

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inspection of materials</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	<b>« Specifications » WG</b> An inspection of materials is not included in the Specifications.
<b>QUALICOAT resolution:</b>	<b>Meeting on 29.06.06</b> (ratified on 22.11.06)
<b>Date of application:</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2007</b>
<b>Amendments to the Specifications:</b>	<b>Section 5.1</b> Insertion of a section entitled «Inspection of materials» and reorganisation of the sections below. <b>Section 5.2</b>

## **5.1. Granting of a licence (quality label)**

Two consecutive inspections must be satisfactory before a licence is granted. These inspections will [..].

During these inspections, the inspector will check the following using the inspection form approved by QUALICOAT:

### **5.1.1 Inspection of materials**

The inspector will check that the coater uses coating systems approved by QUALICOAT and, if alternative pre-treatments are used, pre-treatment systems approved by QUALICOAT.

### **5.1.2 Inspection of laboratory equipment**

As specified in section 3.6 to ensure that the equipment is available and functional. The inspector will also verify whether there are relevant standards or written operating instructions according to section 3.8.

### **5.1.3 Inspection of the production process and equipment**

According to sections 3.1, 3.4 and 3.5.

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### **5.1.5 Inspection of finished products**

Certain tests may be carried out on the finished products themselves but the full range of tests must be performed on test panels processed concurrently with a production lot (see section 5.1.6)

### **5.1.6 Inspection of the test panels**

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### **5.1.7 Review of in-house control and registers**

The inspector will check that in-house control has been carried out in accordance with section 3.7 and that the coating plant maintains registers according to section 3.9.

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## **5.2. Routine inspections of licensees**

After a plant has been granted a licence to use the quality label, it will be inspected at least twice but no more than five times a year. Routine inspections must be made without prior notice and must include:

- an inspection of materials
- an inspection of laboratory equipment
- an inspection of pre-treatment
- an inspection of finished products and test panels (an acetic acid salt spray test to be carried out at least once a year)
- a review of the registers

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