

Keyword	manufacturer	
	responsability	placing on the market

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Subject: New approach - Definition of manufacturer ("fabricant")

Question: Who is the manufacturer ("fabricant") for the PED ?

Answer: All the new approach directives only states the manufacturer ("fabricant") who is defined in the New approach guide from the Commission as "those who is responsible for designing and manufacturing a product with a view of placing it on the Community market on his own behalf".

In comparison with the present industrial practices, the manufacturer ("fabricant") shall be in a position to actually ensure this responsibility and in particular shall know all information needed to make fundamental choices about design and manufacture of pressure equipment.

In the case where a user or his authorized representative imposes to his supplier some of these fundamental choices, the user or his authorized representative could ensure the corresponding responsibilities.

NOTE 1 : the aim of this answer is to give a technical information to parties concerned by the application of the Directive and not to prejudge of any legal implication for the concept of manufacturer.

NOTE 2 : for the French version of harmonized standard, the word "fabricant" shall be used preferably to the word "constructeur" for the translation of "manufacturer".

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