Information on the Machinery Directive’s application to equipment produced by GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG

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The pneumatic and electrical valves of the company GEMÜ Gebr. Müller Apparatebau GmbH & Co. KG are subject to the Machinery Directive and are treated as partly completed machinery. Our products are designed solely to be installed in a plant or in piping. Only then are all safety precautions of the product (for example due to the risk of crushing) ensured and the product can exercise its actual function, which is the channelling and control of media within the piping.

Even the mounting of a controller, which affects the position of the valve, requires a set value, which must be separately installed. As a result, it is the installation of the setpoint device with the control valve, even if the setpoint device is from GEMÜ, that makes a complete machine out of our products; it is the customer’s responsibility to evaluate the conformity of this machine.

Being partly completed machinery, all pneumatic and electrical valves are assigned a declaration of incorporation in the respective operating instructions. The required installation instructions are integrated in the operating instructions. These products, as partly completed machinery, are not accredited a CE mark on account of the Machinery Directive. A CE mark may be applied on the basis of another CE directive (e.g. Pressure Equipment Directive, ATEX, EMC or Low Voltage Directive).

Manually operated valves are not subject to the Machinery Directive. These should not be assigned a declaration of conformity or a declaration of incorporation. They are not permitted to bear a CE mark.

Manually operated valves may be subject to a different directive (e.g. Pressure Equipment Directive). Then, depending on the nominal size of the valve, they will receive a CE mark and other markings if necessary.

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