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## **Draft order modifying the order of 24 March 1978 regulating the use of welding in the construction and repair of pressure vessels.**

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**5. Title**

Draft order modifying the order of 24 March 1978 regulating  
the use of welding in the construction and repair of pressure  
vessels.

**6. Products Concerned**

All steam and gas pressure vessels falling within the scope  
of French regulations.

**7. Notification Under Another Act**

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**8. Main Content**

It is intended that four amendments shall be made to the  
order of 24 March 1978:

- to article 15, for austenitic and austenoferritic  
stainless steel, to increase the limit above which the use  
of welding for the manufacture or the repair of a pressure  
vessel requires special dispensation, from 900 N/mm  
squared to 1000 N/mm squared.
- to article 17 a), to introduce the reference to European  
standard EN 287-1 relating to the qualification of welders  
in place of the former French standard NF A 88-110. To  
take note of the major opening up of the proposed wording  
towards Europe since any standard from another Member  
State of the EEC transposing the European standard is  
acceptable.
- to appendix II, in order to both introduce the references  
to the European standards and to extend the possibility of  
using the welding coefficient 1 to more varied products,  
in particular to those, in accordance with foreign  
standards, permitted for a particular use by any  
construction code approved by the minister responsible for



industry.

- to appendix III in order to introduce the possibility of interpreting the image quality of x-rays with the threaded IQI (Image Quality Indicator) and no longer just with the step wedge IQI.

### **9. Brief Statement of Grounds**

The first of the amendments given above is necessary due to the increase in the number of requests for special dispensations caused by the arrival on the market of weldable steels with greater mechanical properties (austenoferritic in particular).

The next two are directly related to the progress in work on European standards in the fields of steels and welding, as well as a willingness to open up the possibility of using the welding coefficient 1 to a larger number of iron and steel products (due once again to the progress noted in the quality of the standards).

The final amendment arises from a desire to include recognition of practices in force in other Member States.

### **10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts**

Order of 24 March 1978.

### **11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

No

### **12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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