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Relation to PED: Annex I, 3.1.2	CABF Recommendation
Question:	For pressure equipment in category I, when a conformity assessment procedure from higher categories is chosen (e.g. module B or G), is it required that the operating procedures and personnel for permanent joining are approved by a notified body or a recognized third-party organization and that examinations and tests are performed as set out in the appropriate harmonized standards (or equivalent)?
Answer:	No. It is the category of pressure equipment that defines the approval under Annex I, 3.1.2, not the conformity assessment procedure.
Reason:	For pressure equipment in category I it is not required that the operating procedures and personnel for permanent joining are approved by a notified body or a recognized third-party organization. Moreover, suitable approvals and qualifications that do not necessarily meet the requirements of the appropriate harmonized standards (or equivalent) are also valid. See also PED Guidelines B-11 and B-25.
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