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The Pressure Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016

PART 2

Obligations of economic operators

Distributors

Requirements which must be satisfied before a distributor makes pressure equipment or assemblies available on the market **E+W+S**

31.—(1) Before making pressure equipment or an assembly referred to in regulation 6 or 7 available on the market, the distributor must verify that—

- (a) the pressure equipment or assembly—
 - (i) bears the [^{F1}UK] marking;
 - (ii) is accompanied by the required documents;
 - [^{F2}(iii) is accompanied by instructions and safety information that are clear, legible and in easily understandable English;]
- (b) the manufacturer has complied with the requirements of regulation 13 (labelling of pressure equipment and assemblies); and
- (c) the importer has complied with the requirements of regulation 23 (information identifying importer).

(2) In paragraph (1)(a)(ii), “required documents” means the documents that the manufacturer or importer is required to provide with pressure equipment or assemblies pursuant to—

- (a) regulation 13 (labelling of pressure equipment and assemblies);
- (b) regulation 23 (information identifying importer);
- (c) regulation 14 or 24 (instructions and safety information); and
- (d) regulation 49 ([^{F3}UK] marking).

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Extent Information

E1 This version of this provision extends to England and Wales and Scotland only; a separate version has been created for Northern Ireland only

Textual Amendments

F1 Word in reg. 31(1)(a)(i) substituted (E. W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, Sch. 24 para. 20(a) (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

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- F2** Reg. 31(1)(a)(iii) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 20(b)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F3** Word in reg. 31(2)(d) substituted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 20(a)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F4** Reg. 31(3) omitted (E.W.S.) (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Product Safety and Metrology etc. (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/696), reg. 1, **Sch. 24 para. 20(c)** (with Sch. 24 para. 41) (as amended by S.I. 2020/676, regs. 1(1), 2); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)

Requirements which must be satisfied before a distributor makes pressure equipment or assemblies available on the market) **N.I.**

31.—(1) Before making pressure equipment or an assembly referred to in regulation 6 or 7 available on the market, the distributor must verify that—

- (a) the pressure equipment or assembly—
 - (i) bears the CE marking;
 - (ii) is accompanied by the required documents;
 - (iii) the instructions and safety information are in a language which can be easily understood by consumers and other users in the [^{F5}relevant state] in which the pressure equipment or assembly is to be made available on the market;
- (b) the manufacturer has complied with the requirements of regulation 13 (labelling of pressure equipment and assemblies); and
- (c) the importer has complied with the requirements of regulation 23 (information identifying importer).

(2) In paragraph (1)(a)(ii), “required documents” means the documents that the manufacturer or importer is required to provide with pressure equipment or assemblies pursuant to—

- (a) regulation 13 (labelling of pressure equipment and assemblies);
- (b) regulation 23 (information identifying importer);
- (c) regulation 14 or 24 (instructions and safety information); and
- (d) regulation 49 (CE marking).

(3) Where the pressure equipment or assembly is made available on the market in [^{F6}Northern Ireland], the language referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(iii) must be English.

Extent Information

- E2** This version of this provision extends to Northern Ireland only; a separate version has been created for England and Wales and Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F5** Words in reg. 31(1)(a)(iii) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 3(1)**
- F6** Words in reg. 31(3) substituted (N.I.) (31.12.2020) by The Pressure Vessels (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/678), reg. 1(b), **Sch. 2 para. 3(2)**

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