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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Office of Standardization, Metrology and Testing of Slovak Republic
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Welding flanges for Slovak oil and gas industry
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Welding Flanges for Rated Working Pressures of 14, 21, 35, 70 and 105 MPa. Dimensions.
6.	Description of content: The Slovak standard STN 45 0010 is valid for welding flanges with the groove for metallic sealing rings of the type R, RX and BX, which are used for well heads and Christmas tree equipment in drilling, and oil and gas production operations. The aforementioned standard was worked out with the aim to provide safe, reliable and both dimensionally and functionally interchangeable flange connections within the well head equipment.
7.	Objective and rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recent specifications are outdated;- Lack of harmony with documentation of advanced countries experienced in oil and gas industry;- Problems with reconstruction of connecting devices and tools bought abroad, followed by higher expenses due to shut-downs of drilling, natural hydrocarbons production, and natural gas underground storage.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The aforementioned STN represent a revision of ON 45 1815, ON 45 1816, ON 45 1817, ON 45 1818, ON 45 1819, the validity of which expired due to legal proceedings from 31 December 1993;- Specification API Spec 6A - 16th edition, October 1989;- Official Gazette for Standardization, Metrology and Testing of the Slovak Republic (Vestník ÚNMS).
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: To be determined
10.	Final date for comments: 1 October 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address and telefax number of other body: Slovak Institute GATT Enquiry Point P. O. Box 202 814 99 Bratislava Slovak Republic