Risk grading of farmers

In accordance with Chapter E 2.1 of VLOG Standard

Sub-criterion: "Certification status of […] risk-prone feed"

Risk-prone feed is feed that contains one or more species of **soy, rapeseed/canola, maize/corn, cotton or sugar beet**. If no risk-prone feed is purchased, the farm can be placed in Risk Category 0 for this sub-criterion[1].

Purchase of bagged feed

If risk-prone feed is only purchased as bagged "VLOG geprüft" feed (VLOG-certified feed, which was bagged by a VLOG-certified distributor/producer and labelled as "VLOG geprüft"), the farm can be placed in Risk Category 0 for this sub-criterion[2].

Maintenance of the "VLOG geprüft" certification for purchases of risk-prone bulk feed

Case	Certification status of the individual suppliers/services				Risk category
	Producer	**Carrier**	**Trade**	**Handling/Storage**	
Producer sells feed directly to farmer[3]	VLOG	N/A	N/A	N/A	RC 0
	not VLOG	N/A	N/A	N/A	RC 2
Feed is transported by an external carrier to the farmer	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	N/A	N/A	RC 0
	VLOG	not VLOG	N/A	N/A	RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	N/A	N/A	RC 2
Feed is sold to the farmer by a drop shipper[4]	VLOG	N/A	VLOG	N/A	RC 0
	VLOG	N/A	not VLOG	N/A	RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	N/A	RC 2

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[1] Exceptions for risk-prone feed can be found in chapter E 4.9.1 of the VLOG Standard

[2] Traders that conduct Private Labelling are exempt from this regulation, a certification is also required for the Private Labelling of bagged feed.

[3] Producer transports feed to the farmer or farmer picks up the feed himself (transport is incorporated into the audit of the producer or farmer)

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Case	Certification status of the individual suppliers/services				Risk category
	Producer	**Carrier**	**Trade**	**Handling/Storage**	
Feed is sold to the farmer by a drop shipper, commission of an external carrier	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	VLOG	N/A	RC 0
	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	not VLOG	N/A	RC 2
	VLOG	not VLOG	not relevant	N/A	RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	N/A	RC 2
Trader transports feed directly from the producer to the farmer (≠ drop shipping)	VLOG	both VLOG/certification is not required according to B1		N/A	RC 0
	VLOG	both not VLOG		N/A	RC 2
	VLOG	certified for transport, but not for trading (or other way round)		N/A	RC 2
	VLOG	certified for trading but not for transport		N/A	RC 0
	not VLOG	not relevant		N/A	RC 2
Storage/handling, transport and drop shipping of feed conducted by separate companies	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	VLOG	VLOG	RC 0
	not relevant	not relevant	not relevant	not VLOG	RC 2
	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	not VLOG	VLOG	RC 2
	not relevant	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	not relevant	RC 2
Storage/handling conducted by a trader (≠ drop shipping), commission of an external carrier	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	both VLOG		RC 0
	not relevant	not relevant	both or one of them not VLOG		RC 2
	not relevant	not VLOG	not relevant		RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant		RC 2
Transport and storage/handling conducted by a trader (≠drop shipping)	VLOG	all VLOG/certification is not required according to B1			RC 0
	not relevant	one or several sectors not VLOG			RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant			RC 2
Conversion of single-component feed not subject to compulsory labelling into "VLOG geprüft" quality[5]	not relevant	after conversion: VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	VLOG	after conversion: VLOG	RC 0
	not relevant	not relevant	not VLOG	not relevant	RC 2
	not relevant	not relevant	not relevant	after conversion: not VLOG	RC 2

[5] Only possible for feed in which GMO can be detected. The relevant requirements of chapter B have to be regarded.

Case	Certification status of the individual suppliers/services				Risk category
	Producer	**Carrier**	**Trade**	**Handling/Storage**	
	not relevant	after conversion: not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	RC 2
Private Labeller (PL) sells feed that was produced by a service provider, commission of an external carrier and external storage	VLOG	VLOG/certification is not required according to B1	PL: VLOG	VLOG	RC 0
	not relevant	not relevant	PL: not VLOG	not relevant	RC 2
	not relevant	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	RC 2
	not VLOG	not relevant	not relevant	not relevant	RC 2
Etc.	*Conclusion: If a certification obligation is not met, the feed must be placed into risk category 2*				

"(not) VLOG" = the company is (n)either VLOG-certified for the respective activity (n)or certified against a standard that VLOG has recognised as equivalent

"certification is not required according to B1" = the relevant conditions for an exception from required certification according to B1 are being met

"N/A" = not applicable; this scope has no part in the respective scenario