



# Annual Report

## 2020

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## 1 Meetings of Committees

### 1.1 General Meetings

Due to the many uncertainties surrounding the global coronavirus pandemic and the corresponding travel restrictions all meetings were held as web meetings and the General Assembly was held in writing.

### 1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two meetings were held during 2020:

- One ordinary web meeting on 12 May 2020.
- One ordinary web meeting on 28 October 2020.

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2020:

#### **Inspections during the Pandemic**

EC has decided that three inspections must take place until the End of 2021. This keeps a flexibility and guarantees a solution to be used by different countries.

It was noted that it will be the freedom, but also the responsibility of the General Licence holder to organise the inspections in a proper way over this period.

In addition, remote inspections were allowed with strict conditions. For this purpose, the General Regulations VIII were developed and approved.

#### **Extension of General Licence holder agreements**

New rules were set up in order to clarify the situation regarding extension of General Licence holder agreements.

- **To leave the Licence holder / Licencee assignment as it is**
  - **country to GL assignment;** *each General Licence Holder has its' home country as Licencee market. No new/additional countries (Licencee markets) can be assigned to any of the current General Licence holder.*
  - **country without a GL are generally managed by QUALANOD, "Individuals"**
- **To only assign any new Licencee to a GL from a different country than the Licencees' country if:**
  - no General licence holder exists in the origin country of the Licencee
  - specific reason such as political or language issues are given
  - an official request from the Licencee/company itself is submitted (no bargaining from GL side)
  - the official request is approved by the Executive Committee & General Assembly
- In case of approval, the Licencee/company can join their desired General Licence holder, under the following conditions:
  - Price for this special membership, e.g. the fee invoiced by the GL must not be lower than the QUALANOD fee invoiced for individual applicant ("Individuals").
  - The QUALANOD annual licence fee invoiced by QUALANOD to the General Licence holder remains the same, e.g. is identical as for the other members of this General Licence holder (according to the Scale of contributions).

The reason is to avoid any price dumping between General Licence holders.



### **Digitalised inspection report**

EC agreed in principal to set up a digitalized inspection report, which would be automatically loaded in the database. The project will be further defined in 2021.

## **1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings**

Two meetings were held during 2020:

- One ordinary web meeting on 12 May 2020.
- One ordinary web meeting on 28 October 2020.

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2020:

### **Publication of new documents**

Due to several updates in the respective documents (Specifications, General Regulations, Inspection report, Report new product and processes) updated documents were distributed to all relevant parties.

### **Approved systems**

Several systems passed their renewal inspection and were therefore re-approved.

### **Organic sealing**

TC discussed whether organic sealing should be implemented as an additional type of sealing. As it was unclear whether this sealing is rather a coating process, the decision was postponed. The applicant of this request was asked for more details.

### **1.3.1 Label Committee (LC) Meetings**

No meetings were held in 2020 and no particularities regarding results of inspection were dealt with.

### **1.3.2 Working groups**

The working group “New processes and products” did not meet in person, but evaluated various samples sent to them by mail. The working group will continue its work.

Additionally, the working group “Colour measurement” made further steps, however, the project is not yet completed and will continue its work in 2021.

## **1.4 Management Committee**

No such meeting was held in 2020.



## 2 Summary of other decisions and activities

### 2.1 Elections

Mr. Pedro Gonçalves was elected as auditor for 2020.

