

“Ohne Gentechnik” Production and Certification Standard Revision Information

Below is a list of all significant revisions made to the "Ohne Gentechnik" Production and Certification Standard that exceed editorial changes (such as rewording, corrections and repetitions) and that are to become effective as of 1 January 2021 in version V20.02.

Part, Chapter VLOG Standard V20.02	Change	Chapter V20.01
Part A: General		
A 3.2.1 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers may only be commissioned once the activities subject to certification have been successfully audited on-site. 	A 3.2.1
A 3.4 Scope of Applicability/Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: In addition to the defined area of applicability it is possible to specify this further on the certificate (e.g. specific customer requests). Product-specific information (such as the brand names of feeds or other products) may not appear on the certificate but is listed in an annex. 	A 3.4
Part B: Logistics		
B 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent Addition: Definition of cases when trading/sale of “VLOG geprüft” oil (used for dust control) by a grinding and/or mixing facility is subject to certification or not. 	B 1
B 2.1 Risk Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion: Whole chapter deleted <i>Explanation: This chapter has been deleted as risk grading only impacts sampling at the Food Stage. Risk grading and its impact have therefore been added to Table 4: “Yearly minimum sampling/testing at the Trading of Food sub-stage” in Chapter B 5.2.2.</i> 	B 2.1
B 3.1 Facility Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Explanation: With a new version of the Standard, businesses do not need to fill out a new facility description if there are no substantive differences or supplements to the subsequent version. 	B 3.1
B 3.4 External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification of the requirements 	B 3.4
B 5.2.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Footnote for Table 3: The sampling and testing obligation applies only to traders and logistics businesses that store feed on site (or have external service providers store it). If the trader only engages in trading and transport without (intermediate) storage, it is not necessary to test outgoing goods. Specification of the risk categories in Table 4 for the trading of VLOG raw materials/products 	B 5.2.2
B 7 Specific Requirements for Conversion of Feed to “VLOG geprüft”	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Explanation: The drop shipper may convert feed only if sampling and testing of the feed is possible. 	B 7
B 7.1 Specific Requirements for Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Drop shipper must have a written confirmation from the supplier that the goods are not subject to compulsory GMO labelling. 	B 7.1

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B 7.2 Sampling and Testing for Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion: Sampling in the “VLOG geprüft” outgoing goods inspection is not applicable to drop shipping. • Addition: Testing requirements for exclusive drop shipping without storage/handling of the goods. 	B 7.2
Part C: Feed Manufacturing		
C 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent • Change: Renaming of “VLOG geprüft” mixture to “VLOG mixture” • Change: Renaming of “compound feed and feed material” to “all types of feed” (Feed Manufacturing) or “Mixing/grinding of feed” (Mobile grinding and/or mixing facility) • Addition: Trading/sale of oil (used for dust control) in grinding and/or mixing facilities is included in VLOG certification. 	C 1
C 3.1 Facility Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation: With a new version of the Standard, businesses do not need to fill out a new facility description if there are no substantive differences or supplements to the subsequent version. 	C 3.1
C 3.4 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the requirements 	C 3.4
C 3.5 Incoming Goods Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Incoming goods inspection of non-risk-prone feed not certified by VLOG 	C 3.5
C 4.2.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: Renaming in the definition of the sample material from “feed material or VLOG-certified compound feed” to “feed” • Specification of sampling in the case of more than 300,000 t/year 	C 4.2.2
C 6.6 Identification in Bills of Lading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: VLOG-certified mixtures of feed not subject to mandatory labelling must be labelled using the designation “VLOG mixture”. 	C 6.6
Part D: Matrix Certification for the Logistics and Feed Manufacture Stages		
D 2.2.6 Issuance of Certificates for Matrix Members/Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of “Group Members” to “Matrix Members/Sites” 	D 2.2.6
D 2.3 Follow-up Certification and Monitoring/Audit Intervals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: If a follow-up audit is conducted sooner than necessary (e.g., one calendar year sooner), subsequent regular audits must also be scheduled sooner. 	D 2.3
Part E: Agriculture		
E 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent • Change: Animal-specific division and revision of requirements and mandatory certification for rearing farms (“Rearing of laying hens”, “Rearing of piglets”, “Rearing of cattle and other ruminants for dairy and meat production”). • Addition: Differentiation between livestock trade and animal transport • Specification of mandatory certification for animal transports 	E 1
E 2.1 Criteria for Risk Grading in the Area of Animal Production	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Footnote (in the criterion of risk category 0) for organic-certified grinding and/or mixing facility 	E 2.1

