

TO: API Specification 5CT Monogram Licensees
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FROM: Don Whittaker, Manager – Monogram Program/APIQR

DATE: December 29, 2011

RE: API 5CT Allowance of 8th Edition 7.656" Coupling OD Size

In order to allow consumption of existing inventory of 7.656" (194.46 mm) OD size coupling material, or coupling stock, the implementation deadline of the new coupling OD size, 7.875" (200.03 mm), listed in Tables C.32/E.32 and C.33/E.33 has been extended until July 1, 2012. Until that date, the 8th edition coupling OD size, 7.656" (194.46 mm), may be monogrammed and applied to API 5CT 9th Edition products (e.g., 7" pipe), when agreed between the purchaser and manufacturer. As a part of this extension, all new production of coupling material or coupling stock for monogramable couplings shall be to the new OD size beginning January 1, 2012. It is allowable to apply 7.875" (200.03 mm) OD size couplings to either 8th Edition or 9th Edition products at any time.

After July 1, 2012, 8th edition 7.656" (194.46 mm) couplings are not allowed to be:

- monogrammed, or
- applied to new products, unless otherwise agreed.

Should you have additional questions regarding this advisory, please contact Shail Ghaey at ghaey@api.org.