



**Minutes of the QUALANOD Executive Committee meeting
held on 24 November 2004 (12h00 – 13h30)
in Zurich (Hotel Sofitel)**

EC members:

ESTAL

P. LLoret
S. Meirsschaut

EAA

Å. Andersson
E. Arnoux
C. Baroni

Guests:

J. Bettencourt (TC)
R. Boi (TC)
R. Furneaux (TC)
W. Mader (TC)
H. Sips
T. Ulucak (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.

ESTAL should submit a proposal for a new member to replace Mr. Buchholz on the EC.

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2004**

Mr. Bettencourt remarked that the decision concerning Coil should have been recorded better as in the Minutes of the Technical Committee meeting.

The official date of abolition of the average rule (1 January 2005) should have been specified.

With these remarks, 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:

- **Letter to Mr. Buchholz**
Mr. Schoppig will write to Mr. Buchholz to pass on the sentiments of the QUALANOD Committee members.
- **New statistics layout**
The summary of the weight loss test results will be split into two parts: results by type of colouring (natural/coloured) and results by type of sealing (hot sealing/medium temperature sealing/cold sealing).
- **Reply to ESTAL Belgium's remarks and questions**
QUALANOD will study ESTAL Belgium's remarks concerning the new Specifications and their consistency with the EN standards. This item will be put on the agenda for the next Technical Committee meeting.
- **Coil**
The draft will be submitted to Coil and the national associations. A final decision will be taken at the next QUALANOD meeting in June 2005. In the meantime, the testing programme will be started.
- **Outdoor exposure for two new medium temperature sealing systems**
In both cases, outdoor exposure will start.
- **Provisional approval of new systems after one year of outdoor exposure**
QUALANOD will grant a provisional approval after one year of satisfactory outdoor exposure.
- **Revision of Appendix VI by the "Specifications" working group**
The "Specifications" working group will revise the procedure described in Appendix VI and prepare an update sheet for the next QUALANOD meeting.
- **Statistical survey of nitric acid test results**
The purpose of the nitric acid test specified in Appendix VI of the new Specifications will be checked by comparing the data collected when testing the new systems.
- **New master version of the inspection report (24.11.04 edition)**
The revised inspection form reviewed by QUALISURFAL and the Technical Committee will be distributed to the national associations and testing laboratories by e-mail. It will become effective in January 2005.
- **Meeting of a new CEN TC 132 working group**
A meeting will be organized in Zurich on 22 June 2005.
- **Quality control for medium temperature sealed work**
As for cold sealed work, the most suitable tests are the dye spot test according to EN 12373-4 and the weight loss test according to EN 12373-7.

3. Relationship with other organizations

3.1 Aluminium Anodizers Council (AAC)

Mr. Schoppig said there was no real news to report.

3.2 International Hard Anodizing Association (IHAA)

Mr. Schoppig had attended the Technical Symposium held by the International Hard Anodizing Association in Vienna on 23 September 2004.

All the presentations except two (including his own about QUALANOD) had been very technical. He had not received any feedback after his presentation but he felt, at any rate, that the distance between QUALANOD and hard anodizing was considerable.

3.3 METEF in Brescia (IT)

Mr. Boi informed the Executive Committee about the METEF trade fair to be held in Brescia in March 2006. He asked those present whether QUALANOD was interested in supporting the organization of a technical symposium.

Those present were in favour of such support and asked Mr. Boi to propose different technical items to be presented. The national associations would be asked to provide speakers.

4. Principles for approving alternative sealing systems

The attendees continued the discussion started earlier at the Technical Committee meeting (Item 5).

Those present agreed that the time had come for QUALANOD to formalize the procedure and define some rules for the issue of certificates, payment of a contribution, publication on the Internet, etc.

Mr. Boi suggested that QUALANOD could adopt a procedure similar to the one QUALICOAT used for alternative pretreatment systems.

The "Specifications" working group, consisting of Messrs. Arnoux, Bettencourt, Boi and Furneaux, would meet in March 2005 to prepare a proposal for the next QUALANOD meetings.

5. Current number of licensees

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

6. Any other business

6.1 QUALANOD in Australia

Mr. Schoppig reported that some Australian companies were interested in QUALANOD. The inspector responsible for QUALICOAT inspections was prepared to carry out inspections for QUALANOD. However, as he had no experience with QUALANOD, the Executive Committee should decide whether the Australian inspector

should come to Europe or whether Mr. Schoppig should go to Australia to conduct the first inspections together with the Australian inspector.

The Executive Committee decided that the Australian inspector should come to Europe to gain experience by accompanying a QUALANOD inspector on his visits. The next time Mr. Boi went to Australia for QUALICOAT, he would then monitor the Australian inspector's work.

6.2 Registration of the label

Mr. Schoppig had checked whether it was possible to protect the name of QUALANOD in addition to the original label already protected in Switzerland for one particular sector (class 6) in Switzerland. This was possible and would cost between CHF 1500 and 2000 to protect the logo and name of QUALANOD.

The Executive Committee agreed to protect the name of QUALANOD in Switzerland. The national associations would be requested to find out how much the same exercise would cost in other European countries.

7. Next meetings

Technical and Executive Committees:

Wednesday, 22 June 2005
and
Thursday, 24 November 2005

in Zurich (Hotel SOFITEL)