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EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORY A, B, C, AND G CATEGORY FITTINGS

This Directive is being issued by a provincial safety manager pursuant to section 30 of the Safety Standards Act.

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General Details

This directive supersedes Directive D-B6 070402 3 issued on April 3, 2007 and is being issued to clarify the requirements for exemption of Category A, B, C, and G fittings from registration.

Specific Details

Subsection 84(2) of the Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel and Refrigeration Safety Regulation (the Regulation) requires that fittings be registered with a provincial safety manager of the BC Safety Authority. Subsection 84(8) of the Regulation allows the Safety Manager to exempt fittings from registration.

The exemption of fittings from registration shall apply only to piping components complying with the standards and specifications listed in the ASME B31 Pressure Piping Codes and to certified pressure relief devices complying with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Codes.

The registration exemption shall apply to specific fittings in categories A, B, C, and G:

Category A

- Pipe fittings, including couplings, tees, elbows, wyes, plugs, unions, nipples, pipe caps, and reducers complying with a standard listed in Table 126.1 of ASME B31.1, Table 326.1 of ASME B31.3, Table 526.1 of ASME B31.5, or Table 926.1 of ASME B31.9

Category B

- Flanges complying with a standard listed in Table 126.1 of ASME B31.1, Table 326.1 of ASME B31.3, Table 526.1 of ASME B31.5, or Table 926.1 of ASME B31.9

Category C

- Valves complying with a standard listed in Table 126.1 of ASME B31.1, Table 326.1 of ASME B31.3, Table 526.1 of ASME B31.5, or Table 926.1 of ASME B31.9

Category G

- Pressure-relief devices marked with an ASME or NB stamp

Pursuant to the power granted to the provincial Safety Manager under subsection 84(8) of the

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Regulation, it is hereby directed that only category A, B, C, and G fittings, as described above, are exempt from the registration requirements of Subsection 84(2) of the Regulation. This directive is effective immediately.

Nonstandard or unlisted piping components not complying with the specifications and standards listed the ASME B31 Code for Pressure Piping or pressure relief devices not in compliance with the requirements of the ASME Boiler and Pressure Vessel Code, shall be registered in accordance with Section 84(2) by submitting the documentation specified in CSA B51 section 4.2.6(b).

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Ed Hurd".

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Provincial Safety Manager, Boilers

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References: Relevant Legislation

Power Engineers, Boiler, Pressure Vessel & Refrigeration Safety Regulation

84 (1) For this section, "pressure retaining equipment" means a boiler or pressure vessel, or pressure piping system.

(2) The design of all boilers, pressure vessels, fittings and pressure piping, to which this regulation applies, must be registered with a provincial safety manager.

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply to pressure piping that is
(a) NPS 3 or less, or
(b) in a fluid plant.

(4) To register a design, the owner, licensed contractor, consulting engineer, manufacturer or designer of the pressure retaining equipment must submit, for review by a provincial safety manager, an application containing all drawings, design specifications, calculations and codes of conformance as required by a provincial safety manager.

(5) Registration of pressure retaining equipment must be obtained before construction is commenced.

(6) If, in the opinion of a provincial safety manager, a design registered under subsection (2) is subsequently found to be defective in any detail, the design must be revised by the person



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who submitted the design and those revisions must be approved by the provincial safety manager.

(7) The registration of a pressure retaining equipment design does not relieve the equipment manufacturer of liability for the design and construction of the pressure retaining equipment.

(8) A provincial safety manager may exempt fitting designs from registration under subsection (2).