W=Part containing requirements for welding procedure, welder, and welding operator qualifications.

131=Major division within the part.

131.1=Specific subparagraph within the part.

- (c) When a paragraph or a section of the regulations in this part relates to material in section IX of the ASME Code, the relationship with the code will be shown immediately following the heading of the section or at the beginning of the paragraph as follows:
- (1) (Modifies Q______.) This indicates that the material in Q_____ is generally applicable but is being altered, amplified or augmented.
- (2) (Replaces $Q_{\underline{}}$.) This indicates that $Q_{\underline{}}$ does not apply.
- (3) (Reproduces $Q_{\underline{}}$.) This indicates that $Q_{\underline{}}$ is being identically reproduced for convenience, not for emphasis.

[CGFR 68-82, 33 FR 18872, Dec. 18, 1968, as amended by CGFR 69-127, 35 FR 9980, June 17, 1970; CGD 74-102, 40 FR 27460, June 30, 1975. Redesignated by CGD 88-032, 56 FR 35823, July 29, 1991; CGD 95-012, 60 FR 48050, Sept. 18, 1995]

§ 57.02-3 Performance qualifications issued by other agencies.

(a) Within the limits of the qualification tests passed, the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, may accept welders who have been qualified by other agencies of the Federal Government; by the American Bureau of Shipping; or by the fabricator concerned, provided the fabricator's tests have been certified by an authorized Code inspector as defined in paragraphs PG-91, N-612, HG-515.2, or UG-91 of the ASME Code.

[CGFR 68-82, 33 FR 18872, Dec. 18, 1968. Redesignated by CGD 88-032, 56 FR 35832, July 29, 1991]

§ 57.02-4 Fabricator's responsibility.

(a) (Replaces QW 103 and QB 103). Each manufacturer or contractor is responsible for the welding and brazing done by his organization and shall conduct tests required in this part to qualify the welding and brazing procedures used and the performance of welders and brazers who apply these procedures. The manufacturer shall bear the expense of conducting the tests. Each manufacturer shall maintain a record

of the test results obtained in welding and brazing procedure and welder and brazer performance qualifications. These required records, together with identification data, shall be maintained by the manufacturer or contractor on the recommended forms illustrated in QW 480 and QB 480 of section IX, ASME Code, or on any other form acceptable to the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection. Upon request, duplicate forms shall be furnished by the manufacturer or contractor to the marine inspector.

(b) Except as otherwise provided for in §57.02-2, the fabricator shall notify the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, prior to conducting performance or procedure qualification tests, and arrange a suitable time and place for conducting the tests, so that a marine inspector may be present.

[CGFR 68-82, 33 FR 18872, Dec. 18, 1968, as amended by CGD 74-102, 40 FR 27460, June 30, 1975. Redesignated by CGD 88-032, 56 FR 35823, July 29, 1991]

§ 57.02-5 Filler metals.

- (a) Except as provided for in paragraph (b) of this section, when filler metal is used in a welded fabrication that is required to meet the requirements of this part the filler metal must be one that has been approved by the American Bureau of Shipping.
- (b) In instances where a fabricator desires to use a filler metal which has not been approved by the American Bureau of Shipping the approval of the filler metal can be made by the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection on the basis of the fabricator passing the weld procedure qualification tests as outlined in this part. This alternate means of approval applies to wire-gas and wire-flux combinations as well as to stick electrodes. Filler metal approvals given in this manner will extend only to the specific fabricator to whom they are granted.

[CGD 74-102, 40 FR 27460, June 30, 1975. Redesignated by CGD 88-032, 56 FR 35823, July 29, 1991