

REVISED (28.06.2006)



**Minutes of the QUALANOD Executive Committee meeting
held on 18 November 2005 (11h00 – 12h30)
in Porto Carras Grand Resort (Greece)**

EC members:

ESTAL

M. Koot
P. Lloret
S. Meirsschaut

EAA

Å. Andersson
E. Arnoux
R. Boi (for Mr. Baroni)

Guests:

J. Bettencourt (TC)
A. Cosentino
R. Furneaux (TC)
W. Mader (TC)

Secretariat:

J. Schoppig
P. Bellot (Minutes)

Apologies:

C. Baroni



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

Mr. Schoppig reminded the attendees that, under the Articles of Association, the Executive Committee constituted a quorum when at least 4 of its members were present or represented. A member could be represented either by another Executive Committee member or by a competent third party provided that this had been approved by the chairman. At this meeting, the Executive Committee constituted a quorum: five members were present and Mr. Baroni was represented by Mr. Boi.

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:

➤ **New Appendix for “Continuous Coil Anodizing”**

UPDATE SHEET No. 2

The addendum submitted by the working group and finalized by the Technical Committee at its meeting earlier in the day (item 3.1) will be added to the Specifications as Appendix VIII.

An update sheet dated 18.11.05 will be sent to the national associations.

➤ **Approval of Coil’s process**

The Belgian laboratory will carry out the referee test according to § 2.4.2 of the Specifications. If the result is satisfactory, the process will be approved immediately and the inspector can make the first visit for granting a licence.

➤ **Chloride content**

No need to change the Specifications.

➤ **Answer to ÖVA**

The secretariat will inform the Austrian association of the Technical Committee’s decision to reject its request (item 6.1).

➤ **Negative results of the abrasion test**

The referee test will be applied automatically if the result of the abrasion resistance test is negative. If the referee test is negative, the visit will be considered unsatisfactory and will have to be repeated.

The Specifications working group will draft a new update sheet which will be submitted for final approval at the June meeting.

➤ **Purchase of abrasive paper**

The national associations will be requested to inform the secretariat about the quantities of paper needed by their members. The secretariat will then place a global order with the supplier who will send the abrasive paper directly to the national associations.

➤ **Update of specifications for light fastness**

UPDATE SHEET No. 3

The secretariat will incorporate the amended sections 2.5 and 3.2.9 into an update sheet which will be sent to the national associations.

➤ **Update of specifications for solutions for sealing tests**

UPDATE SHEET No. 4

The secretariat will incorporate the amended section 3.3.3 into an update sheet which will be sent to the national associations.

3. PR activities

India

Mr. Schoppig informed the Executive Committee that he had been invited to give a presentation at the ISF 2006 Conference and Exhibition from 2 to 4 February 2006 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai.

METEF in Brescia (IT)

Mr. Boi presented the programme of conference presentations which would be given by members of QUALANOD, QUALICOAT and ESTAL at the METEF trade exhibition being held in Brescia on 18-19 May 2006.

This programme was already available on METEF's website: www.metef.it.

4. Relationship with ESTAL

Mr. Andersson had met the President of ESTAL in order to study the possibilities of closer co-operation between both organizations. One possibility discussed was to create some sort of common technical working group between ESTAL and the quality label organizations QUALANOD and QUALICOAT.

Mr. Bettencourt, Mr. Boi, Mr. Lloret and Mr. Schoppig, who had attended a meeting between QUALANOD, QUALICOAT and ESTAL officers the day before the QUALANOD meeting, informed the attendees that QUALICOAT and ESTAL had created a joint technical committee which would start its activities as soon as possible.

Each organization would have two members represented in the joint TC. On the part of QUALICOAT, the delegates would be Mr. Viester - new President of QUALICOAT from January 2006 - and Mr. Boi, the technical director. It was expected that QUALANOD would also appoint two representatives.

Mr. Bettencourt and Mr. Furneaux kindly agreed to become members of the ESTAL/QUALANOD/QUALICOAT joint technical committee.

5. Future of Qualisurfal (EOTC)

Mr. Schoppig reported that EOTC had recently ceased its activities. Several reasons had led up to this situation, one of them being mismanagement of financial resources. The convenor of the Recognized Agreement Groups, from whom the information about the discontinuance of activities had been received, was still confident that the concept of Recognized Agreement Groups could survive and that the RAG could be recognized by other European organizations working in the field of accreditation.

Mr. Arnoux, who had attended the latest QUALISURFAL meeting in Rome, had suggested contacting EUROCER, an organization active in the construction industry.

Mr. Schoppig confirmed that the annual inspectors' meetings would of course continue to be organized and that the name QUALISURFAL would still be used, but without mentioning "Recognized Agreement Group".

6. Composition of the Executive Committee in 2006/2007

See Item 8 of the minutes of the Technical Committee meeting.

On behalf of QUALANOD, Mr. Schoppig thanked Mr. Andersson, who was retiring at the beginning of next year, for his active and very efficient co-operation.

7. Current number of licensees

The Secretariat presented the summary of licensees by countries. Since December 2004, the number of QUALANOD licences had increased from 146 to 153.

The largest growth had been seen in Spain where four new licences had been granted in 2005. Mr. LLoret commented on this positive trend and told the Executive Committee that three Spanish companies had celebrated their 30th anniversary as QUALANOD licensees in July in quite an informal way.

8. Any other business

Mr. Koot wondered whether research about anodizing prior to coating might be carried out within QUALANOD. He was advised to ask his national association to submit a formal request.

The question of protection of the QUALANOD logo was again discussed briefly. As it made no sense to protect the name of QUALANOD alone without protecting the logo, the Executive Committee decided to maintain the status quo.

9. Next meetings

The next meetings would be held on:

**Wednesday, 28 June 2006
and
Thursday, 23 November 2006
in Zurich (Hotel SOFITEL)**