

REGISTRATION OF NATURAL AND LIQUEFIED PETROLEUM GAS EQUIPMENT WITH THE SAFE GAS EQUIPMENT SCHEME AS PER THE PRESSURE EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

1. The Pressure Equipment Regulations (PER) intrinsically, under various regulations contained within, makes reference to the safe use, application and installation of gas equipment.
2. The Department of Labour has mandated the South African Pipeline Gas Association (SAPGA) to administer the registration on its behalf of all Industrial Thermo Processing Equipment that operates above 0,5GJ/h for Natural Gas and above 10kg/h for Liquefied Petroleum Gas.
3. From a regulatory perspective identified pressure equipment as per the scope of the Safe Gas Equipment Scheme (SGES) needs to be registered with the scheme and a permit obtained for the equipment before the equipment is supplied to users.
4. Failing to register equipment with the scheme will be regarded as being in non-compliance to the PER and immediately reported to Department of Labour, Department of Trade and Industry including SARS Customs.
5. Importers, Suppliers, Manufacturers and Gas Practitioners need to take cognizance of the requirements stipulated in the regulations especially with respect to the duties of Users within the PER.
6. Gas Practitioners are guided by Codes of Good Practice and Conduct inclusive adherence to specific instructions as to the issuing of CoC's for gas installations where SAPGA permits for equipment are available or not.

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7. Gas Practitioners are prohibited from making any form of reference within the CoC to the SGES such as 'pending, waiting approval', 'in process of registration', 'permit in process' or any similar or adverse reasons unless paragraph 8 below is taken into consideration.
8. Where Importers, Suppliers and Manufacturers have submitted applications to the SAPGA SGES Committee for review then it should be deemed to be applications in progress and a letter of confirmation to the effect is obtained from SAPGA and attached to the CoC as proof of process. The User will need to be informed by the applicant as to the outcome of the SGES review process .
9. The Labour Inspectors are well aware of the PER and SGES requirements and as such will observe the compliance to both.
10. Importers, Suppliers, Manufacturers, Users and Gas Practitioners are notified of the SGES and required to ensure compliance to the PER and SGES thereby maintaining best practices and a safer environment.

Please contact SAPGA Offices on 011 4312016 or 011 4764403 should you require further information in this regard.

Yours in Safety



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