Summary of Substantive Changes 
between the 2010 and the 2015 editions of 
ASTM F656 “Primers for Use in Solvent Cement Joints of Poly(Vinyl Chloride) (PVC) Plastic Pipe and Fittings”

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General: The changes to this standard may have an impact on currently listed products. The changes are:
• Added the definition of a primer (see Section 3.2.2).
• Increased the allowable viscosity of the primer from that of water to 65 cps (see Section 4.1)

Section 3.2, Definitions: Added the definition of a primer.
3.2.2 primer—an organic solvent or a blend of solvents, which enhances adhesion, applied to plastic pipe and fittings prior to application of a solvent cement.

Section 4, Material Requirements: Increased the allowable viscosity of the primer from that of water to 65 cps.
4.1 The primer shall be an organic liquid with water-like viscosity—a viscosity no greater than 65 centipoise at 25°C and shall not contain any undissolved particles.