INTUMESCENT COATINGS GROUP (ICG) – Terms of Reference

This Group reports to the Industrial Coatings Council

Overall purpose

To represent and promote the particular interests of BCF member companies who supply intumescent coatings

Key general activities

1. To provide a forum for manufacturing and distributing companies in the intumescent coatings sector, to identify, discuss and take action on relevant issues, in accordance with the provisions of UK competition law.

2. To review proposals for legislation and related measures relating to the formulation, manufacture and use of coatings in the intumescent coatings sector.

3. To actively participate in the development of national, European, international and industry standards and specifications, relevant to the intumescent coatings sector.

4. To act as the BCF liaison group with other organisations/associations etc. involved in the intumescent coatings sector. To ensure alignment between the EU and the UK interested groups, linking CEPE activity with the activities of EOTA, EAPFP and ASFP, for example.

5. To provide the BCF with expert advice and guidance on matters pertaining to the intumescent coatings sector, in support of BCF representation of the sector’s interests with Government and departments, third party organisations and the media.

Focus topics (as agreed in January 2015, to be reviewed periodically)

1. EN 16623 – transitioning UK industry, in preparation for a future hEN

2. EN 13381 (relevant parts)

3. Applicator Best Practice guide – promoting use of this document

4. Lobbying - UK government and others on key issues, especially mandate for CE marking / harmonised EN (through CEN TC139), defending key substances etc.

5. Robustness of the current assessment system

6. Third Party certification – continue to promote full adoption by the industry (see BCF statement issued July 2015)

7. Certification process, working towards consistency across EU, manufacturing companies and certification bodies working together to support and improve the system
Group composition and procedures

A. The Group is open to all companies in membership of the BCF who
   - manufacture and supply intumescent coatings (Full Members)
   - supply products, technically support or provide testing and certification services
     for the intumescent coatings business (Associate Members)

B. The Group elects a Chairman from Full Member companies to serve for a renewable
   three-year period.

C. All meetings are held strictly to the BCF’s Code of Conduct, and meet the requirements
   of Competition Policy through the use of the ‘red/green bookmark’ system.

D. The Group organises its meetings and communications to ensure the respective
   interests of Full Member companies and Associate Member companies are protected.
   Associate Members are not permitted to make decisions on issues of relevance solely to
   Full Members and vice versa.

E. Unless otherwise needing to be restricted to Full Members for operational reasons,
   papers and documents are provided to both Full and Associate Members of the Group.

F. Non-members are not permitted to attend, unless invited (on an ad-hoc basis) by the
   Group, for the purposes of discussing selected key topics

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