

**Guideline**

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**Directive References:** Annex I § 3.1.1

Annex I § 3.1.2

**Subject:** ESR on manufacturing – Forming procedures

**Question:** How to interpret point 3.1.1 of Annex I as far as the forming procedures are concerned?  
Does it impose for the manufacturer a qualification procedure for forming operations which will be validated by the Notified Body?

**Answer:** The Directive does not require for qualification of forming procedures in § 3.1.1 of Annex I, although it includes such a qualification for permanent joints in § 3.1.2 of Annex I.  
But there is an essential requirement about the preparation of the component parts (c.f. Annex I § 3.1.1) and the manufacturer shall demonstrate in the technical documentation of the equipment that this requirement has been satisfied.  
Depending on the modules, the Notified Body may examine this technical documentation.