### 2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees slightly decreased during the year.

	Dec 2019	Dec 2020	Decrease
Licensees	210	209	-1

No licence in a new country was added but also none lost in the difficult year of the Pandemic. At the end of 2020 QUALANOD thereby had licensees in following 39 countries:

Country	Licensees 2020	Country	Licensees 2020
Albania	1	Morocco	3
Algeria	1	Netherlands	5
Austria	4	Oman	1
Bahrain	1	Poland	8
Belarus	2	Portugal	8
Belgium	5	Qatar	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	Russian Federation	4
Brasil	1	Saudi Arabia	3
Bulgaria	2	Serbia	1
China	7	Slovakia	2
Croatia	1	South Africa	1
Cyprus	2	Spain	19
Denmark	1	Sri Lanka	1
France	7	Switzerland	2
Germany	26	Tunisia	1
Greece	4	Turkey	35
Hungary	1	United Arab Emirates	4
Italy	32	United Kingdom	4
Kuwait	1	Vietnam	1
Mexico	4		

### 2.3 Additional statistical overview

	2019 / 2020
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	15 / 15
Licensees in countries with General Licence holders	194 / 193
Licensees in countries without General Licence holders	16 / 16
Approved testing institutes in countries with a General Licence holder	15 / 15



## **2.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group"**

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL "Agreement Group" held its annual meeting via web on 14 October 2020 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees and experience with the new and the modified inspection report was shared. The inspectors gave positive feedback about the fact that QUALANOD will allow remote inspections.

## **2.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees**

All planned visits had to be cancelled due to the global coronavirus pandemic. Therefore, no inspections with inspectors were carried out during 2020.

## **2.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)**

Dr Furneaux attended the web meetings.

## **2.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2**

The TC Convenor attended web meetings.



### 3 Accounts

#### 3.1 Operating Statement 2020

	Budget 2020 EUR	Actual 2020 EUR	Actual 2020 CHF
<b>INCOME</b>			
Licence fees	137'800.00	137'400.00	147'183.23
Approvals	9'000.00	9'000.00	9'640.80
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Income</b>	<b>146'800.00</b>	<b>146'400.00</b>	<b>156'824.03</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<b>Administration fees</b>	<b>87'500.00</b>	<b>79'784.10</b>	<b>86'310.44</b>
<i>Licence</i>	37'000.00	26'264.87	28'413.34
<i>Approval</i>	7'000.00	7'237.94	7'830.00
<i>Accounting</i>	4'000.00	4'356.17	4'712.50
<i>Marketing / Website / Database</i>	6'000.00	2'245.10	2'428.75
<i>Meetings</i>	20'000.00	21'993.07	23'792.10
<i>Inspector's audit &amp; Qualisurfal</i>	7'000.00	3'753.00	4'060.00
<i>Accreditation</i>	4'000.00	5'430.76	5'875.00
<i>Extraordinary projects</i>			
- <i>Digitalized inspection reports</i>	0.00	275.00	297.50
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	2'500.00	8'228.18	8'901.25
<b>Outlays</b>	<b>43'000.00</b>	<b>34'965.38</b>	<b>37'825.55</b>
<i>Travelling, meetings</i>	12'000.00	512.91	554.87
<i>Marketing / Internet</i>	1'000.00	88.46	95.70
<i>Consultancy fee Trade mark renewal, tax, etc</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Consultancy fee technical matters incl. Expenses</i>	6'000.00	4'055.32	4'387.04
<i>Accreditation</i>	11'000.00	13'919.26	15'057.86
<i>Database</i>	2'000.00	1'876.71	2'030.22
<i>Taxes</i>	2'000.00	4'741.50	5'129.35
<i>Projects and Working Groups</i> 2019: assistance of Robin Furneaux 2020: Working Group Colour & Working Group Approval (Evaluation Outdoor exposure)	4'000.00	1'257.98	1'360.88
<i>Administrational Outlays (phone, copies etc.)</i>	3'000.00	2'393.58	2'589.38
<i>Debtor loss</i>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<i>Miscellaneous (bank charges, difference of exchange rates, incl. VAT)</i>	2'000.00	6'119.66	6'620.25
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>130'500.00</b>	<b>114'749.48</b>	<b>124'135.99</b>
<b>Surplus of income</b>	<b>16'300.00</b>	<b>31'650.52</b>	<b>32'688.04</b>

The **net assets** of QUALANOD as per 31st December 2020 are **EUR 182'116.74** (CHF 197'760.57).