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Extension of the transitional regulation KTW-BWGL Section 4.1 (status: 25. March 2022)

The accredited certification bodies are obliged to impartiality due to the accreditation requirements. This already results in the requirement to act, as it is becoming apparent, due to circumstances beyond the control of the product manufacturers, the rule maker as well as the certification bodies, that the extended transitional regulation of the UBA due to the COVID-19 pandemic until March 21, 2023 is not sufficient to convert all certificates according to the transitional regulation (COVID certificates) into fully comprehensive certificates of conformity hygiene according to the UBA recommendation for attestation of conformity of product hygiene suitability for drinking water.

In order to avoid a distortion on the market, the validity of the issued COVID certificates can be extended until **September 21, 2024**, in order to convert them into a full certificate of conformity hygiene according to system 1+.

The prerequisite for this is that an application for a full certificate of conformity hygiene has been received by an accredited certification body before February 15, 2023.

Regardless of an extension of the validity, HyCert will endeavor to convert all COVID certificates into full comprehensive certificates at short notice. This includes the realization of initial inspections and external monitoring.

In principle, it should be noted that products with a COVID certificate are considered hygienically suitable for use in contact with drinking water until they are converted into a full certificate of conformity hygiene in accordance with the said UBA recommendation.