General: The changes to this standard should not have an impact on currently listed products. The substantive changes are:
• Added a new allowance for alternative marking of crimp rings for use with PEX and PE-RT (see Sections 5.2 and 10.2).

Section 5.2, Crimp Rings: Added an allowance for alternative marking of crimp rings as follows:
Crimp rings shall be made from copper UNS Nos. C10200 or C12200, and shall be black in color or alternately be identified per 10.2.3.2 of this specification. The crimp rings shall have a minimum allowable hardness of 35 and a maximum allowable hardness of 45 on the Rockwell 15T scale when measured according to Test Methods E18.

Section 10.2, Content of Marking: Added the alternate marking of crimp rings, for use with PEX, and PE-RT, as follows:
10.2.3 Crimp rings:
10.2.3.1 Marking on crimp rings shall include manufacturer’s trademark, or some other identifying mark, and ASTM F1807.
10.2.3.2 Manufacturer of crimp rings may use an alternate identifying marking in place of the “black in color” provided the ring is generally natural copper color with 1/8 in. minimum black font lettering stating “PEX” or “PE-RT,” or both legibly printed in two (2) locations spaced equally, approximately 180° on the ring’s outer circumference. In the case of 3/8 in., 1/2 in., and 5/8 in. sizes where both “PEX” and “PE-RT” marks are applied, it is permissible to only print “PEX” and “PE-RT” in one location on the circumference.