

Reference No: <b>CABF-R-054</b>	Conformity Assessment Bodies Forum PED/SPVD (CABF) <b>CABF</b>
Relation to PED: <b>PED Annex I, No. 3.1.2</b>	<b>CABF Recommendation</b>
<b>Question:</b>	Are approvals of operating procedures for permanent joints, based on a harmonized standard which is no longer in force to date, still adequate for demonstrating compliance with ESR 3.1.2 for a new manufacture, regardless the publication of a new harmonized standard in the OJ?
<b>Answer:</b>	Yes, provided that the requirements of both the applied product standard and the standard applied for the qualification of the procedure are met.
<b>Reason:</b>	EN ISO 15614-1:2004 +A2:2012 (currently the harmonized standard listed in the OJ) states in the introduction "All new welding procedure tests are to be carried out in accordance with this standard from the date of its issue. However, this European Standard does not invalidate previous welding procedure tests made to former national standards or specifications or previous issues of this standard. Where additional tests have to be carried out to make the qualification technically equivalent, it is only necessary to do the additional tests on a test piece which should be made in accordance with this standard."
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