

Directive 2014/68/EU

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Directive References: Annex I §3.1.2

Subject: ESR on manufacturing – Welding procedure qualification (WPQ)**Question:** Can the welding procedure qualifications (WPQ) carried out in accordance with the provisions of article 9 of the former order of 24 March 1978 be subject of a permanent joining approval according to the requirements of point 3.1.2 of Annex I of PED?**Answer:**

Two cases are to be considered:

1) WPQ, carried out by APAVE, ASAP, Bureau Veritas or Welding Institute (but before 31/12/1998), may be subject to an approval according to ESR 3.1.2 provided to respect CLAP X133 (PED Guideline F-12).

(2) WPQ, carried out without the intervention of these bodies, cannot be approved according to ESR 3.1.2, taking into account CLAP X123 (PED Guideline F-01).