

## Catas certifies products!

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**F**or many years now, and more precisely since 1993, CATAS operates also as a **product certification body** with its own brand, the CATAS QUALITY AWARD (CQA).

This means that in addition to the laboratory tests carried out on single samples selected by the customers, “traditional” activity of the laboratory, we can provide a product certification that extends its value to the whole production.

The certification schemes we offer to the companies have been developed based on our fifty-years experience in the sector and are constantly updated following changes introduced by the technical standards.

For each certified company, which can therefore use the “CQA” mark on its products, we define an annual program of systematic checks that allow us to continuously monitor the production.

This activity is based on two pillars: the first are the checks carried out by our technicians, who periodically perform audits in the companies plants during which they also sample the certified products to carry out all the tests required; the second pillar is the activity of internal monitoring carried out by the company itself, which performs periodic tests on the product and sends CATAS the results.

The granting of CATAS QUALITY AWARD - CQA brand gives an important added value to the product because it certifies the overtime compliance with specific technical requirements being constantly verified by CATAS, which is an independent and impartial third-party body.

In 2014 CATAS was the first product certification body in Italy to be accredited according to the UNI CEI EN ISO / IEC 17065 standard for the **CQA Formaldehyde CARB** product certification scheme and in 2018, we were the first in Italy to obtain the accreditation for the **CQA Formaldehyde TSCA Title VI (EPA)** scheme.

The CATAS QUALITY AWARD product certification has become an instrument increasingly requested by companies that want to qualify their production. As you can see in the graph, since 1993 the number of certified products has been constantly increasing. On the CATAS website ([www.catas.com](http://www.catas.com)), in Certified Products section, you can find the updated list of CQA certifications issued over the years. Very few “clicks” are needed to find out which companies have granted CATAS QUALITY AWARD certification.

Currently the certification scheme are thirteen: five schemes for **low formaldehyde emission panels** (E1, Four Stars, Lam, CARB and EPA, the last two accredited by ACCREDIA); four schemes for **coating systems for exterior wood** (two of which are double-branded with the German WKI Institute); one scheme for **coating systems for domestic furniture**; one scheme for **glulam beams for window frames** and one scheme for **playground equipment**.

The last born is the scheme that certifies the Italian Origin of Furniture (Made in Italy), a double-brand scheme granted with the COSMOB Institute of Pesaro (Italy).

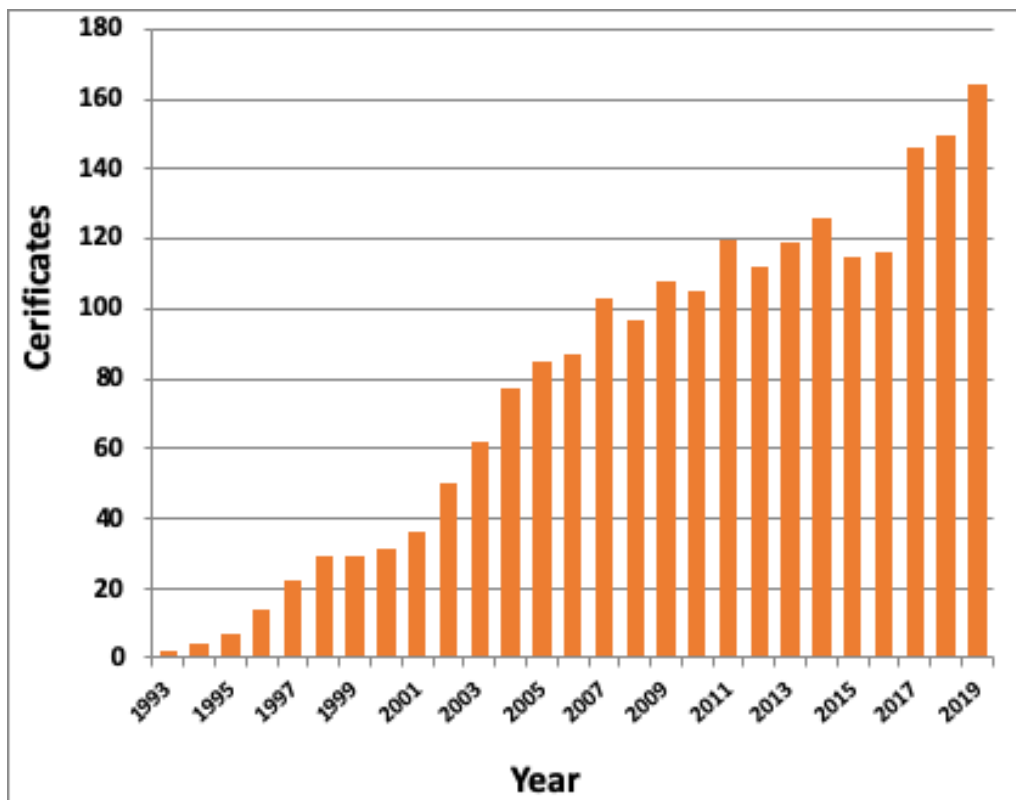
The companies that turn to CATAS certification body are sure to find a competent partner to develop for their productions a quality control system that leads to obtaining a valuable brand, recognized by worldwide markets.



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