

# Standards recognised as equivalent

VLOG has recognised the following standards as equivalent to the VLOG “Ohne Gentechnik” Production and Certification Standard. An additional VLOG certification of the respective **product** (feed or food/ingredient, additive, processing aids), **animal or feed** is not necessary if it is certified according to the standard mentioned.

**! Proof is provided by the respective certificates, the clear labelling on the bills of lading and – if necessary – additional documents.**

## VLOG-Standard, Stage Logistics

- **ARGE Gentechnikfrei / Austrian Codex Guideline** – for ARGE-certified products:
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „geeignet zur Herstellung gentechnikfreier Lebensmittel“ (feed) bzw. „Ohne Gentechnik hergestellt“ gemäß Richtlinie zur Definition der „Gentechnikfreien Produktion“ von Lebensmitteln und deren Kennzeichnung (animals, food)*
- **Donau Soja / Europe Soya (DS/ES)** – for Donau Soja / Europe Soya-certified feed:
  - ✓ *product-specific reference to Donau Soja / Europe Soya on the bills of lading<sup>1</sup>*
  - ✓ *for unprocessed lots: DS/ES-Lot certificate/Chargenzertifikat by the certification body*
- **GMP+ Modul MI 105 „GMO controlled“**:
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „(GMP+) GMO controlled“*
- **QS - VLOG-Add-on „Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik/ VLOG geprüft“<sup>2</sup>**:
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „VLOG geprüft“/“VLOG verified“*
- **Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007** –for organic feed, products:
  - ✓ *Product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: “organic”, “ecological”, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance*
- **AMA/pastus+, EFISC-GTP, FCA (OVOCOM), GMP+, QS, Qualimat** – for the transport of „VLOG geprüft“/“VLOG verified“<sup>3</sup> feed by carriers that do only transport but neither trade nor store/handle it (see chapter B 1 in the VLOG Standard)

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<sup>1</sup> Wording examples: *“geeignet zur Herstellung gentechnikfreier Lebensmittel mit Europe Soya Auslobung“/ “suitable for the production of GM-free food labelled as Europe Soya“/ „layer feed XY, Donau Soja“* or similar

<sup>2</sup> For the QS – VLOG-Add-on “Zusatzmodul”, a standard Usage Agreement with VLOG is necessary

<sup>3</sup> Or feed certified according to a standard regarded as equivalent by VLOG

## VLOG-Standard, Stage Feed Manufacturing

### Substage Feed Manufacturing/Processing

- **ARGE Gentechnikfrei / Austrian Codex Guideline:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „geeignet zur Herstellung gentechnikfreier Lebensmittel“ gemäß Richtlinie zur Definition der „Gentechnikfreien Produktion“ von Lebensmitteln und deren Kennzeichnung*
- **Donau Soja / Europe Soya (DS/ES) – for Donau Soja / Europe Soya-certified feed:**
  - ✓ *product-specific reference to Donau Soja / Europe Soya on the bills of lading<sup>4</sup>*
  - ✓ *for unprocessed lots: DS/ES-Lot certificate/Chargenzertifikat by the certification body*
- **GLOBALG.A.P NON-GM Add-on module Compound Feed Manufacturing:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „suitable for the production of food labeled „NON-GM“/“OHNE GENTECHNIK“ and*
  - ✓ *declaration of the GLOBALG.A.P number (GGN - 13 numbers) of the company*
- **GMP+ Modul MI 105 „GMO controlled“:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „(GMP+) GMO controlled“*
- **Oqualim+STNO:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: clear reference to STNO or*
  - ✓ *contractual agreement<sup>5</sup>*
- **QS- VLOG-Add-on „Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik/ VLOG geprüft“<sup>6</sup>:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „VLOG geprüft“/“VLOG verified“*
- **Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 – for organic feed:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Organic“, „Ecological“, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance*

### Substage mobile Grinding and Mixing Facilities:

- **QS- VLOG-Add-on „Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik/ VLOG geprüft“<sup>6</sup>:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „VLOG geprüft“/“VLOG verified“*
- **[Only for mixing/grinding of organic feed for the VLOG production: Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007:**
  - ✓ *Mix-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Organic“, „Ecological“, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance]*

<sup>4</sup> Wording examples: *“geeignet zur Herstellung gentechnikfreier Lebensmittel mit Europe Soya Auslobung“/ “suitable for the production of GM-free food labelled as Europe Soya“/ „layer feed XY, Donau Soja“ or similar*

