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C O N T E N T S**Overview of questions and guidelines concerning the Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC****Chronological development of the guidelines****Foreword**

The requirements for the placing on the market of pressure equipment^{*)} within the European Economic Area are specified in the Pressure Equipment Directive. Following the publication of the Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC (Official Journal of the European Communities L 181 of 9. July 1997), the European Commission has charged the Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum CABF PED/SPV with addressing technical questions concerning the mentioned directive. Administrative topics will be dealt with internally by a Commission Working Group (Working Group Pressure/WGP).

In support of the Commission Working Group, the European Commission has established an additional coordination body, the Working Party Guidelines/WPG.

The cooperation among the before-mentioned bodies is illustrated in Figure 1 (page 2).

The sessions of the Working Group Pressure (WGP) are attended by the representatives of all EU member states, of the European federations, of the Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum CABF PED/SPV as well as of the European Committee for Standardization, CEN.

The Merkblatt shows the current status of the WPG list of questions and guidelines concerning the Pressure Equipment Directive in its version 84 of 21. March 2012.

The current and officially adopted content of the guidelines has been published on the European Commission's website:

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/pressure-and-gas/documents/ped/guidelines/index_en.htm

^{*)} The designation „Pressure equipment“ comprises all pressurized components such as steam boilers, pressure vessels, pipelines and valves.