

*Conclusions of
the EU-China Working Group on Pressure Equipment*

The fifth EU-China Pressure Equipment Working Group meeting took place on 19th November 2008 in Brussels.

Both sides did a follow-up of the previous years' actions and most of objectives agreed in last meeting have been achieved. Also, the regulatory developments have been introduced by both sides.

The WG Pressure Equipment has confirmed its commitment to work in close cooperation. Comparative analysis leading to a better mutual understanding of the legal and technical specificities will be pursued. This cooperation will likely enhance the sectorial bilateral commercial relations between China and the European Union and, at the same time, improve the knowledge of the both sides' systems in order to ensure the safety of pressure equipment products.

In particular, a feasibility analysis will be carried out on the comparison of standards.

Furthermore, the relations between the contact points will be enhanced in order to support the exchange of information on new legislation and a better understanding of the reciprocal systems.

The next meeting will be held in China next year.