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Article 3 § 1.4 - 97/23 EC

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There is a contradiction between the requirements in article 3, paragraph 1.4 and those in Annex II point 3.

Can pressure accessories be classified as “article 3.3” as indicated in the tables in annex II or must all of them satisfy the essential requirements as indicated in article 3 paragraph 1.4?

Answer:

In accordance with annex II point 3, pressure accessories have to be classified using the appropriate table(s) of annex II on the basis of their PS, their V and/or DN, and the group of fluids for which they are intended. Pressure accessories with low PS, volume and/or DN will therefore fall under the requirements of article 3.3. Such pressure accessories do not have to satisfy the essential requirements but only sound engineering practice.

Reason:

Requirements in annex II are more precise and should prevail.

When the directive was developed, it was clearly not the intention to require that all pressure accessories intended for equipment which have to satisfy the essential requirements also have to satisfy those requirements.

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