

VLOG Standard Annex 10	Dealing with deviations and breaches	Version: 01.09.22 Obligatory as of: 01.01.23
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Events in operations that trigger sanctions	Sanction by certification body
Minor deviation (B-evaluation, not fulfilled)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written notification <p>(not a sanction in the actual sense but a means to avoid future violations)</p>
Breach of documentation obligations that can endanger the safety of the system (possible evaluation: not fulfilled)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stricter registration and reporting obligation • Follow-up audit, if necessary • Additional sampling and testing, if necessary • Certificate issued only after implementation and verification of corrective action by the certification body
Non-compliances or breaches that endanger "Ohne Gentechnik" food or "VLOG geprüft" feed, e. g. use of conventional raw materials, failure to comply with conversion periods, no segregation of batches, etc. (possible evaluation: not fulfilled, KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning letter • Follow-up audit • Additional sampling and testing, if necessary • When evaluation is KO: revocation of the VLOG certificate within 2 business days
Detection of GMOs in a tangibly affected quantity/batch or lot (e. g. a lot in a feed processing plant, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exclusion of non-compliant goods/products from the GMO-free claim • Follow-up audit • Additional sampling and testing, if necessary
Repeated violation of VLOG Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning letter • Follow-up audit • Additional sampling and testing, if necessary • Suspension of certification with temporally limited marketing ban on "Ohne Gentechnik" foods or "VLOG geprüft" feeds
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major violations; • Lack of willingness to comply with the guidelines; • Misuse of the VLOG certificate for noncertified products/feed or use in a misleading way; • Refusal of follow-up audit, or non-compliant follow-up audit (result) after suspension of certification 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Termination of the monitoring contract • Withdrawal of the VLOG certificate