

June 9, 2021
Toyobo Co., Ltd.

To whom it may concern,

Notice regarding the lifting of the temporary suspension of ISO 9001 certification granted to Toyobo's Functional Materials Production and Technology Operating Department (developments concerning the matter disclosed)

As we notified in the document dated January 28, 2021, Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance Ltd. (LRQA), a certification/registration agent for the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has cancelled or temporarily suspended parts of the certification it granted to Toyobo Co., Ltd. Specifically, LRQA cancelled ISO 9001^{*1} certification granted to Toyobo's Engineering Plastics Operating Department and temporarily suspended the certification granted to its Functional Materials Production and Technology Operating Department (Tsuruga Polymers Plant and Iwakuni Polymers Plant^{*2}).

As a result of its recent special review, LRQA notified us, dated June 9, that it would lift the temporary suspension of the certification granted to the Functional Materials Production and Technology Operating Department. The details of LRQA's notification are listed below.

The cancellation of the certification regarding the Engineering Plastics Operating Department was not subject to the special review this time, but we will proceed with work to obtain the certification again as soon as possible.

*1 An international standard for quality control

*2 Except for Engineering Plastics Section of Iwakuni Polymers Plant

1. Content of notification from LRQA

Lifting of the temporary suspension of ISO 9001 certification

2. Applied standards

ISO 9001:2015

3. Registration number

ISO 9001-YKA0958117

4. Organizations subject to the temporary suspension lifting

Functional Materials Production and Technology Operating Department (Tsuruga Polymers Plant and Iwakuni Polymers Plant^{*2}).

5. Date of the temporary suspension lifting

As of June 9, 2021

We sincerely apologize again for the anxiety and trouble we are causing our clients and other stakeholders due to our misconduct regarding engineering plastic products, including the suspension of the certification. Taking the repeated misconduct very seriously, we are continuing thorough, company-wide investigations to grasp what went wrong and why it happened. Based on investigations we have and will have conducted as well as those done mainly by a committee independent of the company's top management, we will study and thoroughly implement effectual preventive measures. We will swiftly disclose any information should be disclosed.

As we notified in the document dated March 26, 2021, we launched a new Quality Assurance Division on April 1. The Quality Assurance Department of each Solutions Division will be placed under the new Quality Assurance Division in order to guarantee the division's independence and give it the enhanced function of warning and checking our Solutions Division. We will work to the best of our abilities to restore trust by rebuilding a robust quality control system and enhancing our corporate governance.

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