

Press Release

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BM TRADA meets demand for paint application Q-Mark

Meeting demand from both paint and product manufacturers, BM TRADA Certification Ltd has launched the Q-Mark Paint Application Scheme to ensure that products such as windows, doors and other building components which are sold as factory finished will be coated in accordance with



paint systems manufacturers' guidelines. The first company to gain certification is the industrial paint manufacturers Movac Group Ltd, who supply coatings for wood, metal, glass, PVCu and other specialist materials.

According to BM TRADA Senior Technical Consultant Andy Sumner, 'It is very easy to get into bad habits when applying a paint finish, but it is critical that strict guidelines are adhered to in line with the coating system supplier's specifications. Each paint system will have been tested and approved for the substrate to which it is being applied, so we are not certifying the system itself. We are, however, certifying a company and nominated individuals within that company to apply a specific coating to a product. The BM TRADA Q-Mark will give the customer the reassurance that the finished product has been painted by a trained and certified person.

BM TRADA has issued a detailed checklist for applicants, who must confirm that:

- They have in place an effective Management System (ideally but not essentially to ISO 9001) to demonstrate that products are being coated consistently to the required standard and specification.
- They hold specification documents outlining the substrate and conditions necessary for application to a given substrate for each paint system to be incorporated into the certification.
- Their quality management system incorporates procedures that ensure that the specification is adhered to, eg temperature or humidity may need to be controlled as part of the production procedures.

Movac will often prepare fully coated panels for customers to demonstrate the quality the coating should achieve when applied correctly. They decided to target the BM TRADA Q-Mark for themselves to set a benchmark for application. Group Industrial Sales Manager Craig Matthews commended the scheme: 'As a supplier of high quality coatings to many industries, we stress the importance of ensuring that these coatings are applied in line with the technical data requirements for each coating and see the BM TRADA Q-Mark paint application scheme as a way that this can be ensured. We therefore felt that for the high standards that we set within our business it would only be credible if we were to enforce this BM TRADA Q-Mark standard within our own organisation, to build even higher levels of confidence in Movac with our expanding customer base when we recommend and supply coatings solutions to them.'

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