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Simple Pressure Vessel Directive 87/404/EEC**Guideline related to:** Article 16

Question : According to Article 16, the CE-Mark is followed by the identification number of the notified body who makes the surveillance of production within the EC declaration of conformity.

Can this identification number of the notified body also be affixed to pressure vessels with a product of pressure and volume PS.V not exceeding 200 bar.L, where such surveillance is not mandatory but takes place on agreement between manufacturer and the notified body?

Answer : No.
There shall be no identification number of a notified body behind the CE-mark. The marking shall be according to the following table :

Table: CE-mark and notified bodies identification number:

	Vessels with 50 bar.L < PS.V ≤ 200 bar.L	Vessels with 200 bar.L < PS.V ≤ 3000 bar.L
EC verification (Art. 11)	„CE XXXX“ (CE-mark plus identification number)	„CE XXXX“ (CE-mark plus identification number)
EC declaration of conformity (Art. 12)	„CE“ (CE-mark <u>without</u> identification number)	„CE XXXX“ (CE-mark plus identification number)

Reason : The directive does not require such surveillance for such pressure vessels. It is the wording of the directive that the identification number has to be affixed only in the cases where the surveillance is mandatory.

Note 1: This does not exclude surveillance on a freely agreed basis, but affixing the identification number would confuse and mislead the market surveillance authorities because the surveillance is not part of the procedure required by the directive.

Note 2: In the case of “freely agreed” surveillance, the notified body must not certify compliance with the Articles of the Directive as this is also not part of the procedure required by the directive.

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