

Revision information – Food Processing and Retail

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Part A (General)

A 3.2.1 Commissioning External Service Providers

- Addition:
 - External service providers may only be commissioned once the activities for which certification is mandatory are successfully audited

A 3.4 Scope of Applicability/Certification

- Addition:
 - It is possible to specify the certification's scope of applicability on the certificate. Product-specific information (such as brand names) may not appear on the certificate (could be listed in an annex).

Part G (Food Processing/Preparation)

G 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

- Addition:
 - Explanation with reference to standards recognised as equivalent

G 3.1 Facility Description

- Specification:
 - If a new version of the facility description is published, the old version may still be used as long as differences in content or supplements are marked. If clarity and transparency are no longer ensured, a new facility description must be filled out.

Part G (Food Processing/Preparation)

G 3.4 Commissioning External Service Providers

- Specification of the requirement that activities requiring certification be reviewed during an audit or certification of the service provider

Part G (Food Processing/Preparation)

G 4.1.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency

- Addition:
 - Table 9; footnote: The number of samples of raw materials to be tested relates to the total quantity of raw materials used in VLOG-production.

Part H (Retail – Sale of bulk food of animal origin)

H 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

- Addition:
 - Explanation with reference to standards recognised as equivalent

Part H (Retail – Sale of bulk food of animal origin)

H 2.2.1 Audit Intervals and Scope of the Audit

Initial and follow-up certification

- Addition: The type of annual audits depends on whether traceability can be ensured up until sale to the customer or to the service counter:
 - Announced audits at 10 % of the group members if "VLOG" products are centrally purchased, traceability up until sale to the customer must be ensured
 - Unannounced audits at 10 % of the group members if "VLOG" products are centrally purchased; traceability up until the service counter must be ensured
 - Announced audits at 100 % of the group members if products are purchased locally

Part H (Retail – Sale of bulk food of animal origin)

H 2.2.1 Audit Intervals and Scope of the Audit

- Addition:
 - If the audits are announced and the certification body concludes, based on its audit of branches with central purchase, that traceability can only be ensured up until the service counter, 10 % of the audits of group members in subsequent years will be unannounced.

Part H (Retail – Sale of bulk food of animal origin)

H 3.1 Group Description

- Addition:
 - Information on whether traceability can be ensured up until sale to the customer or up until the service counter
 - Footnote: If, for example, counter staff make incorrect PLU entries at checkout at a particular branch, traceability can only be ensured up until the service counter.

Part H (Retail – Sale of bulk food of animal origin)

H 3.5 Incoming Goods Inspection

- 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 3.11 Traceability

- Addition: Footnote:
 - If, for systemic reasons, traceability can only be ensured up until the service counter and not up until sale to the customer (e.g., due to incorrect PLU entries by counter personnel), 10 % of the branches will be audited unannounced each year.

Part J (Requirements for Laboratories and Tests)

J 1 Requirements for Commissioning a Test

- Addition: Explanation:
 - When commissioning a laboratory, certain information must be submitted to the laboratory. Annex 3 of the Guideline for Laboratories provides guidance regarding the order form, which contains all the minimum information that the laboratory must have to test VLOG samples.

Glossary – Definitions of terms

Addition:

External Service Provider:

- A business (contractor) that provides services and processes to another business (client) for a fee. The duration and substance of these services must be established in writing (e.g., by contractual agreement).
- Examples of external services at the various stages:
 - Logistics: Transport/storage of feed/food
 - Feed production: Job order production of feed (private labelling)
 - Agriculture: Outsourcing of part of production to a facility/stall that does not belong to the business
 - Food processing: Slicing of cheese (slicer), sterilisation of spices, bottling of food

Glossary – Definitions of terms

Addition:

Raw materials/products not subject to compulsory labelling:

- Food which, according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and No. 1830/2003, is not subject to compulsory labelling as “genetically modified”.

Raw materials/products subject to compulsory labelling:

- Food which, according to Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and No. 1830/2003, is subject to compulsory labelling as “genetically modified”.

Unannounced audit:

- An audit of a retail branch conducted by the certification body without prior notice.

Glossary – Definitions of terms

Specification:

Positive test result:

- Any test result that confirms the presence of GMOs in feed, raw materials or products (regardless of the amount of GMO content). A positive test result does not automatically result in exclusion of the goods from “VLOG geprüft” or “ohne Gentechnik” production/marketing. The applicable limit values and conditions of EU Regulations 1829/2003 and 1830/2003 and EGGenTDurchfG must be followed for this classification (see Chapters A 1.3.1 and A 1.3.2).

Glossary – Definitions of terms

Deleted:

Logistics businesses:

- “Mobile grinding and/or mixing facilities come under the category of logistics businesses as well”

Explanation: Belong to the Feed Manufacturing Stage.

Amended Annexes:

- Annex 13 Facility Description Logistics Stage:
 - Addition: Certification status of external service providers
 - Deleted: Grading into risk category
- Annex 15 Facility Description Feed Manufacturing:
 - Addition: Certification status of external service providers
- Annex 20 Facility Description Agriculture:
 - Addition: Certification status of external service providers
 - Addition: Information about the rearing facility

Amended Annexes:

- Annex 25 Facility Description Food Processing/Preparation:
 - Addition: Certification status of external service providers
- Annex 28 and 29 Checklist – Bulk Goods (central office and branches):
 - New checklists for branches: Division of requirements for headquarters and individual branches into two separate checklists

Amended Annexes:

- Annex 30 Grinding and Mixing Protocol:
 - Addition: Footnote: Only non-VLOG-certified grinding and mixing facilities must indicate whenever the previous mixture was composed of feed subject to compulsory labelling

Additional information

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