



ADVISORY 6

Design and Development Exclusion under the API Monogram Program

This advisory addresses API's policy for considering design and development exclusions under the API Monogram Program. Since June 15, 2003 (publication date of API Spec Q1, 7th Edition), API has allowed design and development exclusions for certain applications. Organizations eligible for excluding design and development (API Spec Q1, Section 5.4) are limited to the following API product specifications:

- API Spec 2B, all products;
- API Spec 2H, all products;
- API Spec 2MT1, all products;
- API Spec 2MT2, all products;
- API Spec 2W, all products;
- API Spec 2Y, all products;
- API Spec 5B, Thread Gauges;
- API Spec 5CT, all products and activities;
- API Spec 5DP, all products and activities;
- API Spec 5L, all products and activities;
- API Spec 5LC, all products;
- API Spec 5LCP, all products
- API Spec 5LD, all products;
- API Spec 5ST, all products;
- API Spec 6A:
 - Tees and Crosses;
 - Ring Joint Gaskets;
 - Top Connectors;
 - Flanged Connectors (**except** Type 6B);
 - Threaded Connectors;
 - Adapter and Spacer Spools;
 - Bullplugs; and
 - Valve Removal Plugs.



- API Spec 6AV1, Testing Agencies;
- API Spec 7-1, all products **except** Kelly valves;
- API Spec 7-2;
- API Spec 10A, all products;
- API Spec 11B:
 - Steel Sucker Rods and Steel Pony Rods;
 - Sucker Rod Couplings;
 - Sub-couplings;
 - Polished Rod Couplings;
 - Polished Rods;
 - Sinker Bars;
 - Threading; and
 - Thread Gauges.
- API Spec 13A, all products;
- API Spec 14A, Testing Agencies, **only**
- API Spec 20B, all products
- API Spec 20C, all products
- API Spec 20E, all products

Please refer to API Spec Q1, Section 1 for more information on exclusions within a QMS.

In accordance with API Spec Q1, Section 1, your organization must identify the basis for claiming the exclusion; the exclusion cannot “affect the organization’s ability, or responsibility, to provide products and related servicing that meets customer and applicable regulatory requirements”; and, in accordance with API Spec Q1, Section 4.4.1 b), item 1, the justification for the design and development exclusion shall be documented within your quality manual and quality management system. API, based on objective evidence provided during audits, has the final decision as to whether an organization is eligible for the requested exclusion.