

### DESCRIPTION

The European Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC (PED) is the standard to which certain classes of pressure retaining equipment must be built in order to be shipped into the countries that make up the European Economic Area (EEA). HSB Global Standards, through its relationship with HSB International GmbH, is able to offer notified body services to those manufacturers shipping vessels to the EEA. Those countries currently requiring vessels meet the PED requirements are:

Austria	Finland	Latvia	Romania
Belgium	France	Lithuania	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Germany	Luxembourg	Slovenia
Cyprus	Greece	Malta	Spain
Czech Republic	Hungary	Netherlands	Sweden
Estonia	Ireland	Poland	Switzerland*
Denmark	Italy	Portugal	United Kingdom

\*accepts but does not mandate

New European Union member states may be added in the future.

The PED covers the design, manufacture, conformity assessment, and assemblies of pressure equipment with a maximum allowable pressure greater than 0.5 bar (7.25 psig).

### BENEFITS

- **Single Source Inspection Service** – HSB Global Standards can inspect all of your pressure equipment. This eliminates duplicate inspections, manuals, and documentation.
- **Local Presence** – We have local representation in Europe, Asia, and the Americas so you can strategize globally and act locally.
- **Experience** – Our familiarity with ASME Codes and Standards, quality program development, and surveillance activity, along with a working knowledge of many of the country codes, helps you to save time and money while navigating the PED process.

### WHY US?

- **Recognition** – HSB Global Standards is a reputable third party inspection agency, familiar with standards and specifications worldwide.
- **Global Presence** – Our engineers and inspectors around the world allow us to cost-effectively manage complex, multi-site inspections involving a variety of standards.
- **Responsiveness** – We respond quickly to urgent situations that require accelerated project schedules and high levels of responsiveness.
- **Client Focus** – We ensure that the delivered services meet clients' needs and requirements. Services can include everything from incoming material approval to installation and testing.
- **Experience** – HSB Global Standards inspects over a million pieces of equipment, logs over a million hours of inspection time, and visits over 2,000 ASME Code fabrication or repair facilities annually.
- **Involved** – We have existing inspection contracts with most major international boiler and pressure vessel manufacturers and are aware of industry trends and technical advancements.
- **Support** – We are approved to perform inspections to a variety of international codes and standards, and often assist clients with design reviews and product inspections for international use.

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