



Annual Report

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1 Meetings of Committees

1.1 General Meetings

The ordinary meeting was held in Zurich on 3rd May 2022 and an extraordinary meeting in Paris on 18th October 2022.

Scale of Contributions

During the General Assembly it was decided to adjust the annually fees by 10 % as of the 1st of January 2023 due to the high inflation rate.

1.2 Executive Committee (EC) Meetings

Two ordinary meetings were held during 2022:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich on 4th May 2022
- One ordinary meeting in Paris on 18th October 2022

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2022:

Accreditation

The EC has decided that before further steps can be taken, a meeting with the accredited general licensees should take place.

Organic sealing

The question whether organic coating might be more in line with coating instead of anodizing was passed by the TC and EC. The EC decided that organic coating is more like coating and therefore closed the resolution.

Digitalized inspection report

Two possible options were discussed, the first being to continue with the existing database or the second being to create a new database with a new provider. It was decided that the second option would be investigated in more detail and offers would be obtained, whereby the provider of the Qualisteelcoat database would also be considered.

Trademark

QUALANOD decided to strengthen the protection regarding trademarks for the QUALANOD name. Proposals have been invited from trademark agents and the secretariat are to proceed with additional trademark protection

Examination of compliance with current sanctions regulations

It was decided that a legal opinion would be sought to determine whether QUALANOD complies with the current sanction's regulations of the Swiss government. It was determined that the regulations are currently being followed (status October 2022).

Procedure to assess the capability of new processes

The decision regarding the cost and validity of this certificate was passed on by the Technical Committee to the Executive Committee. They have decided to adjust the annual fee for approvals according to the Table of Contributions. For the new procedure, a certificate will be issued which is valid for a period of 5 years.



1.3 Technical Committee (TC) Meetings

Two ordinary meetings were held during 2022:

- One ordinary meeting in Zurich on 3rd May 2022
- One ordinary meeting in Paris on 17th October 2022

Amongst others, the following topics were discussed in 2022:

Official documents

Several smaller updates in the official documents (Specifications, General Regulations, Inspection report, sample report) were discussed and updated documents will be valid from March 2023.

New processes

The TC agreed that the General Secretariat can approve provisional approval in case of a unanimous positive recommendation by the Working Group. In addition, the thermal craze resistance test should be added to the laboratory tests for new processes.

Procedure to assess the capability of new processes

A draft for the General Regulations describing the procedure to undertake the capability assessment was presented. This was agreed by the TC and forwarded to the EC.

1.3.1 Label Committee (LC) Meetings

No meetings were held in 2022, but one appeal regarding the result of inspection were dealt with in an anonymous way in writing. The appeal was rejected as the regulation was clearly stated in the QUALANOD specifications.

1.3.2 Working groups

The working group "test methods" has new members, which means that the group now consists of Robin Furneaux (Convenor), Rute Fontinha, Peter Watts, Irene Marcolungo, Metin Yilmaz and Mélanie Grammaticopoulos.

The working group "colour measurement" was renamed working group "appearance" and now consists of Irene Marcolungo (Convenor), Robin Furneaux, Peter Watts, Metin Yilmaz, Mélanie Grammaticopoulos, Roland Prenger and Joan Serret.

1.4 Management Committee

No such meeting was held in 2022.



2 Summary of other decisions and activities

2.1 Elections

There have been no elections in 2022.

2.2 Number of licensees

The number of licensees slightly increased during the year.

	Dec 2021	Dec 2022	Increase
Licensees	216	229	+13

Three licences in new countries (Pakistan, Slovenia and Uzbekistan) were added. By the end of 2022, QUALANOD had licensees in the following 42 countries:

Country	Licensees 2022	Country	Licensees 2022
Albania	1	Netherlands	5
Algeria	1	Oman	1
Austria	4	Pakistan	1
Bahrain	1	Poland	10
Belarus	2	Portugal	8
Belgium	5	Qatar	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Russian Federation	6
Brazil	1	Saudi Arabia	4
Bulgaria	2	Serbia	1
China	6	Slovakia	2
Croatia	1	South Africa	1
Cyprus	2	Spain	20
Denmark	1	Sri Lanka	1
France	7	Switzerland	2
Germany	27	Tunisia	1
Greece	4	Turkey	41
Hungary	1	United Arab Emirates	6
Italy	33	United Kingdom	4
Kuwait	1	Uzbekistan	1
Mexico	4	Vietnam	1
Morocco	4		

2.3 Additional statistical overview

	2021 / 2022
General Licence holders with accreditation	3 / 3
General Licence holders without accreditation	15 / 15
Licensees in countries with General Licence holders	201 / 213
Licensees in countries without General Licence holders	15 / 16
Approved testing institutes in countries with a General Licence holder	15 / 15



2.4 Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL

The Anodizing Section of the QUALISURFAL held its annual meeting in Lisbon on 11 October 2022 with the participation of most of the inspectors. The inspectors were fully informed about the various decisions taken by the QUALANOD committees and informed about the upcoming topics that are discussed in the committees. Additional questions raised by the inspectors were either clarified or taken to the Technical Committee meeting.

2.5 Visits with inspectors and general licensees

Sergio Marchionni and Nadine Stampfli carried out inspections with inspectors in Germany and Switzerland.

2.6 Joint Technical Committee (ESTAL, QUALANOD, QUALICOAT)

Robin Furneaux attended virtually the meetings of the ESTAL working Groups “secondary aluminium” and “sustainability”.

2.7 Liaison membership to ISO TC 72 / SC2

Robin Furneaux attended the meetings virtually, but not on behalf of QUALANOD.

2.8 Financial Review

The financial accounts resulted in a loss for the year 2022, as higher costs were incurred by the secretariat.