

SCHEDULE 7

Regulation 17

EUROPEAN APPROVAL FOR MATERIALS

1. The notified body shall determine and perform, or arrange for the performance of, the appropriate inspections and tests to certify the conformity of the types of material with the corresponding requirements of these Regulations, and in the case of materials recognised as being safe to use before 29th November 1999, the notified body shall take account of the existing data when certifying such conformity.

2. The notified body shall not issue a European approval for materials until it has:

- (a) informed the Member States and the Commission by sending them the appropriate information;
- (b) allowed a period of three months to elapse in order that a member State or the Commission may refer the matter to the Standing Committee set up by Article 5 of Directive [98/34/EC](#);
- (c) taken into account, where appropriate, the opinion of the Committee and the comments submitted.

3. A copy of the European approval for pressure equipment materials shall be sent to the member States, the notified bodies and the Commission.

4. The materials used for the manufacture of pressure equipment conforming with European approvals for materials, the references of which have been published in the Official Journal of the European Communities, shall be presumed to conform to the applicable essential requirements of Schedule 2.

5. The notified body which issued the European approval for pressure equipment materials shall withdraw that approval if it finds that it should not have been issued if the type of materials is covered by a harmonised standard and shall immediately inform the other member States, the notified bodies and the Commission of any withdrawal of an approval.