<sup>5</sup> Wording example: *“The compound feed manufacturer (name, address) following the request of his customer (name, address) undertakes to supply only OQUALIM-STNO certified feed over the following period of time:...”*

<sup>6</sup> For the QS – VLOG-Add-on “Zusatzmodul”, a standard Usage Agreement with VLOG is necessary

## VLOG-Standard, Stage Agriculture

### Sub-stage Animal Production:

- **ARGE Gentechnikfrei** / Austrian Codex Guideline, if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ No additional requirements for: laying hens/chicken/broiler chicken and eggs
  - ✓ For milk, cattle, pigs, aquaculture: only if additional requirements pursuant to the „[Gemeinsame Erklärung: VLOG e.V. und ARGE Gentechnik-frei Gegenseitige Anerkennung von Produktion und Kontrolle Erweiterte Version 2.0 vom 03.04.2017](#)“ are complied with<sup>7</sup>.
  - ✓ *Tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading*: „Ohne Gentechnik hergestellt“ gemäß Richtlinie zur Definition der „Gentechnikfreien Produktion“ von Lebensmitteln und deren Kennzeichnung
- **GLOBALG.A.P NON-GM Add-on module Farm**:
  - ✓ *animal-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading*: „suitable for the production of food labeled „NON-GM“/“OHNE GENTECHNIK“ and
  - ✓ *declaration of the GLOBALG.A.P number (GGN - 13 numbers) of the company*
- **QS- VLOG-Add-on „Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik““<sup>8</sup>**:
  - ✓ *animal-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading*: „VLOG geprüft“/“VLOG verified“ (Feed) or „VLOG“ (food/animals)
- **Qualitätszeichens Baden-Württemberg (QZBW)** if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ No additional requirements for: plant raw material, lamb meat, fattened poultry, honey, fish from aquaculture, milk and dairy products, beef and pork
  - ✓ For eggs if the print numbers for which the QZ BW certification was granted are listed on the QZ BW certificate, its appendix, or a separate confirmation by the certification body.
  - ✓ *tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading*: „QZBW“
- **Qualitätszeichens Rheinland-Pfalz (QZRP)** – for eggs, if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ the print numbers for which the QZRP certification was granted are listed on the QZRP certificate, its appendix, or a separate confirmation by the certification body.
  - ✓ *tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading*: „QZRP“

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<sup>7</sup> If an ARGE Gentechnikfrei-certified company wants to use the “Ohne GenTechnik”-seal, the additional requirements have to be validated by a document audit. The two certification bodies specially approved for this kind of audit can be found on the VLOG homepage ([www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/](http://www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/) sub-item “Dokumentenprüfung für landwirtschaftliche Kleinstbetriebe...”). Under certain conditions it is alternatively possible that the ARGE-Gentechnikfrei certification body of the company checks and confirms in writing that the additional requirements are met for the products to be licensed. For further information, please contact the VLOG office.

<sup>8</sup> For the QS – VLOG-Add-on “Zusatzmodul”, a standard Usage Agreement with VLOG is necessary

- **Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007** – for all animals/animal products, with the following restrictions:
  - ✓ For cattle only if the following additional requirement is met:
 

Compliance with the minimum conversion feeding period pursuant to the VLOG Standard (12 months and at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of lifetime) must be proven and confirmed on the bills of lading.<sup>9</sup>
  - ✓ For aquaculture only if the following requirements are met:
 

Purchase of additional animals from conventional facilities pursuant to Art. 25e of Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 on organic production and labelling of organic products is excluded. The bills of lading must confirm that the animals were purchased from an organic facility or were reared organically.<sup>9</sup>
  - ✓ *animal-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Organic“, „Ecological“, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance*
- **SUISSE GARANTIE** for milk if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ compliance with additional requirements pursuant to the [„Vereinbarung von AMS Agro-Marketing Suisse und VLOG e.V. - Anerkennung der SUISSE GARANTIE-Zertifizierung vom 02.03.2017“](#)
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „SUISSE GARANTIE“*

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### Sub-stage Animal trade/transport

- **[Only for the transport of organic certified animals: Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007:**
  - ✓ *for cattle only if the following additional requirement is met:*

Compliance with the minimum conversion feeding period pursuant to the VLOG Standard (12 months and at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of lifetime) must be proven and confirmed on the delivery slips.
  - ✓ *Animal-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Organic“, „Ecological“, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance]*

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<sup>9</sup> If an organic-certified company wants to use the “Ohne GenTechnik”-seal, the additional requirements have to be validated by a document audit. The two certification bodies specially approved for this kind of audit can be found on the VLOG homepage ([www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/](http://www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/) sub-item “Dokumentenprüfung für landwirtschaftliche Kleinstbetriebe...”).

