



# 16th Edition of the QUALICOAT Specifications – Update Sheet – SPEC-US07

**Subject: General Information**

**Proposal/Request:**

**Specifications WG**

To be in line with the accreditation rules (QQM 6.8.5 and 7.4.1), the Specifications WG proposes that the impartiality rules should be included in Chapter 1 – General Information.

Subtitles have been added and some paragraphs moved to improve readability.

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**Amendments to the Specifications:**

- Sentences on impartiality and non-discriminatory rules added in Chapter 1 – General Information
- Restructuring of the text (paragraphs and titles) in Chapter 1

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# 1. General Information

## **Scope of the Specifications**

These Specifications apply to the QUALICOAT quality label, which is a registered trademark. The regulations for use of the quality label are set out in [Appendix A1](#).

QUALICOAT does not allow commercial, financial or other pressures to compromise its impartiality. The Specifications may be amended when risks of impartiality have been identified or when they need to conform to new standards.

The aim of these Specifications is to establish minimum requirements that plant installations, organic coating materials, chemical conversion materials, processes and finished products shall meet.

These Specifications form the basis for granting and renewing the quality label. All requirements in these Specifications shall be met before a quality label can be granted. In case of ambiguities or uncertainties in any part of the Specifications, clarification shall be requested from QUALICOAT.

The Specifications for plant installations are the minimum requirements for producing good quality. Other methods may only be used if they have been previously approved by QUALICOAT.

These Specifications are designed to ensure high-quality of coated products for use in architectural applications, whatever kind of coating process is used. Any after-treatment not stipulated in these Specifications may affect the quality of an organic coated product and is the responsibility of whoever applies it.

The procedures for granting and renewing a licence for decoration are set out in a separate document (QUALIDECO Specifications) that can be downloaded from the QUALICOAT website.

These Specifications do not apply to coil coating.

## **Release and revision of the Specifications**

The Specifications may be supplemented or amended with update sheets that set out and incorporate QUALICOAT's resolutions until a new edition is issued. These numbered sheets will state the subject of the resolution, the date when QUALICOAT passed the resolution, the effective date and the details of the resolution. The quality assurance representative in the company holding the label shall always have the latest version of the Specifications.

The Specifications and update sheets are published on the Internet ([www.qualicoat.net](http://www.qualicoat.net)). They shall also be communicated to all licensed coating applicators and to holders of an approval.

## **Aluminium alloy material**

The aluminium or aluminium alloy material shall be suitable for the coating processes specified in this document. It shall be free from corrosion and shall not have any anodic or organic coating (except anodic pretreatment as described in these Specifications). It shall also be free from all contaminants, especially silicone lubricants. The edge radii shall be as large as possible.

