



Circular letter 28/2018

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To: suppliers of approved systems; copy to GLs and Laboratories

Zurich, 31 August 2018

AC2/JSH/BP

RENEWAL OF QUALICOAT APPROVALS IN 2019

To renew a QUALICOAT approval **for all classes of coatings**, suppliers must submit two out of the three colours specified below and, if applicable, the metallic colour specified for a metallic extension **no later than 30 June 2019** for testing in a QUALICOAT laboratory.

This rule applies to every approval granted before 1 March 2018.

Class 1 and Class 1.5	Class 2 (RAL family 1/A)	Class 3
Exposure 2020-2021/22	Exposure 2020-2023	Exposure 2020-2030
RAL 1003 Signal yellow $\Delta E = 4$	RAL 1002 Sand yellow $\Delta E = 3$	RAL 1013 Oyster white $\Delta E = 3$
RAL 5002 Ultramarine blue $\Delta E = 4$	RAL 1013 Oyster white $\Delta E = 2$	RAL 6021 Pale green $\Delta E = 5$
RAL 8014 Sepia brown $\Delta E = 3$	RAL 1015 Light ivory $\Delta E = 2$	RAL 5013 Cobalt blue $\Delta E = 5$
For metallic extension: RAL 9007 Grey aluminium $\Delta E = 2$	For metallic extension: RAL 9007 Grey aluminium $\Delta E = 2$	For metallic extension: RAL 9007 Grey aluminium $\Delta E = 4$
<i>All ΔE values specified above are final limits after the weathering test (see Appendix A7 of the QUALICOAT Specifications).</i>		

If the required colours are not part of your standard production, samples need to be produced especially for the tests.

New certificates valid for one year are issued in December of each year based on the Florida test outcomes of the previous exposure year and on the results of the laboratory tests completed during the current year (renewal tests, extension of an approval, repeat testing of banned colours).

If a powder manufacturer fails to submit the required colours to the laboratory on time for any reason and if no panels are sent to Florida as a consequence, two of the colours and one metallic colour will be banned in accordance with section 4.2.5 of the QUALICOAT Specifications.

VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL OF APPROVALS

If you do not intend to renew an approval, you must inform your national association and the QUALICOAT Secretariat in writing **before 30 November 2018**. At the end of the calendar year, the system will then be transferred to the list of cancelled approvals with the remark "*cancelled upon supplier's request*".

Please contact us if you require any further information or explanation.

Yours faithfully,
QUALICOAT

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