

Information on the Use of the “Ohne GenTechnik“ Seal



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The "Ohne GenTechnik" seal is the property of the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture and is used for the voluntary labelling of food which may be labelled as "ohne Gentechnik" (without genetic engineering) according to the EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act. VLOG exclusively grants licences for the use of the seal.

Application for the “Ohne GenTechnik“ Seal

If you want to use the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal to advertise one or more of your products, you need a license to use the seal. This licence must be applied for from the Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik (VLOG).

The company that wishes to affix the seal to the packaging or use it on other (advertising) materials (e.g. homepage, flyers, delivery notes) is the one responsible for applying for the licence. Usually this is the manufacturer of the product.

An example from the dairy industry: a dairy can apply for a licence to label the dairy products it produces with the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal. It is not necessary that all milk suppliers to the dairy apply for the licence if the seal is only used on the dairy products. If an individual farmer additionally wants to use the seal in the direct marketing of milk, he can also apply for a licence to use the seal.

Core Requirements for the Use of the “Ohne GenTechnik“ Seal

In principle, any company that meets the requirements of the EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act can label its products with the "Ohne Gentechnik" seal or the words "ohne Gentechnik".

For this purpose, the companies must credibly demonstrate that their products meet the legal requirements according to §3a and §3b of the EGGenTDurchfG. To do this, certification by an independent certification body according to the VLOG standard or according to a standard recognised as equivalent by VLOG is necessary. The requirements vary depending on the sector and product. In order for the Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik to award the seal, the applicant must complete a questionnaire and submit relevant documents.

Application Documents

The following documents must be submitted to VLOG for the application of the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal:

- Application for use of the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal
- VLOG certificate or certificate of a standard recognised as equivalent
- Scope of Application of the "Ohne Gentechnik" seal (as Excel file)
- Estimation of the turnover for the products to be labelled (as Excel file)

All necessary documents can be found at <https://ohnegent.sp-kunde.de/index.php?id=467> under the item "Ohne GenTechnik" seal (for food)". The documents can be submitted by e-mail or post.

Fees for the Use of the Seal

The costs for the use of the seal are based on the turnover of the products awarded with the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal. Further information can be found in the fee schedule, which can also be found under the above-mentioned [link](#).

Improper Use of the Seal

A licence agreement with the Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik (VLOG) must be concluded before the seal is used. Penalties will be charged for any unauthorised use of the seal. In addition, the licence fee accrued since the start of use must be paid retrospectively in accordance with the turnover achieved.

Further Information and Contact Details

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding the use of the seal.

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