



**Minutes of the QUALANOD Executive Committee meeting  
held on 22 June 2005 (12h00 – 13h00)  
in Zurich (Sofitel Hotel)**

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EC members:

**ESTAL**

M. Koot  
P. Lloret  
S. Meirsschaut

**EAA**

Å. Andersson  
E. Arnoux  
C. Baroni

Guests:

J. Bettencourt (TC)  
R. Boi (TC)  
R. Furneaux (TC)  
W. Mader (TC)  
J. van den Heuvel (TC)  
R. Wunderlin (TC)

Secretariat:

J. Schoppig  
P. Bellot (Minutes)

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The Chairman, Mr. Andersson, welcomed the Executive Committee members and guests and opened the meeting.

For this meeting, Mr. Koot of the Dutch association had been nominated to the Executive Committee by ESTAL. TC and EC elections for the period 2006-2007 would be held at the November meeting.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2004**

*The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.*

2. **Technical Committee meeting**

- 2.1 **Summary of the session**

Mr. Schoppig summarized the discussion and committee's decisions. For more details, please refer to the minutes of the Technical Committee meeting.

- 2.2 **Executive Committee's resolutions**

Following the Technical Committee's recommendations, the Executive Committee reached the following decisions:

➤ **Summary of the last 3 WLT results in the report**

In order to have better records, the summary of the last 3 weight loss test values will be maintained in the inspection reports.

➤ **New Appendix VI**

The last paragraph of the draft submitted by the working group will be amended and an update sheet dated 22.06.05 will be published on the Internet and sent to the national associations for translation.

➤ **Rules for new products and processes**

The attendees continued the discussion started at the earlier Technical Committee meeting (Item 3) and agreed on the following procedure:

***QUALANOD will deliver to the chemical suppliers a certificate valid for 5 years for every new product and process tested according to the procedure described in the new Appendix VI.***

***If the system is still in use after 5 years, the approval will be renewed automatically. Otherwise, the product or process will have to be submitted for testing again. As from 2006 the annual fee for each system will be CHF 800.***

***The chemical suppliers of such systems will be informed accordingly and the Secretariat will submit proposals for both the certificate and scale of contributions at the next Executive Committee meeting.***

➤ **Coil**

The total number of coils to be tested will be increased to 10 (1 running coil and 9 coils on stock). The Belgian inspector and applicant company will be informed of this decision, and the amended addendum will be submitted to QUALISURFAL in September.

The annual license fee will be the same as for an ordinary licence (i.e. CHF 600 in a country with a national association).

A final decision will be taken at the next EC meeting to be held in November 2004.

➤ **Chloride content**

As a final contribution to the Technical Committee's work, Mr. van den Heuvel proposed to prepare a paper about the influence of chloride. His suggestion was warmly welcomed by the other attendees.

At the next meeting, the "Specifications" working group would submit a proposal in order to incorporate the Technical Committee's statement (no necessity to check the chloride content as long as the water supply remained unchanged) into the Specifications.

➤ **Study on abrasion test**

At the next QUALISURFAL meeting, the inspectors will be requested to report on their experience with the abrasion test. The Secretariat will prepare statistics on abrasion test results for the next TC meeting.

➤ **Answer to ÖVA**

Mr. van den Heuvel's answer will be transmitted to the Austrian association.

**3. Relationship with other organizations**

**ESTAL**

The letter sent to QUALANOD's president on 12 April 2005 and Mr. Andersson's answer to ESTAL had been mailed to all committee members and national associations.

Mr. Arnoux explained that ESTAL's proposal to work more closely with the quality label organizations had arisen from a general discussion within the European association for Surface Treatment on Aluminium. Personally he was convinced that the current structure was incomprehensible to the outside world. The working process was not efficient and the impact on the market would be much better with a single organization.

On Mr. Lloret's request, Mr. Mader explained why the German associations had now merged into a single association. The benefits of such a merger were obviously fewer committees, more efficient marketing work and a reduction in fees.

Mr. Boi said that he was totally against any kind of merger. He maintained that it was essential to separate the quality labels clearly from the activities of the anodizers. However, he was not opposed to closer cooperation with ESTAL.

Mr. van den Heuvel pointed out that it was really difficult to get any answer on environmental issues either from QUALANOD (who did want to deal with issues other than quality) or from ESTAL (who had no technical expert). He therefore pleaded in favour of better cooperation between ESTAL and QUALANOD.

Mr. Andersson suggested that both organizations should meet in order to map out a way to cooperate better.

***The President's proposal was fully endorsed by the Executive Committee.***

**4 METEF in Brescia (IT)**

Mr. Boi informed the Executive Committee about the METEF trade fair to be held in Brescia on 17-20 May 2006. He submitted some concrete proposals for items to be presented at the symposium. The symposium presentations would be spread over two days and be given in English (with an Italian translation). The Italian association would bear all the speakers' costs except travel expenses.

***Those present fully endorsed the items proposed by Mr. Boi.***

**5. Current number of licensees**

The current list of licensees would be sent to all the national associations.

**6. Any other business**

Mr. Schoppig, who had reported at the last meeting that some Australian companies were interested in QUALANOD, informed the Executive Committee that he had not received any news from Australia since the end of last year.

Mr. Mader confirmed that VOA would designate a delegate who would replace Mr. Buchholz in the Executive Committee.

**7. Next meeting**

Technical and Executive Committees:

**Friday , 18 November 2005**  
**at the Porto Carras Grand Resort, Halkidiki**  
**Thessaloniki**