

Regulations in Division 3.1 Dangerous Goods Packagings in the context of the restrictions imposed by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic

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 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 been subject to an initial audit and are seeking permanent approvals will only receive temporary approvals until 30 September 2020. Such temporary approvals are usually limited to one year.
 - ii. Temporary approvals already issued, for which the time limitation expires before 30 September 2020 and for which an extension of the time limitation is sought, may be extended by a period of another 6 months upon application within the context of a revision of the respective approval.

BAM intends to conduct the initial audit within the validity period of the certificates of approval.

- 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).