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What is the situation with respect to welder approvals and/or welding procedure certification issued prior to the coming into force of the PED?

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Two different scenarios apply:

- 1. Welder approvals and/or welding procedure certification issued by an organisation that has, since undertaking the approval and/or issuing the procedure certification, been granted Notified Body or Third Party status under the PED.**

The organisation which issued original welding approval and/or welding procedure certification is to re-validate approval/certification in accordance with PED requirements in its capacity as a Notified Body or Third Party.

If an organisation revalidates Certification previously produced by another Notified Body or approved Third Party it then accepts responsibility for this and would do this only in cases where relevant requirements of BS EN 287-1/BS EN ISO 9606 Series / BS EN ISO 15614-1 Series have been shown to be met.

- 2. Welder approvals and/or welding procedure certification issued by an organisation that has not been granted Notified Body or Third Party status under the PED.**

Welding approval and/or welding procedures are not valid. Welders and/or procedures that are to be used in support of the manufacture of pressure equipment in categories II, III and IV will have to be approved by either a Notified Body or a Third Party organisation recognised by a member state.