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This Standard was prepared by Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME/1, Pressure Equipment to supersede in part AS 3920.1—1993, *Assurance of product quality, Part 1: Pressure equipment manufacture*.

AS 3920.1 will be superseded by two Standards as follows:

- (a) This Standard which incorporates Appendix B of AS 3920.1 as the basis for Section 2 on hazard levels.
- (b) A Standard on conformity assurance which is in the course of preparation at the time of publication of this Standard.

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In determining and allocating the hazard level values, input has been received from regulatory authorities, and the practices adopted in industrialized countries, and those proposed by the European Union Pressure Equipment Directive have been taken into account.

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