
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2016 No. 1105

The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016

PART 1

Preliminary

Interpretation **E+W+S**

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 1974 Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 ^{M1};

“the 1978 Order” means the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ^{M2};

“the 1987 Act” means the Consumer Protection Act 1987 ^{M3};

“the 1999 Regulations” means the Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999 ^{M4};

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“applicant” means any person making an application for a conformity assessment procedure to be carried out by a notified body;

“assembly” means several pieces of pressure equipment assembled by a manufacturer to constitute an integrated and functional whole;

[^{F3}“authorised representative” means a person established within the [^{F4}United Kingdom] appointed in accordance with regulation 19(1) (manufacturer’s authorised representative);]

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“conformity assessment” means the process demonstrating whether the essential requirements relating to pressure equipment or assemblies have been fulfilled;

“conformity assessment activities” means any activities involved in conformity assessment, including calibration, testing, certification and inspection;

“conformity assessment body” means a person that performs conformity assessment activities;

[^{F7}“conformity assessment procedure” means a procedure for conformity assessment set out in Schedule 1A;]

“conformity assessment procedure” means a procedure for conformity assessment set out in Annex III to the Directive (as amended from time to time);

[^{F8}“declaration of conformity” means a declaration of conformity drawn up in accordance with regulation 48 (declaration of conformity);]

[^{F8}“designated standard” has the meaning given to it in regulation 2A;]

“the Directive” means Directive 2014/68/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15th May 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the member States relating to the making

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available on the market of pressure equipment (recast) ^{M5}[^{F9}(as it has effect immediately before IP completion day)];

“designating authority” means the Secretary of State;

“distributor” means any person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes pressure equipment or an assembly available on the market;

“district council” means a district council within the meaning of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 ^{M6};

“economic operator” means a manufacturer, an importer or a distributor;

“enforcing authority” means any person enforcing these Regulations under regulation 67 (enforcement);

“essential safety requirements” means the requirements set out in Schedule 2;

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“fluids” means gases, liquids and vapours in pure phase as well as mixtures thereof; fluids may contain a suspension of solids;

“fluid in Group 1” has the meaning set out in paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 3;

“fluid in Group 2” has the meaning set out in paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 3;

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[^{F13}“importer” means a person who—

- (a) is established in the United Kingdom and places pressure equipment or an assembly from a country outside of the United Kingdom on the market; or
- (b) is established in Northern Ireland and places pressure equipment or an assembly on the market that has been supplied to them for distribution, consumption or use in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge from an EEA state;]

“make available on the market” means the supply of pressure equipment or an assembly for distribution, consumption or use on the [^{F14}market of Great Britain] in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge, and related expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“manufacturer” means a person who—

- (c) manufactures pressure equipment or an assembly, or has such equipment or assembly designed or manufactured; and either—
- (d) markets that pressure equipment under that person's name or trade mark; or
- (e) uses it for his own purposes;

“market surveillance authority” has the meaning set out in regulation 66 (designation of market surveillance authority);

“maximum allowable pressure PS” means the maximum pressure for which the equipment is designed, as specified by the manufacturer, and defined at a location specified by the manufacturer, being either the connection of protective and/or limiting devices, or the top of equipment or, if not appropriate, any point specified;

“maximum/minimum allowable temperature TS” means the maximum/minimum temperatures for which the equipment is designed, as specified by the manufacturer;

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“nominal size (DN)” means a numerical designation of size which is common to all components in a piping system other than components indicated by outside diameters or by thread size; it is a convenient round number for reference purposes and is only loosely related to manufacturing dimensions; the nominal size is designated by DN followed by a number;

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“notified body requirements” means the requirements set out in Schedule 4;

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“permanent joints” means joints which cannot be disconnected except by destructive methods;

“piping” means piping components intended for the transport of fluids, when connected together for integration into a pressure system; piping includes in particular a pipe or system of pipes, tubing, fittings, expansion joints, hoses or other pressure-bearing components as appropriate; heat exchangers consisting of pipes for the purpose of cooling or heating air are to be considered as piping;

