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European foreword

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EN 12952, *Water-tube boilers and auxiliary installations* consists of the following parts:

- *Part 1: General;*
- *Part 2: Materials for pressure parts of boilers and accessories;*
- *Part 3: Design and calculation for pressure parts of the boiler;*
- *Part 4: In-service boiler life expectancy calculations;*
- *Part 5: Workmanship and construction of pressure parts of the boiler;*
- *Part 6: Inspection during construction; documentation and marking of pressure parts of the boiler;*
- *Part 7: Requirements for equipment for the boiler;*
- *Part 8: Requirements for firing systems for liquid and gaseous fuels for the boiler;*
- *Part 9: Requirements for firing systems for pulverized solid fuels for the boiler;*
- *Part 10: Requirements for safeguards against excessive pressure;*
- *Part 11: Requirements for limiting devices of the boiler and accessories;*
- *Part 12: Requirements for boiler feedwater and boiler water quality;*
- *Part 13: Requirements for flue gas cleaning systems;*
- *Part 14: Requirements for flue gas DENOX-systems using liquefied pressurized ammonia and ammonia water solution;*
- *Part 15: Acceptance tests;*
- *Part 16: Requirements for grate and fluidized-bed firing systems for solid fuels for the boiler;*
- *Part 17: Guideline for the involvement of an inspection body independent of the manufacturer;*
- *Part 18: Operating instructions.*

Although these parts can be obtained separately, it should be recognized that the parts are inter-dependent. As such, the design and manufacture of water-tube boilers requires the application of more than one part in order for the requirements of the standard to be satisfactorily fulfilled.

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1 Scope

This document gives guidance for the involvement of an inspection body independent of the manufacturer of shell boilers as defined in EN 12952-1.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 12952-1,¹ *Water-tube boilers and auxiliary installations — Part 1: General*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12952-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Guidance

4.1 General

The manufacturer ensures that this document, including inspection and testing activities, is fully applied. If a CE marking is sought, it is a requirement of Directive 2014/68/EU that (in many cases) there is a supplementary involvement of a responsible authority to ensure the requirements of Directive 2014/68/EU are met.

The kind and extent of responsible authority involvement in inspection and testing activities will depend upon the conformity assessment procedure chosen by the manufacturer. For each appropriate conformity assessment procedure the participation is described in this CEN technical report.

For the purpose of this document, a definition of Responsible Authorities is given in EN 12952-1 (3.6).

The involvement of responsible authorities is recognized by this document as indicated below:

- a) in connection with conformity assessment requirements;
- b) arising from the complexity of the technical requirements.

4.2 Conformity assessment modules

Boilers are classified by category.

NOTE See the conformity assessment Table 5 of Directive 2014/68/EU Annex II.

Most likely, the categories III and IV apply to water tube boilers due to their size and operational parameters in common industrial applications.

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Therefore the conformity assessment modules B (production type) + D or B (design type) + F or G or H1 are applicable. The following key requirements are assigned to those modules:

- A Made under the manufacturer's own responsibility
- A1 The manufacturer's own responsibility but final assessment is monitored by the Notified Body.
- B The manufacturer establishes a EC Type Examination Certificate with the Notified Body.
- B1 The manufacturer establishes a EC Design Examination Certificate with the Notified Body.
- C1 Made to conform to a EC Type Examination Certificate with manufacture monitored by the Notified Body.
- D The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System and conforms to either a EC Design Examination or EC Type Examination Certificate.
- D1 The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System, and manufactures without the use of a EC Design Examination or EC Type Examination Certificate.
- E The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System and conforms to a EC Type Examination Certificate.
- E1 The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System, without a EC Type Examination Certificate.
- F Made to either a EC Type or Design Examination Certificate with each pressurized equipment being examined by the Notified Body.
- G The manufacturer selects the notified body. The Notified Body carries out the examinations on each pressurized equipment.
- H The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System for each pressurized equipment.
- H1 The manufacturer uses an approved Quality System. The Notified Body issues a EC Design Examination Certificate and takes part in the final assessment of the pressurized equipment.

4.3 Technical complexity

Where the technical requirements are complex and no clearly defined procedure is given in this EN 12952, it is the convention within the boiler industry for the manufacturer to prepare procedures based on his own experience proposing how the design/manufacture proceed. In such cases the proposals are normally submitted to the RA for appraisal. Such appraisal will normally be completed at the initial design stage, but it is recognized that similar proposals can be needed to introduce design modifications and/or to accommodate concessions (deviations) during the manufacturing stage. These latter proposals also form part of the design/type appraisal procedure.

5 Conformity assessment activities

The extent of RA involvement will depend upon the conformity assessment procedure adopted by the manufacturer. The assumed involvement of the RA for each appropriate conformity assessment module, is shown in Annex B for category IV steam boilers. For category III steam boilers appropriate modules can be chosen. For the guidance of the manufacturer, examples for the following certificates are given in Clause Annex B: Manufacturer's Declaration of Conformity, Responsible Authority's Certificate of Conformity, EU-type examination certificate – production type, EU-type examination certificate – design type, Responsible Authority's Surveillance and Inspection Report.

It is to be noted that for the modules subject to the EU-type examination procedure (B (production type) + D and B (design type) + F), with the issue of the EU-type examination certificate, no further design

examination is required for the subsequently manufactured components. However, surveillance or inspection is required during the manufacturing stage as indicated in Annex B.

6 Subcontracting

An entity is responsible for the fabrication and installation processes, which can involve subcontracting to other fabricators and/or installers. In instances where the manufacturer produces equipment under a conformity assessment procedure requiring the involvement of a responsible authority, the authority is informed of any subcontracting plans. This allows the authority to monitor the subcontractor's activities.

Where the manufacturer (or competent entity) is producing the equipment under a conformity assessment procedure based on quality assurance, e.g. D, H, H1, the controls apply over subcontractors are described in his appropriate quality system.

7 EU-type examination – Modules B (production type) + D and B (design type) + F

7.1 General

The manufacturer submits an application for EU-type examination to the responsible authority and enclose the design and manufacturing schedules in accordance with 7.2. Additionally, a sample of the product is made available for examination.

The criteria for type approval is the edition of EN 12952-6 current on the date when the type approval was requested or when any subsequent modifications are proposed.

7.2 Information for the product type approval schedule

For each water-tube boiler component, the design and manufacturing schedule can contain exemplarily:

- a) the name of the boiler component manufacturer;
- b) technical documentation giving a general description of the type including:
 - 1) the boiler component, giving a clear understanding of its design basis including design calculations. A general arrangement drawing showing its parts, connection points, any safety accessories such as safety valves, pressure gauges, thermocouples;
 - 2) the design pressure and test pressure;
 - 3) the design temperature;
 - 4) the intended mode of operation;
 - 5) type and effects of heating systems;
 - 6) test reports;