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E 3.4 Joint Use of Machines, Facilities/External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the requirements 	E 3.4
E 4.6 Minimum Feeding Conversion Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change at purchase of animals from previous owners who are not VLOG-certified • Deletion: As of 01 January 2021 “ohne Gentechnik”-compliant feeding by the previous owner can only be applied to the minimum feeding conversion period if the previous owner is certified according to the VLOG Standard or a standard recognised as equivalent. <i>Explanation: Through dialogue with the dairy and meat industries VLOG came to the conclusion that for various reasons many rearing farms cannot implement a general certification obligation at the present time. Therefore, when updating the Standard, changes to the certification obligation were made which will take effect on 01 January 2021.</i> 	E 4.6
Part F: Group Organisation Agriculture		
F 2.2.2 Initial Certification Based on Initial Data Collection by the Group Organiser (25%-process)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: The group organiser must forward all facility descriptions, also indicating the corresponding risk categories, and checklists for each group member to the certification body. 	F 2.2.2
F 2.4 Follow-up Certification and Monitoring/Audit Intervals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: If a follow-up audit is conducted sooner than necessary (e.g., one calendar year sooner), subsequent regular audits must also be scheduled sooner. 	F 2.4
Part G Food Processing/Preparation		
G 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent 	G 1
G 3.1 Facility Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent • Addition: Explanation: With a new version of the Standard, businesses do not need to fill out a new facility description if there are no substantive differences or supplements to the subsequent version. 	G 3.1
G 3.4 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the requirements 	G 3.4
G 4 Specific Requirements for Raw Materials of Non-Animal Origin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of “plant-based” to “non-animal origin” 	G 4
G 4.1.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Footnote (at minimum number of samples/tests) saying that the number of samples in the table relates to the total quantity of raw materials used in VLOG-production. 	G 4.1.2

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Part H: Retail Stage – Sale of Bulk Food of Animal Origin		
H1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation regarding standards recognised as equivalent 	
H 2.2.1 Audit Intervals and Scope of the Audit	<u>Initial and follow-up certification</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition/Change: The type of annual audits (announced or unannounced) depends on whether traceability can be ensured up until sale to the customer or to the service counter. 	H 2.2.1
H 3.1 Group Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Information on whether traceability can be ensured up until sale to the customer or up until the service counter • Addition: Footnote: Example for traceability up until the service counter 	H 3.1
H 3.5 Incoming Goods Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: For non-VLOG-certified raw materials not of animal origin, a certificate shows that they are GMO free in accordance with Annex 1. 	H 3.5
H 3.11 Traceability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Footnote: If traceability can only be ensured up until the service counter and not up until sale to the customer, 10% of the branches will be audited unannounced each year. 	H 3.11
Part J: Requirements for Laboratories and Tests		
J1 Requirements for Commissioning a Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation: Reference to the Guideline for Laboratories providing guidance regarding an order form containing all the minimum information that the laboratory must have to test VLOG samples. 	J 1
Glossary – Definitions of terms		
Additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External Service Provider • Raw materials/products not subject to compulsory labelling • Raw materials/products subject to compulsory labelling • Unannounced audits 	
Deletions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics businesses: Mobile grinding and/or mixing facilities no longer belong to the Logistics Businesses stage but to the Feed Manufacturing stage. 	
Specifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive test result 	
Annexes		
Amended Annexes		
Annex XIII Facility Description Logistics Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of external service providers (page 2) • Deletion: Grading into risk category (page 4) 	
Annex XV Facility Description Feed Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of external service providers (page 2) 	
Annex XX Facility Description Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Naming the rearing farm (page 4) • Addition: Certification status of external service providers (page 10) 	

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Annex XXV Facility Description Food Processing/Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of external service providers (page 2) 	
Annex XXVIII Checklist – Bulk Goods (central office)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amended checklist: Division of requirements for central office and individual branches into two separate checklists 	
Annex XXIX Checklist - Bulk goods (branch)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New checklist: Division of requirements for central office and individual branches into two separate checklists 	
Annex XXX Grinding and Mixing Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Note regarding GMO in previous mixtures for non-VLOG-certified grinding and mixing facilities 	