“place on the market” means make pressure equipment or an assembly available on the [F18market of Great Britain] for the first time, and related expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“pressure” means pressure relative to atmospheric pressure, i.e. gauge pressure; and as a consequence, vacuum is designated by a negative value;

“pressure accessories” means devices with an operational function and having pressure-bearing housings;

“pressure equipment” means vessels, piping, safety accessories and pressure accessories, including, where applicable, elements attached to pressurised parts such as flanges, nozzles, couplings, supports and lifting lugs;

“putting into service” means the first use of pressure equipment or an assembly by its user, and related expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“RAMS” means Regulation (EC) 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) No 339/93^{M7};

“recall” means the taking of any measure aimed at achieving the return of pressure equipment or an assembly that has already been made available to the end-user and related expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“recognised third party organisation” is a body within the meaning set out in regulation 52;

“relevant conformity assessment procedure” means a conformity assessment procedure appropriate for the classification of the pressure equipment, as set out in regulation 42;

“relevant economic operator” means, in relation to pressure equipment or an assembly, an economic operator who has obligations in respect of that pressure equipment or assembly under these Regulations;

“safety accessories” means devices designed to protect pressure equipment against the allowable limits being exceeded, including devices for direct pressure limitation, such as safety valves, bursting disc safety devices, buckling rods, controlled safety pressure relief systems (CSPRS), and limiting devices, which either activate the means for correction or provide for shutdown or shutdown and lockout, such as pressure switches or temperature switches or fluid level switches and safety related measurement control and regulation (SRMCR) devices;

“technical documentation” has the meaning set out in regulation 10(2) (technical documentation and conformity assessment);

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[^{F19}“UK marking” means the marking in the form set out in Annex 2 of RAMS;]

“user inspectorate” is a body within the meaning set out in regulation 53 (User inspectorates);

“user inspectorate requirements” means the requirements set out in Schedule 5;

“vessel” means a housing designed and built to contain fluids under pressure including its direct attachments up to the coupling point connecting it to other equipment; a vessel may be composed of more than one chamber;

“volume (V)” means the internal volume of a chamber, including the volume of nozzles to the first connection or weld and excluding the volume of permanent internal parts;

“weights and measures authority” means a local weights and measures authority within the meaning of section 69 of the Weights and Measures Act 1985 ^{M8};

“withdrawal”, when used in relation to pressure equipment or an assembly, means the taking of any measure aimed at preventing pressure equipment or an assembly in the supply chain from being made available on the market, and related expressions must be construed accordingly.

(2) In these Regulations, a reference to pressure equipment being “in conformity with Part 2” means that—

- (a) pressure equipment is in conformity with the essential safety requirements; and
- (b) each relevant economic operator has complied, or is complying, with the obligations imposed on them under Part 2 of these Regulations which must be satisfied at or before the time at which they made the pressure equipment or assembly available on the market.

(3) In regulations 16 and 26, “risk” means a risk which could arise from lawful and readily predictable human behaviour.

(4) In the other provisions of these Regulations (except Schedule 2), “risk” means a risk—

- (a) which could arise from lawful and readily predictable human behaviour; and
- (b) which may result in harm to any of the following interests—
 - (i) the health and safety of persons;
 - (ii) domestic animals; or
 - (iii) property.

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(6) In these Regulations, the definition of a manufacturer does not include a private person who manufactures pressure equipment or an assembly on an occasional basis for their own use in a non-commercial context.

