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Subject:	New approach – Specific standards
Question:	Some standards dealing with pressure equipment cover a large scope (general standard), for example the standard of CEN/TC 54. Some others are specific to particular types of pressure equipment, for example the expansion vessels dealt with in CEN/TC 54 or LPG vessels dealt with in CEN/TC 286.
Answer:	YES, but carefully. The directive does not contain any requirement for a uniform set of rules for the different industrial sectors. Each standard shall answer, in a consistent manner, to the essential requirements of the directive. Furthermore, the consistency of the whole set of standards in the field of pressure equipment should be ensured. Modifications compared to the previous adopted version: Editorial correction on 2004-09-16.