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**Subject:** Assessment of the gas cylinders for breathing appliances**Question:** Can the gas cylinders for breathing appliances be only PI marked cylinders ?**Answer:**

NO

They shall be CE marked.

In its Preamble 9 and Article 2.1, DESPT excludes the gas cylinders for breathing appliances from its scope.

PI marked cylinders can be used if they have been assessed for conformity to the PED. In that case, they bear double marking, PI and CE.

Comments :

Gas cylinders for breathing appliances may also be covered by RID/ADR, as stated in PED Guideline 1/10 rev.

For example, gas cylinders for breathing appliances containing class 2 gas may be transported filled from a filling centre to a distribution centre ; in that case, they shall meet the RID/ADR provisions. PI marking is one among other means to easily attest that these provisions are met.

It could be thinkable that the gas cylinders for breathing appliances are covered by the exclusion of paragraph 3.19 of the PED ; this is not the case for the following reason : Article 3, paragraph 1.1. a), second dash of the PED gives specific provisions which take precedence on the general provisions given in Article 1 of the PED.

Therefore, gas cylinders for breathing appliances shall be CE marked.

See also Forms CLAP Transport 56 and 57.