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Article 1 § 2.1.5 – 97/23/EC

Article 3 § 2.2 – 97/23/EC

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Adopted by WPG: 08/11/2000**Adopted by CLAP:** 08/11/2000**Subject:** Scope – Joining operation on site**Question:** Are the joining operations on site covered by the PED?**Answer:**

For the joining on site of components or equipment, two cases have to be considered:

1) Joining of component parts: joining of component parts to comprise an item of pressure equipment is subject to the requirements of the Directive. The manufacturer (even if he is the user) has the responsibility that the resulting item of pressure equipment is in compliance with the Directive.

2) Joining of items of pressure equipment.

The joining is not covered by the PED if it is carried out to constitute an installation (see NOTE 1) under the responsibility of the user but remains covered by national rules.

If the joining is carried out under the responsibility of a manufacturer to constitute an assembly covered by the definition given in Article 1.2.1.5, this assembly must fulfil the requirements of the Directive.

Reason: The fifth recital of the Directive says: "This Directive does not cover the assembly of pressure equipment on the site and under the responsibility of the user, as in the case of industrial installations".

NOTE 1: The definition of assembly in Article 1.2.1.5 is limited to those assemblies assembled by a manufacturer. When items of pressure equipment or assemblies are being put together by a user, to avoid confusion, the term "installation" is used.

NOTE 2: See also CLAP 65 - Guideline 3/8.

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