



API Advisory 11

API Monogram Manufacturing Requirements, Manufacturing Capabilities, and updated Licensing Agreement

This Advisory informs all API Monogram Licensees and Applicants of the API Monogram Program requirements relating to manufacturing requirements/capabilities and recent changes to the Licensing Agreement.

Manufacturing Requirements and Capabilities

The API Monogram Program is a voluntary licensing program that is “... designed to identify facilities that have demonstrated the ability to manufacture equipment that conforms to API specifications...”. Additionally, “API monogramable product” is defined as Product that has been newly manufactured by an API Licensee utilizing a fully implemented API Q1 compliant quality management system and that meets all the API-specified requirements of the applicable API product specification(s) and/or standard(s).¹

Under the Program, the API licenses product manufacturers that maintain a quality management system in accordance with API Q1 that is fully implemented at all times and have demonstrated the capabilities to transform materials and/or components into new products that meet the API product standards/specifications. Objective evidence of conformity must be provided during API audits or otherwise upon request by the API. This includes evidence of conformity of processes or activities that are performed by an external supplier on behalf of the organization (outsourced) or performed at different locations within the same organization (off-site). The API may refuse initial licensing or suspend current licensing at any time based on a facility failing to demonstrate a minimum level of manufacturing capability.

As stated in the current License Agreement, facilities with capabilities that are limited to the processes or activities defined below do not meet the manufacturing capability requirements to produce new products and therefore shall not be licensed or be the basis for licensing under the API Monogram Program:

- capabilities that are limited to performing final inspection and testing of the product;
- buying, selling and/or distributing finished products and materials;
- design and development activities;
- tearing-down and/or re-assembling of products/components; and,
- repairing or remanufacturing of existing, used, worn or damaged products.

¹ API Spec Q1, Specification for Quality Management System Requirements for Manufacturing Organizations for the Petroleum and Natural Gas Industry, Annex A

In all instances where requirements for manufacturing or manufacturing facilities are explicitly identified within the API product specification, those requirements shall take precedence over this advisory.

API shall be the sole source for determining compliance with this advisory and eligibility for licensing.

Updated License Agreement

API has revised the Licensing Agreement to conform to this Advisory, and to include the following:

- Applicable references to API Q1 9th Edition.
- Updated information on the licensing process from application through licensing and renewal.
- Clarification on the requirement to maintain an official copy of all applicable API standards.
- Reference to the API Code of Conduct and compliance requirements.
- Clarification regarding the licensee's responsibility to comply with applicable trade sanctions.
- Clarification regarding the audit cancellation policies.

If additional information or clarification is required, please contact the API Monogram Program at certification@api.org.

This advisory supersedes any previous guidance. It is considered part of API's Program Requirements and compliance is required for licensing and certification.