

APPROVAL OF PERMANENT JOINING PERSONNEL

1. PURPOSE OF SERVICE

Service proposed by Bureau Veritas consists in the review and record for the approval of permanent joining personnel.

The service shall be performed in compliance with the contract entered between Bureau Veritas and the Client and/or the Bureau Veritas General Terms and Conditions of Service.

2. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The scope consists in approving a permanent joining procedure qualification or personnel in charge of permanent joining carried out according to reference (s) listed in the contract.

3. APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS

This approval will be issued subject to compliance with the essential safety requirement specified in:

- Alinea 3, 4 & 5 of § 3.1.2 of Appendix 1 of directive 2014/68/UE, according article R557-9 of Environmental Code
- any other local applicable regulatory rules

The particular conditions of the contract specify the reference framework chosen and the conditions of service of the equipment for which approval is envisaged.

4. PERFORMANCE OF SERVICE

The BV inspector ensures that:

- the qualification of the welding procedure, has been issued by a recognized third party entity or a Notified Body under the Directive concerned,
- all the tests provided in accordance with the corresponding harmonized standard (or equivalent recognized standard) have been carried out under the supervision of Notified Body and are satisfactory and correspond to the conditions of use of the equipment concerned, included additional test if required.

Appropriate and sufficient additional tests (destructive and nondestructive) (to determine the same field of technological properties as that contained in the harmonized standards) may have to be carried out additionally. In such case, these additional tests will be carried out:

- on the original test piece,
- or on a test coupon made under the same conditions as the original test specimen (including heat treatment if any) in the presence of the Bureau Veritas representative.

5. APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT

When signing the contract, the APPLICANT makes the following commitments:

- Provide all necessary means to ensure safety and security of personnel;
- Prior to the intervention, the Applicant sends Bureau Veritas the necessary documents for the approval (operating procedure, test report, material certificate, etc.) in digital format (PDF).
- In case of additional tests, the Applicant provides the materials (base and filler), the consumables, the human resources and the material resources necessary for carrying out the qualification tests.
- In the event that the destructive tests are supported by the Applicant, the Applicant, its laboratory, or its subcontractor send a copy of the test reports in electronic format to BUREAU VERITAS. The Applicant undertakes to guarantee direct access to the original report in electronic version, from the test laboratory upon request from BUREAU VERITAS.

6. BUREAU VERITAS DELIVERABLES

If all requirements are met, the approval of permanent joining procedure or personnel in charge of permanent assembly is indicated by one of the following means:

- presence of statement indicating its compliance with the essential safety requirements of the applicable reference system for the qualification concerned,
- issuance of approval certificate mentioning any additional test carried out.

The certificates and associated annexes are provided in one electronic copy (pdf) and, unless otherwise indicated, in English. They are sent by e-mail, equivalent to a delivery note. They are considered accepted if no comments are made in writing within two weeks of their delivery.

7. PERIOD OF VALIDITY

The approval granted is valid as long as:

- The harmonized standard used for the achievement of the qualification is applicable according to the official journal of the European Union
- The qualification of permanent joining procedure remains used in the conditions for which the approval was pronounced
- The qualification of personnel in charge of permanent joining has not expired.

The use of the approval issued is the responsibility of the Customer.

8. RENEWAL

As per applicable standard.

9. LIMITS OF THE PRESENT SERVICE

Bureau Veritas will not establish WPS content used during tests, which is the sole responsibility of client.

Bureau Veritas' responsibility shall not be engaged in case of the certificate is misused or misapplied, such as when used outside of the approval range.

Qualification certificate cannot be considered as final approval for specific regulation (e.g. Pressure Equipment Directive).

10. PREREQUISITES

Applicant must have license of welder according to Greek Legislation.