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Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales and Scotland only; a separate version has been created for Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F1 Words in [reg. 2\(1\)](#) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Product Safety and Metrology etc. \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#) (S.I. 2019/696), [reg. 1](#), [Sch. 24 para. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#) (with [Sch. 24 para. 41](#)) (as amended by [S.I. 2020/676](#), [regs. 1\(1\), 2](#)); 2020 c. 1, [Sch. 5 para. 1\(1\)](#)

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- F2** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(b)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (26.12.2017) by The Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1206), regs. 1, **82(2)(a)(i)** (with regs. 3-5, 77)
- F4** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (UK(NI) Indication) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1460), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)(e)**
- F5** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(d)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F6** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(e)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F7** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(f)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F8** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(g)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F9** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(h)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2 and S.I. 2020/852, reg. 4(2), Sch. 1 para. 1(m)(ii)); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F10** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(i)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F11** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(j)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F12** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(k)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F13** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(l)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2 and S.I. 2020/1460, **Sch. 3 para. 16(2)**); 2020 c. 1, **Sch. 5 para. 1(1)**
- F14** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/696, Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(m) (as substituted by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment to Extent and Meaning of Market) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/676), regs. 1(1), **4(12)(a)**)
- F15** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(n)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
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- F17** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(o)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F18** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by S.I. 2019/696, Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(p) (as substituted by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment to Extent and Meaning of Market) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/676), regs. 1(1), **4(12)(b)**)

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- F20** Reg. 2(5) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(3)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F21** Reg. 2(7) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 2(3)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- M1** 1974 c.37.
- M2** S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9).
- M3** 1987 c.43.
- M4** S.I. 1999/2001 as amended by S.I. 2002/1267, S.I. 2008/1597, 2012/1809, S.I. 2014/469, S.I. 2015/399.
- M5** OJ No L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 164, as corrected by OJ No L 157, 23.6.2015, p112.
- M6** 1972 c.9.
- M7** OJ No L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 30.
- M8** 1985 c.72; section 69 was amended by the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c.43), Schedule 1, paragraph 4, the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39), Schedule 13, paragraph 144 and the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19), Schedule 16, paragraph 75.

Interpretation **N.I.**

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“the 1974 Act” means the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 ^{F22};

“the 1978 Order” means the Health and Safety at Work (Northern Ireland) Order 1978 ^{F23};

“the 1987 Act” means the Consumer Protection Act 1987 ^{F24};

“the 1999 Regulations” means the Pressure Equipment Regulations 1999 ^{F25};

“accreditation” has the meaning set out in point 10 of Article 2 of RAMS;

“accreditation certificate” means a certificate, issued by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service or a national accreditation body in another [^{F26}relevant state], attesting that a conformity assessment body meets the notified body requirements or the user inspectorate requirements;

“applicant” means any person making an application for a conformity assessment procedure to be carried out by a notified body;

“assembly” means several pieces of pressure equipment assembled by a manufacturer to constitute an integrated and functional whole;

[^{F27}“authorised representative” means a person established [^{F28}in a relevant state] appointed in accordance with regulation 19(1) (manufacturer’s authorised representative);]

“CE marking” means a marking which takes the form set out in Annex II of RAMS (as amended from time to time);

“Commission” means the European Commission;

“conformity assessment” means the process demonstrating whether the essential requirements relating to pressure equipment or assemblies have been fulfilled;

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“designating authority” means the Secretary of State;

“distributor” means any person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer, who makes pressure equipment or an assembly available on the market;

“district council” means a district council within the meaning of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 1972 ^{F30};

“economic operator” means a manufacturer, [^{F31}an authorised representative,] an importer or a distributor;

“enforcing authority” means any person enforcing these Regulations under regulation 67 (enforcement);

“essential safety requirements” means the requirements set out in Schedule 2;

“EU declaration of conformity” means a declaration of conformity drawn up in accordance with regulation 48 (EU declaration of conformity);

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“fluid in Group 2” has the meaning set out in paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 3;

“harmonised standard” has the meaning set out in Article 2(1)(c) of Regulation (EU) 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on European standardisation ^{F32} (as amended from time to time);

“importer” means any person who—

- (a) is established in [^{F33}a relevant state]; and
- (b) places pressure equipment or an assembly from a third country on the [^{F34}relevant] market;

“make available on the market” means the supply of pressure equipment or an assembly for distribution, consumption or use on the [^{F35}relevant] market in the course of a commercial activity, whether in return for payment or free of charge, and related expressions are to be construed accordingly;

“manufacturer” means a person who—

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“Official Journal” means the Official Journal of the European Union;

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- (b) each relevant economic operator has complied, or is complying, with the obligations imposed on them under Part 2 of these Regulations which must be satisfied at or before the time at which they made the pressure equipment or assembly available on the market.

