



Update of QUALIDECO Specifications – Appendix to the QUALICOAT Specifications 2021 QDC-SPEC 2021-US03 applicable from 1 July 2021

Subject: Clarification on the sampling allowed during inspection at decorators' plants

**QUALICOAT/QUALIDECO
Resolutions:**

Clarification requested on 14.10.20

The QDCC agreed that the alternative that the inspector should be allowed to select samples of decorations from the decorator's list of approved decorations should be added in in § 4.3.1 and in the overview in Appendix V-2 of the Specifications.

**Amendments to the
Specifications:**

Amended text in § 4.3.1 and in Appendix V-2

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4.3 Renewing a decorator's licence for sublimation technology

The renewal of a QUALICOAT (QUALIDECO) licence is based on the inspection results and the results of the tests carried out on decorations selected by the inspectors.

4.3.1 Inspection

After a plant has been granted a QUALICOAT (QUALIDECO) licence, it shall be inspected once a year before the end of June, in accordance with [§ 4.2.1](#).

Class 1

During the inspection, the inspector shall check production and select samples of two decorations from the suppliers' lists of self-tested decorations or from the decorator's list of approved decorations in sufficient number and size to carry out the laboratory tests.

The inspectors shall use the self-tested decoration lists during their visits and check whether any decoration used by a decorator is not included in the lists.

- If the inspector finds a decoration that is neither in the list of the decorator's approved decorations nor in a list of self-tested decorations, he shall ask the decorator to contact his supplier. If the supplier confirms that the decoration has already been tested, the list of self-tested decorations shall be updated by the supplier within two weeks.
- If no evidence of such self-testing (dated report and test panels) can be provided to the inspector by this deadline, the inspection of the decorator's plant shall be considered unsatisfactory.

If a decorator is only able to produce one decoration during an inspection, the inspector shall identify a second decoration from the list of self-tested decorations or from the decorator's list of approved decorations to be sent within 10 days to the laboratory responsible for testing.

Class 2

During the inspection, the inspector shall check production and select samples of two decorations from the decorator's list of approved decorations in sufficient number and size to carry out the laboratory tests and the Florida test.

If a decorator is only producing class 2 decorations and is not able to produce class 2 decorations on the day of the inspection, the two class 2 decorations selected by the inspector shall be provided to the testing laboratory within 10 days.

Both classes

If the in-house control of the decorator shows that both classes of decorations are produced, two decorations of each class shall be tested, even if the plant is producing only class 2 or only class 1 decorations on the day of the inspection.

Marketing materials shall also be examined to check that the QUALICOAT (QUALIDECO) licence is used for approved decorations only.



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	SUBLIMATION						POWDER-ON-POWDER			
	DECORATOR (LICENCE) Chapter 4		FILM SUPPLIER (LICENCE) Chapter 3, § 3.1.		POWDER SUPPLIER (LICENCE) Chapter 3, § 3.2.		DECORATOR (LICENCE) Chapter 6		POWDER SUPPLIER (P/P APPROVAL) Chapter 5	
	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 1	CLASS 2 S	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 1	CLASS 2
SAMPLING (GRANTS)	Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the suppliers' lists of self-tested decorations. § 4.2.	Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the suppliers' lists of class 2 decorations. § 4.2.	Four basic decorations: • WALNUT and OAK applied on a brown base • PINE and OAK applied on a beige base. § 3.1.2.2	Single decorations. § 3.1.2.3	Four basic decorations: • WALNUT and OAK applied on a brown base • PINE and OAK applied on a beige base. § 3.2.2.3	Single decorations clearly identified by the powder supplier. § 3.2.2.4	<i>Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the suppliers' lists of self-tested decorations.</i> § 6.2.2	<i>Samples of two decorations taken by the inspector from production.</i> § 6.2.2	• WALNUT decoration with RAL 8011 (base coat) and RAL 8017 (top coat). • PINE decoration, with RAL 8001 (base coat) and RAL 8014 (top coat). § 5.2.	• WALNUT decoration with RAL 8011 (base coat) and RAL 8017 (top coat). • PINE decoration, with RAL 8001 (base coat) and RAL 8014 (top coat). § 5.2.
SAMPLING (RENEWALS)	Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the suppliers' lists of self-tested decorations or from the decorator's list of approved decorations. § 4.3.1	Samples of two decorations selected from the list of approved decorations (just one if only one class 2 decoration is approved). § 4.3.1	Two different decorations selected by the QUALIDECO laboratories from the list of self-tested decorations to check every decoration system approved. § 3.1.3	Two decorations selected from the list of the film supplier's approved class 2 decorations (just one if only one class 2 decoration is approved). § 3.1.3	Two different decorations selected by the QUALIDECO laboratories from the list of self-tested decorations to check every decoration system approved. § 3.2.3	Two decorations selected from the list of the powder supplier's approved class 2 decorations (just one if only one class 2 decoration is approved). § 3.2.3	<i>Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the list of QUALIDECO approved decorations.</i> § 6.3.2	<i>Samples of two decorations taken from production and selected by the inspector from the list of QUALIDECO approved decorations (just one if only one class 2 decoration is approved).</i> § 6.3.2	Two decorations chosen by QUALICOAT/QUALIDECO. § 5.3.	Two decorations chosen by QUALICOAT/QUALIDECO. § 5.3.