

## **CORRESPONDENCE WITH ASME PTC COMMITTEE UNDER THE PTC STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **General**

ASME Codes are developed and maintained with the intent to represent the consensus of concerned interests. As such, users of ASME Codes may interact with the Committee by requesting interpretations, proposing revisions, proposing Code Cases and attending Committee meetings. Correspondence should be addressed to:

Secretary, PTC Standards Committee  
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Standardization Dept.  
Three Park Ave.  
New York, NY 10016

To search the ASME Codes and Standards [Staff contact list](#) [Click Here](#).

### **Proposing Revisions**

Revisions are made periodically to ASME Codes to incorporate changes, which appear necessary or desirable, as demonstrated by the experience gained from the application of the Code. Approved revisions will be published periodically.

The Committee welcomes proposals for revisions to their Codes. Such proposals should be as specific as possible, citing the Code, the edition, the paragraph, figure or table number(s), the proposed wording, and a detailed description of the reasons for the proposal including any pertinent documentation.

### **Proposing a Code Case**

Code Cases may be issued for the purpose of providing alternative rules when justified, to permit early implementation of an approved revision when the need is urgent, or to provide rules not covered by existing provisions. Code Cases are effective immediately upon ASME approval and shall be posted on the ASME PTC Committee web page.

Requests for Code Cases shall provide a Statement of Need and Background Information. The request should identify the Code, the paragraph, figure or table number(s), and be written as a Question and a Reply in the same format as existing Code Cases. Requests for Code Cases should also indicate the applicable Code Edition(s) to which the proposed Code Case applies.

### **Interpretations**

Upon request, the PTC Committee will render an interpretation of any requirement of their Code. Interpretations can only be rendered in response to a written request sent to the Secretary of the PTC Standards Committee.

The request for interpretation should be clear and unambiguous. It is further recommended that the inquirer submit his request in the following format:

Subject: Cite the applicable paragraph, figure or table number(s), and a concise description.

Edition: Cite the applicable edition of the Code for which the interpretation is being requested.

Question: Phrase the question as a request for an interpretation of a specific requirement suitable for general understanding and use, not as a request for an approval of a proprietary design or situation. The inquirer may also include any plans or drawings, which are necessary to explain the question; however, they should not contain proprietary names or information.

Requests that are not in this format will be rewritten in this format by the Committee prior to being answered, which may inadvertently change the intent of the original request.

ASME procedures provide for reconsideration of any interpretation when or if additional information that might affect an interpretation is available. Further, persons aggrieved by an interpretation may appeal to the cognizant ASME Committee. ASME does not "approve," "certify," "rate," or "endorse" any item, construction, proprietary device, or activity.

Approved interpretations are posted on the ASME PTC Committee web page.

### **Attending Committee Meetings**

Most PTC Committee hold regularly meetings or telephone conferences. All ASME Committee meetings or telephone conferences where standards actions are being discussed are open to the public. Persons wishing to attend/participate in any meeting should contact the Secretary of the PTC Committee. The PTC Committee Home Pages contain information on future meeting dates and locations.