

**OFFICIAL POSITION N°5-001**

**Measures relating to the continuity of the Qualimat Transport system in the context of covid-19 epidemic**

<b>THEME 5</b>	<b><u>Exceptional temporary measures</u></b>
<b>Reference document</b>	<b>Regulation for recognition third-party §3.3.</b>

**Problem identified:**

The §3.3 of the regulations for recognition third party indicates « *The maximum term for certificates delivered by a certifying organization is 12 months, starting from the renewal date. In order to retain their registration, transport operators must be audited again with a successful outcome before their existing certificate expires.* ».

The situation generated by the covid-19 and the government measures taken make it **very difficult** for Qualimat Transport **on-site audits** to be carried out by certification bodies for an indefinite period. What have Qualimat put in place to allow the continuation of the activity of Qualimat Transport certified transport companies **in the case** of this impossibility of carrying **out on-site third-party audits**?

**Official position adopted:**

Within the framework of these exceptional measures, 2 situations are distinguished for the initial and renewal audits **concerned**:

**1) The previous audit was the target of a referral to the committee:**

- The current certificate can be automatically extended by 5 months by the Certification Body,
- An on-site audit must be scheduled **during this extension period** and before the expiry of the certificate extension. At the end of this audit, a final certificate may be issued, in accordance with the measures of the regulations for recognition third-party applicable. **The total duration of certificates (extension + final certificate) cannot exceed 12 months.**

**2) The previous audit wasn't the target of a referral to the committee:**

- The current certificate can be automatically extended by 3 months by the Certification Body,
- A **remote documentary assessment** must be carried out **during this extension period** and before the expiry of the certificate extension. If the result **of this assessment** does not show more than 4 minor inconsistencies and / or 1 major inconsistency (in accordance with §5.1 of the regulations for recognition third party), a temporary certificate of 2 months may be issued **according to the model presented in Annex 1**. Otherwise, a committee must be consulted **(in accordance with the regulations for recognition their-party applicable)**.
- An on-site audit must be scheduled before the end of the certificate extension. At the end of this audit, a final certificate may be issued, in accordance with the measures of the regulations for recognition **third-party** applicable. **The total duration of certificates (extension + final certificate) cannot exceed 12 months**

During the exceptional certificate extension, all the requirements of the Qualimat Transport specifications apply. It is essential to ensure the continuity of compliance with good practices and to guarantee the safety of raw materials and compound feed intended for animal feed.

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**ANNEX 1: MODEL OF QUALIMAT TRANSPORT TEMPORARY CERTIFICATE  
ISSUED FOLLOWING REMOTE DOCUMENTARY ASSESSMENT**

*(Free area reserved for identification and logo of the certification body)*

*(Area with graphic charter imposed)*

Attest, following the remote documentary assessment, on the basis of the partial  
elements assessed,  
performed on ..., a duration of ... hours

That the company :

For the site of :  
*(company details)*

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N°SIRET : .....

N° intra-community VAT\* : .....

*\*in the case of foreign companies*

Qualimat code :.....

respect the QUALIMAT TRANSPORT version 6 specification for the points checked



for bulk transport of animal feed “product” by road

This certification n° ... is valid from ... to ...

(its validity can be checked on the site [www.qualimat.org](http://www.qualimat.org))

Done on ... in....

*Name and visa of the person in charge  
of the certifying body*

*Free zone: contact details and possible additional information from the certification body  
(logo, delivery conditions, etc...)*