## VLOG-Standard, Stage Food Processing/Preparation

- **ARGE Gentechnikfrei** / Austrian Codex Guideline if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ if additional requirements pursuant to the „[Gemeinsame Erklärung: VLOG e.V. und ARGE Gentechnik-frei Gegenseitige Anerkennung von Produktion und Kontrolle Erweiterte Version 2.0 vom 03.04.2017](#)“ are complied with<sup>10</sup>
  - ✓ *tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Ohne Gentechnik hergestellt“ gemäß gemäß Richtlinie zur Definition der „Gentechnikfreien Produktion“ von Lebensmitteln und deren Kennzeichnung*
- **GLOBALG.A.P NON-GM Add-on module Chain of Custody:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „suitable for the production of food labeled „NON-GM“/“OHNE GENTECHNIK“ and*
  - ✓ *declaration of the GLOBALG.A.P number (GGN - 13 numbers) of the company*
- **QS-Add-on module „VLOG Zusatzmodul „Ohne Gentechnik““<sup>11</sup>:**
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „VLOG“ or „Ohne GenTechnik“-seal*
- **Qualitätszeichens Baden-Württemberg (QZ BW)** if the following requirements are met:
  - ✓ No further requirements for certified plant raw material, lamp, fattened poultry, honey, fish from aquaculture, milk and dairy products, beef and
  - ✓ For the use of processing aids, there is VLOG's "GMO-Free Certificate" pursuant to Annex I of the VLOG Standard V18.01.
  - ✓ For eggs the print numbers for which the QZ BW certification was granted are listed on the QZ BW certificate, its annex, or a separate confirmation by the certification body.
  - ✓ *tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „QZBW“*
- **Qualitätszeichens Rheinland-Pfalz (QZRP)** – for eggs:
  - ✓ if the print numbers for which the QZ BW certification was granted are listed on the QZ BW certificate, its appendix, or a separate confirmation by the certification body.
  - ✓ *tier-/product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „QZBW“*

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<sup>10</sup> If an ARGE Gentechnikfrei-certified company wants to use the "Ohne GenTechnik"-seal, the additional requirements have to be validated by a document audit. The two certification bodies specially approved for this kind of audit can be found on the VLOG homepage ([www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/](http://www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/) sub-item "Dokumentenprüfung für landwirtschaftliche Kleinstbetriebe..."). Under certain conditions it is alternatively possible that the ARGE-Gentechnikfrei certification body of the company checks and confirms in writing that the additional requirements are met for the products to be licensed. For further information, please contact the VLOG office.

<sup>11</sup> For the QS – VLOG-Add-on "Zusatzmodul", a standard Usage Agreement with VLOG is necessary

- **Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007** for organic certified food (ingredients):
  - ✓ For beef/aquaculture: see additional requirements on stage Agriculture (above)
  - ✓ For products exclusively of animal origin: From the current specifications it is evident that the respective food is made only from animal ingredients and that no plant additives, processing aids and/or other substances according to § 3, Sec. 5 EGGenTDurchfG were used in the preparation or processing of the food.<sup>12</sup> | footnote added
  - ✓ For all plant additives, processing aids and/or other substances according to § 3, Sec. 5 EGGenTDurchfG a GMO-Free Certificate (Annex I of the VLOG-Standard) is present.<sup>12</sup> | footnote added
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „Organic“, „Ecological“, reference to Regulation (EC) No. 834/2007 or hint of similar significance*
- **SUISSE GARANTIE** for milk and dairy products:
  - ✓ compliance with additional requirements pursuant to the [„Vereinbarung von AMS Agro-Marketing Suisse und VLOG e.V. - Anerkennung der SUISSE GARANTIE-Zertifizierung vom 02.03.2017“](#)
  - ✓ *product-specific labelling on the bills of lading: „SUISSE GARANTIE“, „SG“, „SGA“ or label „SUISSE GARANTIE“*

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<sup>12</sup> If an organic-certified company wants to use the “Ohne GenTechnik”-seal, the additional requirements have to be validated by a document audit. The two certification bodies specially approved for this kind of audit can be found on the VLOG homepage ([www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/](http://www.ohnegentechnik.org/zertifizierer/) sub-item “Dokumentenprüfung für landwirtschaftliche Kleinstbetriebe...”).