Status of JIS certification

(Results of extraordinary audits, etc. in response to the quality misconduct)

(As of March 24, 2020)

Due to the misconduct concerning inspection data by Kobe Steel and its group companies, JIS certification bodies undertook the extraordinary examination of each Kobe Steel Group location. As a result, JIS certification was cancelled or suspended at some locations.

In response, Kobe Steel and its group companies have been striving to reacquire JIS certification and lift the temporary suspension, and relevant examinations have been conducted by respective JIS certification bodies. With the reacquisition of JIS certification by Shinko Metal Products, Kobe Steel believes it has completed all the necessary actions to restore its JIS certification.

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Iron & Steel

Company	Location	Certification Body	JIS No.	Product	Results	Date of Decision
Kobe Steel, Ltd.	Kakogawa Works	JICQA	G3101, others	Rolled steels for general structure, etc. (7 heavy plate related JIS standard items) *1	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
		JICQA	G3101, others	Rolled steels for general structure, etc. (8 sheet related JIS standard items) *2	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
		JICQA	G3101, others	Rolled steels for general structure, etc. (6 wire rod related JIS standard items) *3	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
	Kobe Works	JICQA	G3101, others	Rolled steels for general structure, etc. (8 wire rod & bar related JIS standard items) *4	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
Kobelco Steel Tube Co., Ltd.		JICQA	G3446	Stainless steel pipes for machine and structural purposes	Certification maintained	Dec. 12, 2017
	Shimonoseki Works	JICQA	G3459	Stainless steel pipes	Certification maintained	Dec. 12, 2017
		JICQA	G3463	Stainless steel boiler and heat exchanger tubes	Certification maintained	Dec. 12, 2017
Nippon Koshuha Steel Co., Ltd.	Toyama Works	JICQA	G4303, others	(4 JIS standard items of stainless steel bars and steels for machine structural use) *5	Certification maintained	May 14, 2019
Shinko Bolt, Ltd.	Head office/plant	JICQA	B1186	Sets of high strength hexagon bolt, hexagon nut and plain washers for friction grip joints	Certification maintained	Jan. 9, 2018
Shinko Wire Company, Ltd.	Amagasaki Works	JICQA	G3536	Steel wires and strands for prestressed concrete	Certification maintained	Jan. 9, 2018
		JICQA	G3548	Zinc-coated steel wires	Certification maintained	Jan. 9, 2018
	Onoe Works	JICQA	G3525, others	Wire ropes, etc. (5 wire rope related JIS items) *6	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
Tesac Wirerope Co., Ltd.	Nishikihama Works	JICQA	G3525	Wire ropes	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
·		JICQA	G3546	Wire ropes with profile wires	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
		JICQA	G4309	Stainless steel wires	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
Shinko Wire Stainless Company, Ltd.		JICQA	G4314	Stainless steel wires for springs	Certification canceled Certification reacquired	Jun. 10, 2016 Jan. 23, 2018
		JICQA	G4315	Stainless steel wires for cold heading and cold forging	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018
Tesac Usha Wirerope Co., Ltd.		JICQA	G3525	Wire ropes	Certification maintained	Jan. 23, 2018

Welding

Company	Location	Certification Body	JIS No.	Products	Results	Date of Decision
Kobe Steel, Ltd.	Fujisawa Plant	JQA	Z3321	Stainless steel rods, wires and strip electrodes for welding *8	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
		JQA	Z3323	Stainless steel flux cored wires and rods for arc welding	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
		JQA	Z3211	Covered electrodes for mild steel, high tensile strength steel and low temperature service steel	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
	Ibaraki Plant	JQA	Z3221	Stainless steel covered electrodes	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
		JQA	Z3313	Flux cored wires for gas shielded and self- shielded metal arc welding of mild steel, high strength steel and low temperature service steel	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
	Fukuchiyama Plant	JQA	Z3312	Solid wires for MAG and MIG welding of mild steel, high strength steel and low temperature service steel	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
	Saijo Plant	JQA	Z3211	Covered electrodes for mild steel, high tensile strength steel and low temperature service steel	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017
Kobe Welding of Tangshan Co., Ltd.		JQA	Z3312	Solid wires for MAG and MIG welding of mild steel, high strength steel and low temperature service steel	Certification maintained	Dec. 22, 2017

