

Subject:	DEFINITION OF A COATING LINE AND RULES FOR CHECKING LINES
Proposal:	Pretreatment WG (on QUALISURFAL's request)
QUALICOAT resolution:	<u>Resolution No. 4/EC 6.11.14</u> EC clarified that the definition of a line emanated from the pretreatment and instructed the Specifications WG to prepare an update sheet stating this principle as well as the rule that every line must be checked twice a year for the renewal of a QUALICOAT licence.
Date of ratification:	20 May 2015
Date of application:	1 January 2016
Amendments to the Specifications:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Revised definition in <u>Chapter 1 Terminology</u> ▶ One sentence added to § 5.1 Granting of a licence ▶ One sentence added to § 5.2 Routine inspections of licensees

1. General Information

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Approval: Confirmation that a specific material (coating or chemical conversion) meets the requirements of the QUALICOAT Specifications.

Coating applicator: Company that has one or several plant installations.

Plant installation: A production site with one or more coating lines used for coating aluminium for architectural applications.

Coating line: A production line used for coating aluminium for architectural applications that includes **a single pretreatment cycle** (surface preparation, conversion coating and drying) and a coating cycle (one or more spraying booths and ovens).

Continuous line: A production line where parts are pretreated, coated and cured without intermediate handling.

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<p>5.1 Granting of a licence (quality label)</p>	<p>Every coating line shall be checked in order for a QUALICOAT licence to be granted.</p> <p>Two inspections shall be satisfactory before a licence is granted. These inspections will be made at the coating applicator's request. The first inspection will be conducted by appointment. The second will be unannounced and will only take place once all the results of the first inspection (including the acetic acid salt spray resistance test) have been found satisfactory.</p>
<p>5.2 Routine inspections of licensees</p>	<p>After a coating applicator has been granted a licence to use the quality label, this licence shall be renewed if the results of at least two inspections per year meet the requirements.</p> <p>Every coating line shall be checked twice a year in order for a QUALICOAT licence to be renewed.</p> <p>Routine inspections shall be made without prior notice. The inspectors shall take along the following equipment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Thickness meter- Conductivity meter- Calibration tools for the other tests stipulated <p>[...]</p>