

Dear Clients and Associates,

In accordance with our commitment to continuous improvement and alignment with the latest standards and regulations, we are informing you of significant modifications to the personnel certification schemes for brazing – ŠS.WI.04. The revision of these schemes was conducted to address changes in national standards and to clarify their application depending on the purpose of certification.

➤ **Key changes to the certification schemes:**

The primary change involves the introduction of two parallel certification pathways within the SS.WI.04 scheme, based on the end-use application

- **Certification for notified body purposes concerning Pressure Equipment:** For candidates requiring a certificate to demonstrate a “presumption of conformity” with the Rulebook on Pressure Equipment, brazing personnel certification will continue to be conducted in accordance with the SRPS EN ISO 13585:2013 standard, as listed in the current registry of harmonized standards published in the “Sl. glasnik RS”, br. 85/2024.
- **Certification for general (voluntary) application:** For all other candidates, brazing personnel certification will be conducted in accordance with the currently valid standard published by the Institute for Standardization of Serbia (ISS), which is SRPS EN ISO 13585:2024.

➤ **Status of Existing Certificates:**

All certificates issued prior to the effective date of these changes remain valid until the expiration date specified on them. Existing certificates are deemed valid under the rules and standards that were in force at the time of their issuance.

➤ **Transition Period:**

A clear transition plan has been established to ensure a seamless shift to the revised schemes:

- **For new certifications:** Starting from 20.03.2026, all new certification applications must clearly define the intended purpose (pressure equipment or general application), which will determine the applicable edition of the standard to be used.
- **For renewals – recertifications:** When renewing an existing certificate (extending its validity), the certificate holder will undergo the recertification process in accordance with the revised scheme. This means that the renewal process for an existing certificate will be conducted according to the edition of the standard under which the certificate was originally issued.
- **Voluntary transition:** A holder of a valid certificate may, prior to its expiration, submit a request for certification under the new edition of the standard (SRPS EN ISO 13585:2024). In this case, the candidate must pass the complete qualification examination according to the requirements of the new standard edition.