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INTERPRETATION
Quality Management Systems for Welder Performance Qualification Testing

This information bulletin replaces IB25-020, which has been withdrawn.

A quality management system, satisfactory to the Administrator, is required for a person to act as a welder testing organization under Section 21 of the Pressure Welders Regulation AR 169/2002 (PWR). The Administrator has deemed that a certificate of authorization permit, as described in Section 11 of the Pressure Equipment Safety Regulation (PESR), is required for a person to act as a testing organization under Section 21 of the PWR. Applications for such a permit are subject to Section 12 of the PESR. Permit holders' duties are set out in Section 13.

This Information Bulletin establishes that ABSA document AB-540 "*Quality Management System Requirements for Welder Performance Qualification Testing*" Edition 1, Revision 2, Issued 2026-07-13, specifies information required by the Administrator from an organization that applies for a certificate of authorization permit as required under Section 11; and specifies features of a quality management system that may be acceptable to the Administrator, as provided for under Sections 12 and 13 of the PESR.

Organizations applying for the first time for a certificate of authorization permit are required to meet the requirements of the current AB-540 document prior to the certification.

Organizations which currently hold a certificate of authorization permit are required to meet the requirements of the current AB-540 document and will be audited accordingly during re-certification.

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