

The European Pressure Equipment Directive DGRL 2014/68/EU has been definitively in effect since 19 July 2016, thereby taking on a legal character in the EU Area.

We present our standpoint as follows:

The EU directive DGLR/2014/68/EU sets forth clear demarcations explicitly in the case of piping systems and the components thereof. These demarcations are derived in particular from the product of nominal size (DN) and maximum admissible pressure (PS). The significance for SERTO is concretely:

- In compliance with DGLR/2014/68/EU pipings with $DN < 25$ (\cong pipe outside diameter 28 mm) have to be designed and manufactured (including manufacturer's identification on the product) according to sound engineering practice. Also stipulated as mandatory is that these unions are not allowed to bear the CE mark.
- According to DGLR/2014/68/EU pipings with $DN \geq 25$ theoretically need a CE marking and a declaration of conformity.

Consequently: SERTO unions are not subject to the CE marking obligation.

In addition, in the opinion of the EU Commission and applicable legal practice the manufacturer of machines himself carries the responsibility for the selection of the parts which he installs in the machine.

In case of doubt, you, as a customer who needs a CE mark or a declaration of conformity according to EU Directives, are required to ensure that accessory parts which are not subject to the Directives comply with the rules of the technical art with regard to safety. In our case this can be confirmation or licensing by a recognized institution.

For our product range, in the future other relevant guidelines can naturally also be of significance, possibly in markets with high requirements on hygiene or safety etc. On the basis of the very wide spectrum of application possibilities of our products however, this must be specified by you in detail in each individual case.

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