

**Guideline**

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**Subject:** Miscellaneous – National regulations and inspections period

**Question:**

Article 5 of PED provides for free placing on the market or putting into service of pressure equipment. Under what circumstances can the application of national regulations (e.g. by public authorities or private authorised bodies) on periodic testing constitute a barrier to trade?

**Answer:**

Differentiation between in-service inspection periods for similar CE-marked items of pressure equipment for the same purpose should be based on technical reasoning and the conditions of use of the equipment.

Specification of formal requirements for:

- The involvement of a specific notified body or bodies,
- The compliance with a specific (e.g. national) design code to the exclusion of other technically justifiable/equivalent solutions

would constitute a barrier to trade.