



Ready for the New Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23 EC

On 29 November 1999 the Pressure Equipment Directive (PED) came into force. After a transitional period that ends on 29 May 2002 this directive becomes mandatory, i. e. no pressure equipment may then be sold within the European Economic Area (EEA) that does not meet the requirements of the PED.

GESTRA was the first German manufacturer of valves to be certified by Lloyd's Register in December 1999. Since then we have been busy implementing the PED requirements and will soon be able to supply all relevant GESTRA products with the corresponding declaration of conformity and CE marking.

Which GESTRA products must comply?

The PED applies to almost all valves, vessels and safety accessories. However, vessels and valves that are rated for a max. service pressure of 0.5 bar, nominal size < 32 and do not fulfil safety functions are excluded from the scope of this directive. Further exclusions from the PED include pressure equipment covered by other, sometimes even more stringent, EC Directives or international legislation, for instance tank-car valves or valves for nuclear power stations.

How is the PED implemented?

Manufacturers of pressure equipment must have their equipment certified by a notified body such as Lloyd's Register. They are obliged to exactly define, among other things, the application of the equipment and to specify the type of fluid (hazardous or not) for which the equipment is designed. The wrongful issue of declarations of conformity and CE markings is a punishable offence.

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- steam is generated, distributed or used
- fluids flow

- energy saving is possible
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