Regulations in Division 3.1 Dangerous Goods Packagings in the context of the restrictions imposed by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in the calendar year 2021 - as of 12.03.2021

Service processes with travel activities

1. Quality assurance programme (QAP) recognition and surveillance visits

   a. QAP revision
      If an additional audit should be necessary in connection with a QAP revision due to an extension of the scope of the QAP recognition, this will be carried out subsequently. BAM intends to carry out this audit within 6 months from the date of issue of the revised version. After examination of the application for such a QAP revision and, if applicable, the documents and proofs submitted or still to be submitted, the QAP revision is issued with the regular expiry date.

   b. Initial applications for recognition of the QAP
      i. Companies that have not yet undergone an initial audit and are seeking permanent approvals can apply for recognition of their QAP as part of a remote assessment, if desired in conjunction with video conferencing. Upon positive review of the documents and proofs to be submitted, the companies will receive a notification of recognition limited to one year. The initial audit is carried out subsequently and counts for the calendar year in which the notification of recognition was issued for the first time.

      ii. Alternatively, new companies can work with temporary approvals and apply for them at the section “Approval and Use”.

   c. Surveillance visits
      Surveillance visits are carried out by BAM as well as by surveillance bodies recognised by BAM. BAM informs the surveillance bodies and the companies surveyed by BAM about BAM’s approach. The surveillance bodies are free to adopt this procedure.

Notes: For a QAP prolongation only documents are to be checked, so no regulations need to be defined for this process type. This also applies to QAP revisions unless an audit is required (see above).