

AQUA-GAS AVK LTD

Re : Pressure Equipment Directive 97/23/EC

This statement relates to products manufactured within our UK Group of Companies.

a) Products for the Water Industry

We operate manufacturing plants at Corby Northants, Hellaby South Yorks, and at Hyde Cheshire.

The products manufactured at these factories for the Water Industry are **EXCLUDED** from the scope of the PED and associated UK Regulations and therefore do **NOT** require a C.E. mark to be affixed.

This exclusion is contained in Para. 3.2 of the Official Journal L181 Vol. 40, and in the DTI publication "Product Standards – Pressure Equipment – Guidance Notes on the UK Regulations – Nov.'99" under Annex A "Equipment **EXCLUDED** from the scope of the regulations" which states: " Networks for the supply, distribution and discharge of water and associated equipment and headraces such as penstocks, pressure tunnels, pressure shafts for hydroelectric installations and their related specific accessories".

b) Products for the Gas Industry

We operate manufacturing plants at Bryan Donkin Valves Limited, Chesterfield and at Hyde Cheshire.

The majority of products manufactured at these factories for the Gas Industry fall within the scope of the PED.

In general, product of 25mm or 1in. and below, and those with a maximum pressure rating of 1/2 barg are **NOT** within the scope of the directive and as such will not be certified.

A management team are currently assessing and implementing new working practices, and proving the design of products in line with the directive so that from July 2001 and onwards, products will become Certified (and identified as such) with the aim to complete all relevant Certification by April 2002.