



QUALITY MARK (GÜTEZEICHEN) STATUTES

**Gütegemeinschaft
Schwerer Korrosionsschutz**

von Armaturen und Formstücken durch Pulverbeschichtung e.V.

**Quality Assurance Association for
Heavy-Duty Corrosion Protection**

of Valves and Fittings with Powder Coating (GSK e.V.)

Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes of the Quality Assurance Association Heavy-Duty Corrosion Protection of Valves and Fittings with Powder Coating (GSK e.V.)

(Gütegemeinschaft Schwerer Korrosionsschutz von Armaturen und Formstücken durch Pulverbeschichtung e.V.)

(These Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes are regulations governing use of the mark within the meaning of § 102 Paragraph 2 of the law on trademarks.)

1. Name and registered office

- 1.1 The Association is a Quality assurance association (Gütegemeinschaft) within the meaning of the principles for Quality Marks (Gütezeichen) in the respective applicable version and is called "Gütegemeinschaft Schwerer Korrosionsschutz von Armaturen und Formstücken durch Pulverbeschichtung e.V.". It is registered in the register of associations at the Amtsgericht (County Court) at Munich.
- 1.2 The registered office is in Munich.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 The purpose of the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) is to
 - 2.1.1 assure the Quality of heavy-duty corrosion protection of valves and fittings and
 - 2.1.2 label Quality-assured services and products with the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) for heavy-duty corrosion protection of valves and fittings of the Gütegemeinschaft Schwerer Korrosionsschutz von Armaturen und Formstücken durch Pulverbeschichtung e.V. together with the special inscriptions.

3. Membership

Membership of the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) is open to:

- manufacturers of valves and fittings that personally carry out the powder coating or
- manufacturers of valves and fittings that contract out the powder coating to a third party that is an Ordinary Member of the Association or
- epoxy coating plants that coat valves and fittings or
- companies that produce epoxy-coating materials.

4. Representation

Within the meaning of § 26 BGB (German Civil Code), the Board of Management is the Chair and his or her deputy. Each has sole power of representation.

5. Establishment and design of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen)

- 5.1 The Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) is the responsible body for the following Quality Mark (Gütezeichen):



- 5.2 The Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) complies with the principles for Quality Marks (Gütezeichen) in its respective valid version.
- 5.3 The Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) can be used with different specific inscriptions.
- 5.4 The Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) is registered as a collective mark at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office (IR Mark 657 990).

6. Circle of authorised users and conditions for use

- 6.1 The Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) of the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) may be used in accordance with Section 3 by every company that carries out services or manufactures products in accordance with the General Quality and Test Regulations for Heavy-Duty Corrosion Protection of Valves and Fittings and the respective Special Quality and Test Regulations and which has been awarded the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) with the respective inscription.
- 6.2 The Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) can only be awarded if the Quality Committee has checked conformity with the requirements of the General and the respective Special Quality and Test Regulations and the Implementation Regulations. The Executive Committee has to certify the awarding of the Quality Mark. It cannot be made dependent on commitments being made other than those that aim for compliance with these Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes, the General and the respective Special Quality and Test Regulations and the Implementation Regulations.
- 6.3 Holders of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) may only use the Quality Mark for Quality-assured services or products.

7. Rights and duties of the participants

- 7.1 As the body responsible for the mark, the Quality Assurance Association Gütegemeinschaft Schwerer Korrosionsschutz von Armaturen und Formstücken durch Pulverbeschichtung e.V. has rights that arise from the mark being recognised as a Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) by RAL and registered at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office as a collective mark as well as rights with regards unlawful use of the mark.
- 7.2 The Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) is obligated to
 - 7.2.1 monitor that Holders of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) observe the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes, the General and the respective Special Quality and Test Regulations and the Implementation Regulations
 - 7.2.2 take action if use of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) is violated or impaired
 - 7.2.3 intervene if the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) is misused and
 - 7.2.4 have the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen), which is registered as a collective mark at the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, removed when it is deleted from the RAL list of Quality Marks (Gütezeichen), and to no longer use it thereafter.
 - 7.2.5 This obligation also extends to a registration of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) carried out abroad (IR mark) or to the registration of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) as a Community trade mark (GM mark).
- 7.3 Holders of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) are obligated to,
 - 7.3.1 observe the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes, the General and the Special Quality and Test Regulations and the Implementation Regulations
 - 7.3.2 inform the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) if they are aware that the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) is being misused
 - 7.3.3 contribute to promoting the purpose of the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) and
 - 7.3.4 pay fees or allocated payments specified by the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) on time.
- 7.4 Holders of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) are themselves responsible for the Quality of their services or products. Liability on the part of the Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft), its bodies or representatives is excluded.

8. Amendments

The Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft) can only amend the statutes of the Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) with the prior written consent of RAL. They come into force after a reasonable period of notice after the Board of Management has published them.

Translation

RAL Deutsches Institut für Gütesicherung und Kennzeichnung	RAL German Institute for Quality Assurance and Certification
RAL Anerkennung	RAL Approval
Gütegemeinschaft	Quality Assurance Association (Gütegemeinschaft)
Grundsätze für Gütezeichen	Guidelines for Quality Marks (Gütezeichen)
Gütezeichen	Quality Mark (Gütezeichen)
Gütezeichenbenutzer	Holders of the Quality Marks (Gütezeichen)
Güteausschuss	Quality Committee
Gütebedingungen	Quality Regulations
Gütegrundlage	Quality Principles
Gütemerkmale	quality criteria
Gütesicherung	Quality Assurance
Güteschutz	Quality Protection
Güteüberwachung	Monitoring of Quality
Gütevorschriften	Quality Regulations
Satzungswerk	Statutes
Zeichensatzung	Quality Mark (Gütezeichen) Statutes

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