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1. According to the 1st paragraph of Annex I, section 4.3, the material manufacturer shall certify, that the delivery complies with the requirement of the specification and the order he has received. This affirmation of compliance shall be stated on or appended to the certificate, whichever type is issued.
2. According to the 2nd paragraph of Annex I, section 4.3 a certificate of specific product control is required for the main pressure-bearing parts of pressure equipment in categories II, III and IV. Account shall be taken of the requirements in 4.1 and 4.2 (a) of Annex I.
3. According to the 3rd paragraph of Annex I, section 4.3 a distinction is made for the material manufacturer's fabrication system: where he has an appropriate quality (assurance) system certified by a competent body established within the Community, and having undergone a specific assessment for materials, an inspection document from the manufacturer is appropriate (see also CLAP 36 - guideline 7/7 and CLAP 114 - orientation 7/16).
4. The general requirements for all other cases are given in the first 2 paragraphs of Annex I, section 4.3.
5. A scheme of the relevant inspection documents when following EN 10204:1991 or EN 10204:2004 is given in the following diagram.

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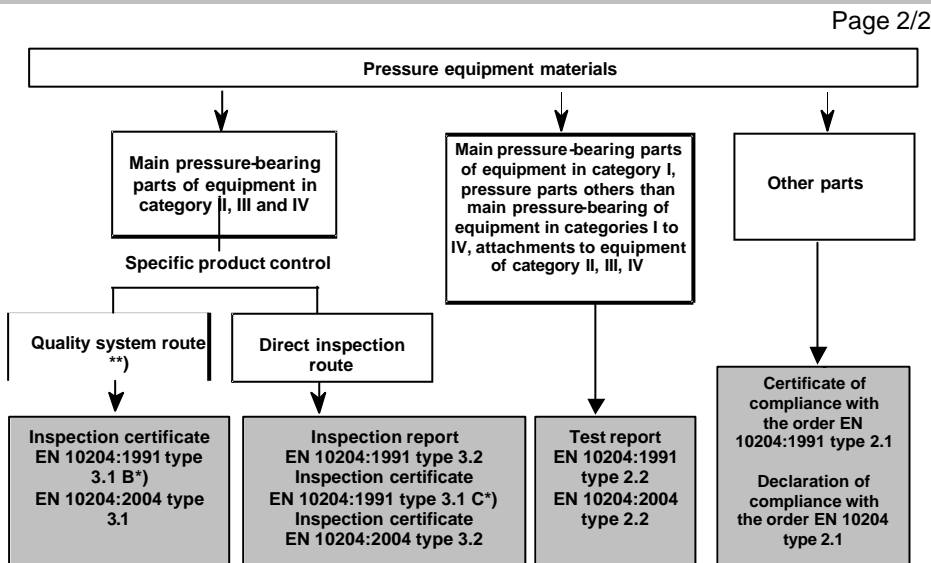
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\*) see also item 1 of the answer

\*\*) see also item 3 of the answer

**Notes**

- 1) An inspection document of a higher level is always acceptable.
- 2) Material from stockists shall be accompanied by inspection documents from the material manufacturer.
- 3) For traceability and transfer of marking, see also CLAP 38 - guideline 7/4.
- 4) For main pressure bearing parts, see also CLAP 84 - guideline 7/6, and for attachments see definition 2.1 of Article 1 of the Directive.
- 5) For components, see CLAP 187 guideline 7/19.
- 6) As regards joining materials, see CLAP 214 - guideline 7/10.
- 7) Previously, the affirmation of compliance was not included in the definition of certificate 3.1.B or 3.1.C according to EN 10204:1991, but is now included in the definition of certificate 3.1 of EN 10204:2004.

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