



Update of QUALICOAT Specifications 2021 Update Sheet No. 07 applicable from 1 January 2022

Subject: '10+2' rule for the chemical pretreatment system assessment

Proposal/Request: Pretreatment WG/2021-01-26 (item 2)

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QUALICOAT Resolution: The TC instructed the Specifications WG to prepare an update sheet introducing the new rules for the evaluation of AASS and FFC test results proposed by the Pretreatment WG.

Amendment to the Specifications: Appendix A6 – Section 8 c)

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A6 – Approval of chemical pretreatments

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8. RENEWAL OF PRETREATMENT SYSTEM APPROVALS

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c) ~~“15+3~~ ‘10+2’ rule

~~The AASS results obtained on samples taken during the annual inspections carried out at the licensed coaters’ plants shall be compiled by the QUALICOAT Secretariat by 31 March of the following year. A total of 15% 10%~~ of failures in the AASS test and at least ~~three~~ two C+D values classified as unsatisfactory shall lead to an unsatisfactory assessment. If only ~~or two~~ one C+D AASS test result ~~are~~ is obtained, the pretreatment system shall be considered satisfactory.

Evaluation

The QUALICOAT Secretariat shall determine all the chemical pretreatment systems falling under the ~~‘15+3~~ ‘10+2 rule’ by evaluating the previous year’s AASS test results from samples taken during the annual inspections at the licensed coating applicators. ~~The General Licensees and suppliers concerned shall be informed by the QUALICOAT Secretariat before 30 June.~~

Information

By the end of June, at the latest, the chemical manufacturers concerned shall be informed by the General Licensee (or directly by QUALICOAT in countries without a General Licensee) that their chemical pretreatment system is being placed ‘under observation’ for exceeding the ‘10+2 rule’.

All licensed coating applicators using the chemical pretreatment system placed ‘under observation’ shall be informed by the General Licensee (or directly by QUALICOAT in countries without a General Licensee) by the end of July. They shall be made aware that they must continue to fully comply with the requirements of the QUALICOAT Specifications.

Observation period

The one-year observation period of the chemical pretreatment system shall start with the written notification of the chemical manufacturer by the end of June. If the chemical pretreatment system does not fall under the ‘10+2 rule’ again in the subsequent calendar year, the status shall be reset, and the chemical manufacturer shall be informed by the General Licensee (or directly by QUALICOAT in countries without a General Licensee).

Withdrawal

If a system fails ~~over~~ two consecutive calendar years, it shall be cancelled by 30 June of the second year and the chemical manufacturer shall be notified by the General Licensee (or directly by QUALICOAT in countries without a General Licensee) that the chemical pretreatment system will be cancelled within 30 days from the notification date.

Deadline for the coating applicator to use the product

All licensed coating applicators using the chemical pretreatment system cancelled due to the ‘10+2 rule’, may continue to use it until end of the year of cancellation. They shall be made aware that they must continue to fully comply with the requirements of the QUALICOAT Specifications.