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ANNEX III

CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

- 9. MODULE F: CONFORMITY TO TYPE BASED ON PRESSURE EQUIPMENT VERIFICATION
- 1. Conformity to type based on pressure equipment verification is the part of a conformity assessment procedure whereby the manufacturer fulfils the obligations laid down in points 2 and 5, and ensures and declares on his sole responsibility that the pressure equipment concerned, which has been subject to the provisions of point 3, is in conformity with the type described in the EU-type examination certificate and satisfies the requirements of this Directive which apply to it.

2. Manufacturing

The manufacturer shall take all measures necessary so that the manufacturing process and its monitoring ensure conformity of the manufactured products with the approved type described in the EU-type examination certificate and with the requirements of this Directive which apply to them.

3. **Verification**

A notified body chosen by the manufacturer shall carry out the appropriate examinations and tests in order to check the conformity of the pressure equipment with the approved type described in the EU-type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of this Directive.

The examinations and tests to check the conformity of the pressure equipment with the appropriate requirements shall be carried out by examination and testing of every product as specified in point 4.

4. Verification of conformity by examination and testing of every item of pressure equipment

4.1. All pressure equipment shall be individually examined and appropriate tests set out in the relevant harmonised standard(s) or equivalent tests shall be carried out in order to verify conformity with the approved type and described in the EU-type examination certificate and with the appropriate requirements of this Directive. In the absence of such a harmonised standard, the notified body concerned shall decide on the appropriate tests to be carried out.

In particular, the notified body shall:

- verify that the personnel undertaking the permanent joining of parts and the nondestructive tests are qualified or approved in accordance with points 3.1.2 and 3.1.3 of Annex I,
- verify the certificate issued by the materials manufacturer in accordance with point 4.3 of Annex I,
- carry out or have carried out the final inspection and proof test referred to in point 3.2 of Annex I and examine the safety devices, if applicable.
- 4.2. The notified body shall issue a certificate of conformity in respect of the examinations and tests carried out, and shall affix its identification number or have it affixed under its responsibility to each approved item of pressure equipment.

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The manufacturer shall keep the certificates of conformity available for inspection by the national authorities for 10 years after the pressure equipment has been placed on the market.

5. CE marking and EU declaration of conformity

- 5.1. The manufacturer shall affix the CE marking and, under the responsibility of the notified body referred to in point 3, the latter's identification number to each individual item of pressure equipment that is in conformity with the approved type described in the EU-type examination certificate and satisfies the applicable requirements of this Directive.
- 5.2. The manufacturer shall draw up a written EU declaration of conformity for each pressure equipment model and keep it at the disposal of the national authorities, for 10 years after the pressure equipment has been placed on the market. The EU declaration of conformity shall identify the pressure equipment model for which it has been drawn up.

A copy of the EU declaration of conformity shall be made available to the relevant authorities upon request.

If the notified body referred to in point 3 agrees and under its responsibility, the manufacturer may also affix the notified body's identification number to the pressure equipment.

6. If the notified body agrees and under its responsibility, the manufacturer may affix the notified body's identification number to the pressure equipment during the manufacturing process.

7. **Authorised representative**

The manufacturer's obligations may be fulfilled by his authorised representative, on his behalf and under his responsibility, provided that they are specified in the mandate. An authorised representative may not fulfil the manufacturer's obligations set out in point 2.