

This datasheet provides some information about specifying and inspection authorities.

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Inspection Authorities - What are they?:

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BSI	British Standards Institute – Note: BS = British Standard EN = Euronorm (European Standard) BSEN = British Standard conforming to Euronorm
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
ASTM	American Society for Testing & Materials
AISI	American Iron & Steel Institute
ASME	American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ISO	International Standards Organisation
AFNOR	French Standards Organisation
DIN	German Standards Organisation
JSA	Japanese Standards Authority – Issues JIS Standards
MSS	Manufacturers Standardisation Society – Valve & Fittings Industry
SMS	Swedish Standards
UNI	Italian Standards

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Initials	Name/Notes
UKAS	The UK Authority that issues licenses to inspection authorities
Lloyds	A UK body, originally set up to inspect ships but now handling all products
DNV	Det Norske Veritas – The Norwegian equivalent of Lloyds
SGS	Surveillance General Services – The French equivalent of Lloyds
British Engine	Originally set up to inspect boilers and pressure vessale