B1, G, H or H1.

NOTE: When module B or B1 is used and no notified body is involved at the production phase, there shall be no marking of the identification number of the notified body.

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