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MSS RECEIVES ANSI APPROVAL FOR COMPREHENSIVE TERMINOLOGY STANDARD FOR VALVES AND FITTINGS

Vienna, VA – The Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) announces that Standard Practice, SP-96-2011, Guidelines on Terminology for Valves and Fittings, has been approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as an American National Standard (ANS).

This Standard Practice was originally published in 1986. It was developed under MSS Committee 302 (Marking and Terminology) and is a unique and established industry standard that lists and defines principle terminology and acronyms widely used to describe valves, fittings, and related components. On September 26, 2014, ANSI granted final approval of MSS SP-96-2011 as the comprehensive ANS for valve and fittings terminology. Industry will benefit from having MSS SP-96 as an ANS, with a common list of preferred terms and definitions, to improve communication and further promote standardization.

ANSI/MSS SP-96-2011 lists and defines principle terms and acronyms widely used to describe valves, fittings, and related components. It is comprised of separate sections which contain: (1) Acronyms for organizations whose documents are applicable to valves and fittings, and a brief summary of the applicable area of interest; (2) A glossary of terms used in valve and fittings specifications to describe design, operation, and performance characteristics; and (3) Abbreviations commonly used in the valve and fittings industry.

The new ANSI-approved American National Standard edition, ANSI/MSS SP-96-2011, is now available; noting its content is substantively consistent with the superseded 2011 MSS-only edition. The comments received during the ANSI ballot, and other new revisions, will be considered by MSS Committee 302 during the current 2016 revision cycle. The result will be one unified and revised ANSI/MSS Standard Practice that benefits the industry as a whole and provides a basis for common practice by manufacturers, users, and the general public. Note that this standard is a “living” document and continually accepts proposals for inclusion from industry and the public. Send any relevant proposals, including new revisions, updates, or corrections, to: standards@mss-hq.org.

All Standard Practices are available from MSS and through authorized distributors. A listing is available at:

About MSS
The Manufacturers Standardization Society (MSS) of the Valve and Fittings Industry is a non-profit technical association organized for development and improvement of industry, national and international codes and standards for Valves, Valve Actuators, Valve Modifications, Pipe Fittings, Flanges, Pipe Hangers and Supports, and Associated Seals. Since its establishment in 1924, MSS has been dedicated to developing standards for national and global application, in cooperation with other standardizing bodies and regulatory authorities.

MSS is an American National Standards Institute (ANSI)-accredited standards developer.

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