

**Revision information –
Logistics, Feed Manufacturing and Matrix Certification
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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).

B 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

- Addition:
 - Explanation with reference to standards recognised as equivalent
 - Certification is mandatory for trading/sale of “VLOG geprüft” oil by grinding and/or mixing facilities if the oil is used for dust control and the facility is not VLOG-certified.
 - Certification is not mandatory for trading/sale of “VLOG geprüft” oil by grinding and/or mixing facilities if the oil is used for dust control and the facility is VLOG-certified.

Part B (Logistics)

B 2.1 Criteria for Risk Assessment

- Deleted:
 - The entire chapter is deleted without replacement

Explanation: As risk grading only impacts sampling at the Food Stage, risk grading and its impact have been added to Table 4: “Yearly minimum sampling/testing at the Trading of Food sub-stage” in Chapter B 5.2.2.

Part B (Logistics)

B 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.

B 3.4 External Service Providers

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

B 5.2.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency

- Addition: Footnote in Table 3 for trading of feed:
 - The sampling and testing obligation applies only to traders 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 7 Specific Requirements for Conversion of Feed to “VLOG geprüft”

- Addition: Explanation:
 - If testing is mandatory, feed may be converted only if sampling and testing of the feed is possible

B 7.1 Specific Requirements for Risk Management

- Addition for drop shipping:
 - Supplier must issue a written confirmation that the goods are GMO-free (no later than at the conclusion of a purchase agreement between the drop shipper and the supplier)

B 7.2 Sampling and Testing for Conversion

- Addition:
 - Testing requirements for exclusive drop shipping without storage/handling:
 - One sampling/test must take place for every batch of feed material graded as risk-prone and supposed to be converted.
 - At least one sampling/test per year must take place for every batch graded as non-risk-prone (if soy, rapeseed/canola, corn/maize, sugar beets or cotton).

Part C (Feed Manufacturing)

C 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

- Addition:
 - Explanation with reference to standards recognised as equivalent
 - Trading/sale of oil (used for dust control) in grinding and/or mixing facilities is included in the VLOG certification.
- Change/renaming:
 - ““VLOG geprüft” mixture” → ““VLOG” mixture”
 - Feed manufacturing:
 - “Compound feed and feed material” → “All types of feed”
 - Mobile grinding and/or mixing facilities:
 - “Compound feed and feed material” → “Mixing/grinding of feed”

Part C (Feed Manufacturing)

C 3.1 Facility Description

- Specification:
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C 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 C (Feed Manufacturing)

C 3.5 Incoming Goods Inspection

- Addition: non-risk-prone feed not certified by VLOG:
 - For all feed, feed additives and processing aids graded as non-risk-prone, the respective delivery slip need not be labelled under Regulation (EC) Nos. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003

Part C (Feed Manufacturing)

C 4.2.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency

- Change/renaming:
 - “Feed material or VLOG-certified compound feed” to “feed”
- Specification of sampling in the case of more than 300,000 t/year:
 - Production entirely not subject to compulsory labelling: for every additional 100,000 t or part thereof: 2 additional samples/tests
 - Dual production: for every additional 100,000 t or part thereof: 5 additional samples/tests

Part C (Feed Manufacturing)

C 6.6 Identification in Bills of Lading

- Specification:
 - VLOG-certified mixtures of feed not subject to mandatory labelling must be labelled using the wording “VLOG mixture”.

Part D (Matrix Certification for the Logistics and Feed Manufacture Stages)

D 2.3 Follow-up Certification and Monitoring/Audit Intervals

- 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.

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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