Aluminum & Copper

Company	Location	Certification Body	JIS No.	Products	Results	Date of Decision
Kobe Steel, Ltd.	Moka Plant	JQA	H4000	Aluminum and aluminum alloy sheets, strips and plates	Certification suspended Suspension lifted	Dec. 8, 2017 July 9, 2019
	Aluminum & Fabrication Plant, Chofu Works	JICQA	H4040	Aluminum and aluminum alloy bars and wires	Certification suspended Suspension lifted	Dec. 5, 2017 Feb. 28, 2020
		JICQA	H4080	Aluminum and aluminum alloy extruded tubes and cold-drawn tubes	Certification suspended Suspension lifted	Dec. 5, 2017 Feb. 28, 2020
		JICQA	H4100	Aluminum and aluminum alloy extruded profiles	Certification suspended Suspension lifted	Dec. 5, 2017 Feb.28, 2020
Kobelco & Materials Copper Tube Co., Ltd.	Hatano Plant	JQA→JICQA	H3300	Copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes	Certification canceled Certification reacquired	Oct. 26, 2017 Jan. 28, 2020
		JQA	H3330	Plastic covered copper tubes *7	Certification canceled	Nov. 15, 2017
Shinko Metal Products Co., Ltd.		JQA→JICQA	H3300	Copper and copper alloy seamless pipes and tubes	Certification canceled Certification reacquired	Dec. 8, 2017 Mar. 24, 2020
Shinko Aluminum Wire Co., Ltd.		JICQA	H4040	Aluminium and aluminium alloy bars and wires	Certification maintained	May 28, 2019

Notes

JICQA: JIC Quality Assurance Ltd.

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- *1 G3101 (Rolled steels for general structure), G3103 (Carbon steel and molybdenum alloy steel plates for boilers and pressure vessels), G3106 (Rolled steels for welded structure), G3114 (Hot-rolled atmospheric corrosion resisting steels for welded structure), G3136 (Rolled steels for building structure), G3140 (Higher yield strength steel plates for bridges), G4051 (Carbon steels for machine structural use)
- *2 G3101 (Rolled steels for general structure), G3106 (Rolled steels for welded structure), G3136 (Rolled steels for building structure), G4051 (Carbon steels for machine structural use), G3131 (Hot-rolled mild steel plates, sheet and strip), G3141 (Cold-reduced carbon steel sheet and strip), G3302 (Hot-dip zinc-coated steel sheet and strip), G3312 (Prepainted hot-dip zinc-coated steel sheet and strip)
- *3 G3101 (Rolled steels for general structure), G4051 (Carbon steels for machine structural use), G3502 (Piano wire rods), G3505 (Low carbon steel wire rods), G3506 (High carbon steel wire rods), G3503 (Wire rods for core wire of covered electrode)
- *4 G3101 (Rolled steels for general structure), G3138 (Rolled steel bars for building structure), G4051 (Carbon steels for machine structural use), G4052 (Structural steels with specified hardenability bands), G4053 (Low-alloyed steels for machine structural use), G3112 (Steel bars for concrete reinforcement), G4801 (Spring steels), G4805 (High carbon chromium bearing steel)
- *5 G4308 (Stainless steel wire rods), G4051 (Carbon steels for machine structural use), G4053 (Low-alloyed steels for machine structural use), G4303 (Stainless steel bars)
- *6 G3525 (Wire ropes), G3546 (Wire ropes with profile wires), G3549 (Wire ropes for structure), G3550 (Stainless steel wire ropes for structure), G3557 (Stainless steel wire ropes for general purposes)
- *7 Recertification of H3330 (Plastic covered copper tubes) is not planned at this time, considering the current demand trends and the quantity of products that will be required to display the JIS mark.
- *8 Renewal of certification of Z3321 (Stainless steel rods, wires and strip electrodes for welding) was not implemented due to the transfer of production to a different facility.