(3) In regulations 16 and 26, “risk” means a risk which could arise from lawful and readily predictable human behaviour.

(4) In the other provisions of these Regulations (except Schedule 2), “risk” means a risk—

- (a) which could arise from lawful and readily predictable human behaviour; and
- (b) which may result in harm to any of the following interests—
 - (i) the health and safety of persons;
 - (ii) domestic animals; or
 - (iii) property.

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(6) In these Regulations, the definition of a manufacturer does not include a private person who manufactures pressure equipment or an assembly on an occasional basis for their own use in a non-commercial context.

[^{F43}(7) In these Regulations (except Part 4 (notification of conformity assessment bodies) and Schedules 4 (notified body requirements) and 6 (operational obligations of notified bodies, recognised third party organisations and user inspectorates)), “notified body” means—

- (a) a notified body within the meaning set out in regulation 51 (notified bodies), or
- (b) a notified body under the laws of any other [^{F44}relevant state] which implement the Directive.]

Extent Information

E2 This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales and Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F22** 1974 c.37.
- F23** S.I. 1978/1039 (N.I. 9).
- F24** 1987 c.43.
- F25** S.I. 1999/2001 as amended by S.I. 2002/1267, S.I. 2008/1597, 2012/1809, S.I. 2014/469, S.I. 2015/399.
- F26** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(a)**
- F27** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (26.12.2017) by The Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1206), regs. 1, **82(2)(a)(i)** (with regs. 3-5, 77)
- F28** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(b)**
- F29** OJ No L 189, 27.6.2014, p. 164, as corrected by OJ No L 157, 23.6.2015, p112.
- F30** 1972 c.9.
- F31** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(c)**
- F32** OJ No L 316, 14.11.2012, p12.
- F33** Words in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(d)(i)**
- F34** Word in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(d)(ii)**
- F35** Word in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(e)(i)**
- F36** Words in reg. 2(1) omitted (26.12.2017) by virtue of The Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1206), regs. 1, **82(2)(a)(ii)** (with regs. 3-5, 77)
- F37** Word in reg. 2(1) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(e)(ii)**
- F38** OJ No L 218, 13.8.2008, p. 30.
- F39** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(1)(f)**
- F40** Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (UK(NI) Indication) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1460), reg. 1(2), **Sch. 2 para. 10(2)**
- F41** 1985 c.72; section 69 was amended by the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 1989 (c.43), Schedule 1, paragraph 4, the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c.39), Schedule 13, paragraph 144 and the Local Government (Wales) Act 1994 (c.19), Schedule 16, paragraph 75.

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- F42** Reg. 2(5) omitted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(2)**
- F43** Reg. 2(7) inserted (26.12.2017) by The Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (S.I. 2017/1206), regs. 1, **82(2)(b)** (with regs. 3-5, 77)
- F44** Words in reg. 2(7)(b) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 2(3)**

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- reg. 2(1) words omitted by [S.I. 2024/490 reg. 2\(2\)\(b\)](#)
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- reg. 2(1) words substituted by [S.I. 2019/696 Sch. 24 para. 2\(2\)\(m\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(m) substituted immediately before IP completion day by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 4(12)(a))
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- reg. 2(1) words substituted in earlier amending provision S.I. 2019/696, Sch. 24 para. 2(2)(c) by [S.I. 2020/852 reg. 4\(2\)Sch. 1 para. 1\(m\)\(i\)](#) (This amendment not applied to legislation.gov.uk. Sch. 1 para. 1(m)(i) omitted immediately before it comes into force by virtue of S.I. 2020/1460, regs. 1(3), Sch. 4 para. 1(3))

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- Sch. 2 para. 21(3)(3A) substituted for Sch. 2 para. 21(3) by [S.I. 2024/490 reg. 2\(4\)\(a\)](#)