Appendices

A1 – Regulations for use of the QUALISTEELCOAT quality label for coatings on steel

1. Definitions

For the purposes of these regulations, the QUALISTEELCOAT "Quality Label" denotes the trademark registered by QUALISTEELCOAT, Zurich, with the Federal Patent and Trademark Office on 18 November 2025 under trademark no. 839889.

"QUALISTEELCOAT" means the Quality Label association, Zurich

"GL" means the General Licensee of a country.

"Licence" is a statement issued by or on behalf of the Association authorising the holder to use the Quality Label in accordance with these regulations.

"Specifications" are the "Specifications for a Quality Label for Paint, Lacquer and Powder Coatings on Steel for Architectural Applications".

"Holder" is the company authorised to use the Quality label.

2. Ownership of the Quality Label

The Quality Label is owned by QUALISTEELCOAT and may not be used by anyone unless authorised to do so by QUALISTEELCOAT.

QUALISTEELCOAT has granted to the GL a general licence in respect of the Quality Label for ..... (country) with powers to authorise the use of the Quality Label in accordance with these regulations.

3. Qualifications of applicant

Authorisation to use the Quality Label may be granted on condition that the applicant operates in accordance with the Specifications. This authorisation is governed by a contract.

The granting of a licence or approval entitles the Holder to use the Quality Label for the products specified. The licence or approval may not be transferred.

4. Register of holders

QUALISTEELCOAT shall keep a register showing (in addition to other details which may be resolved upon now or later) the name, address and trade description of each Holder, the date on which the licence or approval was granted to the Holder, the number assigned to each Holder, the date of withdrawal of the licence or approval and any other details which QUALISTEELCOAT may deem necessary.

The Holder shall notify the GL forthwith of any changes in name or address and the GL shall in turn inform QUALISTEELCOAT in order for the change to be recorded in the register.

5. Use of the logo by coaters and suppliers

5.1 Use in general

The Holder may not make any alteration or addition to the logo when using it. In the event that the Holder's own brands or trademarks are used separately on or in connection with his products, these regulations may not be infringed in any manner whatsoever. Holders of an approval or licence shall at any time provide the GL with all information required as to the use of the logo.

Improper use of the logo may lead to the sanctions stipulated in § 9.

5.2 Use of the logo by coaters

By applying the logo to a product, the coating plant guarantees that the quality of the product supplied meets all the requirements of the Specifications.

If a licence holder operates more than one coating plant and not all these plants are authorised to use the quality label, the quality label may only be used by the authorised plants.

The logo may be used on the products themselves, business stationery, quotations or invoices, price lists, cards, display boxes and on all company literature and brochures or in catalogues and newspaper advertisements.

Whenever a coating plant makes mention or reference to QUALISTEELCOAT, it must systematically indicate its licence number. This shall apply both to the use of the logo and in texts.

5.3 Use of the logo by suppliers (coating manufacturers) and providers (chemical pre-treatment manufacturers)

The suppliers and providers are entitled to refer either “Part of QUALISTEELCOAT COATING-System" or “Part of QSC-System" on the labels. The QUALISTEELCOAT logo must not appear on packaging or labels.

In their business literature and documents, the coating and chemical pre-treatment manufacturers may only use the logo for products approved by QUALISTEELCOAT, stating: «Product approved by QUALISTEELCOAT». Wherever the logo is used, the phrase «QUALISTEELCOAT is a quality label for licensed coaters» should also appear in the document.

For any other use of the logo, the coating and chemical pre-treatment manufacturers are required to submit all new documents mentioning QUALISTEELCOAT to their national association. In countries without a GL, these documents should be submitted directly to the QUALISTEELCOAT Secretariat before publication.

6. Other conditions for use of the logo

Some businesses using coated products may wish to use the logo on their finished products or business literature.

They must request written authorisation which may be granted on condition that they:

- undertake to use solely steel products coated by licensed coating plants;
- undertake to submit all documents that refer to QUALISTEELCOAT to the national associations for approval or directly to QUALISTEELCOAT in countries where there is no national association;
- undertake to undergo inspections and controls by the national associations or QUALISTEELCOAT.

Such authorisation may require payment of an annual fee.

7. Conditions for granting and renewing approvals and licenses

As stipulated in chapter 4 for chemical pre-treatment manufacturers.

As stipulated in chapter 5 for coating manufacturers.

As stipulated in chapter 2 for coaters.

The granting of an approval or licence shall require payment of an annual fee.

8. Withdrawal of approvals and licences

8.1 Failure to comply with the Regulations

The GL shall withdraw the approval or licence if the Holder ceases to comply with these regulations and in particular if the Holder is guilty of any improper use of the Quality Label or has failed to pay the annual fee.

In the event of withdrawal of an approval or licence, the Holder shall be given notice in writing by the GL and such notice shall be effective immediately. In such event, all tags, labels, bands, stencils, stamps, wrappers, containers, price lists, business notices, business cards and any other objects in or upon which the Quality Label is affixed shall either be delivered to the GL or, upon the GL's instructions, kept at the disposal of the GL until a new approval or licence is granted.

8.2 Significant changes in a company

In the case of any significant event in a company (change in shareholders or key personnel, new lines), that company must notify the GL immediately. The GL shall be authorised to make a supplementary visit in order to ensure that the Holder continues to satisfy all the conditions stipulated in the Specifications.

If the Holder ceases to trade, all tags, labels, bands, stencils, stamps, wrappers, containers, price lists, business notices, business cards and any other objects in or upon which the Quality Label is affixed shall either be delivered to the GL or, upon the GL's instructions, kept at the disposal of the GL until a new approval or licence is granted.

8.3 Voluntary withdrawal

In the event of voluntary withdrawal of an approval or licence, all tags, labels, bands, stencils, stamps, wrappers, containers, price lists, business notices, business cards and any other objects in or upon

which the Quality Label is affixed shall either be delivered to the GL or, upon the GL's instructions, kept at the disposal of the GL until a new approval or licence is granted.

9. Sanctions

In the event of improper use of the Quality Label or of any behaviour or action which could impair the image of the Quality Label, the following sanctions may be imposed either by the GL or by QUALISTEELCOAT in countries without a national association:

1. *official statement*
2. *reprimand*
3. *withdrawal of the label*

The party concerned shall have the right to appeal first at the GL's level and finally at the QUALISTEELCOAT Executive Committee's level whose decision is final.

10. Amendments to the Regulations

These Regulations may be amended if and when necessary. However, the Holder of the label shall be allowed 4 months from the date of publication in which to comply with any such amendment.

11. Notices

Any notice required to be given to or by the Holder under these regulations shall be effective if sent by correctly stamped and addressed letter.