Traveling mould

Interpretation document

Companies which have multiple production locations and need more flexibility with regards to the production capacity to answer their markets demand.

Scope:
Products which are made with a mould, for example injection moulded fittings.
Companies which have two or more production locations, where they can produce the products, using the exact same mould (not a copy).

To guarantee the quality of the products, the following points need to be considered:

1) Each production location needs to have an 'initial factory inspection' report for these or quite similar products from Kiwa;
2) The production locations are visited regularly according to the scope of the product;
3) The raw material(s) used in every production location are identical;
4) The product needs to be traceable; the company needs to be able to trace back the exact mould that was used and on which production location (this is additional to the required marking of the applicable BRL);
5) The company needs to verify the first LOT by testing according to their Internal Quality Scheme (IQS). Which is extended with the listed bullets mentioned under 'Plan of approach > Application > Update IQS';
6) At least once every three years the products of the traveling mould are sampled at each production location.

Plan of approach:
To add the module 'Traveling mould' to a production location the following steps are taken:

Application:

- Cover steps 1 and 2;
- Update IQS of each production location with:
  - Listing of the **raw materials** used or the reference to the verified recipe, (Nr 3);
  - The procedure (or reference to) concerning **traceability**, (Nr 4);
  - The procedure including registration (or reference to) concerning **release of the mould** at the production location, Nr 5);
- Update contract for the possible additional tests, (Nr 6).

Yearly inspection:

- Follow the whereabouts of the mould, (according to the new IQS).
- The required samples must be taken according to the specific BRL including its frequency and Nr 6.

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