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**Subject:** Body in charge of inspection and test operations in the standard

**Question:** How in a standard refer to the body in charge of the inspection and test operations (prototype test, control in fabrication, control at the end of the fabrication, periodic inspection) without any confusion with the concept of the regulatory texts (competent authority or testing or certifying body in RID/ADR, notified or approved body of TPED) ?

**Answer:** It is reminded that the standards shall not, in the normative part, indicate who is qualified to realise the inspections and tests.

NOTE : Only the regulatory texts can specify requirements on this subject and the standard can amplify it only in informative part.

So, it is important to use an adequate vocabulary.

It is proposed :

- in the text of the standard, not to refer to the subject responsible of the describe action; for example, the following sentence : «during the production test, the competent body shall verify if the requirements of articles 2 to 5 are fulfilled» can be replaced by : «during the production test, it shall be verify if the requirements ...»

- if the reference to an «authority» can not be avoided, use the term «competent body» in the text and prepare an informative annex which give the following definition :

"By «competent body», one shall understand the body in charge of verifying the conformity of the equipment to this standard.

In the framework of the regulation on the transport of dangerous goods, this body can be , in function of the module choosen, either a notified body, either an approved body or an internal body of the manufacturer organisation".