

CQA Interior wood coating system: All new? Yes, but not really...

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CATAS has long been running several “Catatas Quality Award” (CQA) certification schemes dedicated to rewarding the quality of interior wood coating cycles. In fact, since 2004 several companies have obtained the CQA mark for their coating systems intended for coating the surfaces of domestic furniture.



**Interior
Wood Coating**
Certified by Catatas

The mark, until now, concerned coating systems applied to furniture surfaces with three different end uses: kitchen, bathroom and “other” (the latter referring to furniture intended for other rooms in the home, such as living room and bedroom, for example).

What’s new?

The scope of the scheme has been reevaluated.

The new certification mark is aimed at coating systems for **ALL interior wood surfaces**, so not only those of kitchen, bathroom, living room and bedroom furniture, **but also**, for example, **interior doors, window frames, matchboarding**.

Excluded from the surfaces are **wooden floors** for which [CQA Wood and Parquet Flooring](#) is active.

This is precisely possible because the requirements of the scheme are also well suitable to other types of applications such as window frames or matchboarding

For the most part, the performance requirements of the scheme are defined by *UNI 11216 Household Furniture. Performance requirements for coated wood-based surfaces*.

The new name does it all

The former “CQA Coating System for Domestic Furniture” will now be called “**CQA Interior Wood Coating System**”. This choice was made in response to new market needs, namely, not to restrict the use of the brand to household furniture only, but to all wood surfaces in the home environment.

How to identify the **end use** for which the coating system is certified?

This information can be found **on the certificate** in a table that crosses the end uses of coating systems with the orientation of household surfaces.

Easier to understand with an example:

END USE	HORIZONTAL SURFACES	VERTICAL SURFACES
KITCHEN	✓	✓
BATHROOM	✓	✓
OTHERS	✓	✓

In this case, the cycle is certified for horizontal and vertical surfaces of any end use. For example, it can be intended for horizontal surfaces of kitchen storage units, etc.

END USE	HORIZONTAL SURFACES	VERTICAL SURFACES
KITCHEN	—	✓
BATHROOM	—	✓
OTHERS	—	✓

In this case the product is certified for vertical surfaces of any type of end use, such as those of furniture but also of matchboards and window frames.

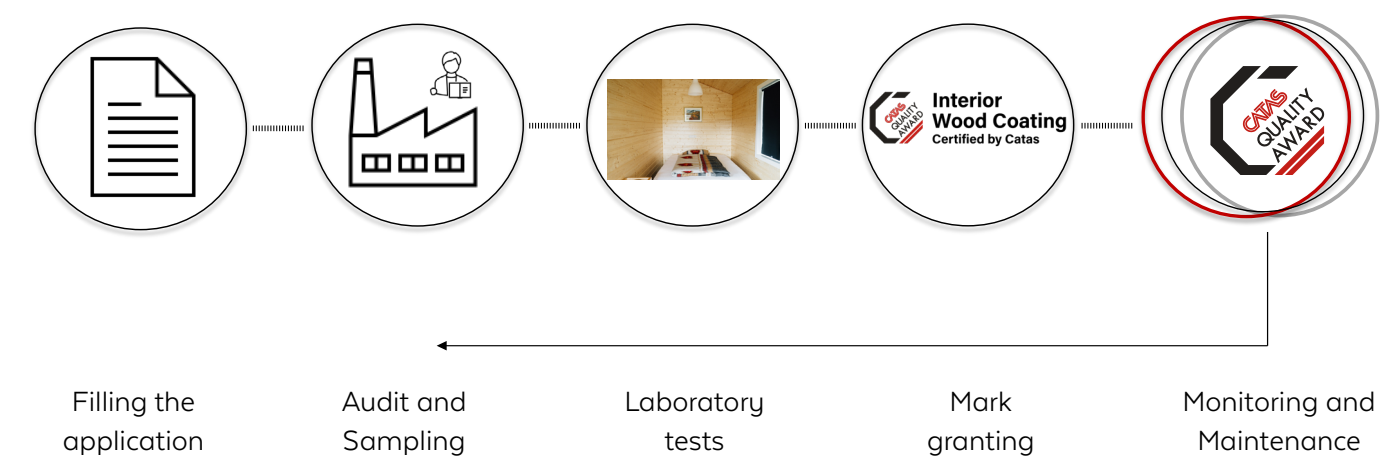
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- **technical value:** performance and properties are verified and tested in the laboratory;
- **objective value:** based on rigorous technical specifications and reference technical standards;
- **distinctive value:** excellence and quality certified by CATAS.

Getting certified is easy:



..... only 5 steps:

1. Filling the application
2. Audit and sampling
3. Laboratory tests
4. Mark granting
5. Monitoring and maintenance

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