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## Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure

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Part 1: Safety valves

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## Annex ZA (informative)

### Relationship between this European Standard and the essential requirements of Directive 2014/68/EU (Pressure equipment Directive) aimed to be covered

This European Standard has been prepared under a Commission's standardization request M/071 to provide one voluntary means of conforming to essential requirements of Directive 2014/68/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 15 May 2014 on the harmonization of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of pressure equipment.

Once this standard is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of this standard given in Table ZA.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of this standard, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

**Table ZA.1 — Correspondence between this European Standard and Directive 2014/68/EU**

Essential Requirements of Directive 2014/68/EU (PED)	Clause(s)/sub-clause(s) of this EN	Remarks/Notes
Annex I, 2.3	5.1.5	Provisions to ensure safe handling and operation
Annex I, 2.5	5.1.6	Means of draining and venting
Annex I, 2.11.1	Clauses 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	Safety accessories
Annex I, 3.2.2	6.3	Proof test

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## Foreword

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ISO 4126 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure*:

- *Part 1: Safety valves*
- *Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices*
- *Part 3: Safety valves and bursting disc safety devices in combination*
- *Part 4: Pilot operated safety valves*
- *Part 5: Controlled safety pressure relief systems (CSPRS)*
- *Part 6: Application, selection and installation of bursting disc safety devices*
- *Part 7: Common data*
- *Part 9: Application and installation of safety devices excluding stand-alone bursting disc safety devices*
- *Part 10: Sizing of safety valves for gas/liquid two-phase flow*
- *Part 11: Performance testing<sup>1)</sup>*

Part 7 contains data that is common to more than one of the parts of ISO 4126 to avoid unnecessary repetition.

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# Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure —

## Part 1: Safety valves

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 4126 specifies general requirements for safety valves irrespective of the fluid for which they are designed.

It is applicable to safety valves having a flow diameter of 4 mm and above which are for use at set pressures of 0,1 bar gauge and above. No limitation is placed on temperature.

This is a product standard and is not applicable to applications of safety valves.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 4126-7:2013, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 7: Common data*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **safety valve**

valve which automatically, without the assistance of any energy other than that of the fluid concerned, discharges a quantity of the fluid so as to prevent a predetermined safe pressure being exceeded, and which is designed to re-close and prevent further flow of fluid after normal pressure conditions of service have been restored

Note 1 to entry: The valve can be characterized either by pop action (rapid opening) or by opening in proportion (not necessarily linear) to the increase in pressure over the set pressure.

#### 3.2

##### **direct loaded safety valve**

safety valve in which the loading due to the fluid pressure underneath the valve disc is opposed only by a direct mechanical loading device such as a weight, lever and weight, or spring

#### 3.3

##### **assisted safety valve**

safety valve which, by means of a powered assistance mechanism, may additionally be lifted at a pressure lower than the set pressure and will, even in the event of failure of the assistance mechanism, comply with all the requirements for safety valves given in ISO 4126