

Revision Document VLOG "Ohne Gentechnik" Production and Certification Standard V23.01

The following are significant revisions made to the "Ohne Gentechnik" Production and Certification Standard that exceed editorial changes (e.g. rewording, corrections of duplications and deletions that don't entail changes in content) and which become valid as of 1 January 2023 in version 23.01

Part, Chapter VLOG-Standard V23.01	Change	Chapter V22.01
<p>General Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separation and publication of the standard in 9 specific stand-alone parts, instead of as one overall document as was previously the case. This makes it easier for businesses to find exactly the information that is relevant to them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Part A: General ○ Part B to H: Specific parts for each stage ○ Part Z: Certification • Use of the word contamination, where appropriate, as a generic term for mixing, carry-over, commingling and swapping • Change of the term "Non-GMO" production to VLOG production in the context of certification • Attaching of the glossary, the overview of the annexes as well as the data protection & privacy notice to the end of Part A: General 		
<p>Part A: General</p>		
A 1 Preamble	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter introduced: Introductory text that briefly explains the structure of the standard and defines the contents in A. 	New
A 2 Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: The German EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act (EGGentTDurchfG) is the legal basis for the "Ohne Gentechnik" label 	A 1.2
A 3 VLOG as Standard-Issuing Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter moved and abridged 	A 1.2
A 4 Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Purpose of the Standard"), moved and abridged 	A 1.1
A 5 Scope of Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Scope of Application of the Standard") and moved 	A 2

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The VLOG Standard has been drafted in the German language and translated into English. If there are discrepancies between the translation and the German version, the German original shall prevail." 	
A 6 Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Definition of the Stages in the Standard Structure") and transfer of the content into a clear figure 	A 2.1
A 7 Review of the VLOG Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter moved 	A 5
A 8 Legal Basis and Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter moved and abridged 	A 1.3
A 8.1 Basic Requirements for Food and Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Regulations (EC) No. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003"), moved and abridged 	A 1.3.1
A 8.2 Specific Requirements for Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Contents taken over from the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed and formerly A 1.3.2 (EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act (EGGenTDurchfG)). 	Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed A 1.3.2
A 8.3 Specific Requirements for Food	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Deletion (due to the revision of the EU-organic production-regulation): „In cases where necessary additives such as vitamins are demonstrably not available in the market in "Ohne Gentechnik" quality, additives produced by GMOs may be used. Prerequisite for this exception is that these substances be listed by the EU Commission according to the procedure provided by Regulation (EC) No. 2018/848.“ 	A 1.3.2
A 9 Auditing System including A 9.1 Self-Monitoring by the Business A 9.2 Independent Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced: Summarises the control system already applied in the VLOG system 	New
A 9.3 Integrity Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Integrity-Programme"), moved and abridged 	A 4
A 10 Labelling, Use of the Seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	A 1.3.2
A 10.1 „Ohne GenTechnik“-Seal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Use of the "Ohne GenTechnik" Seal"), moved and abridged 	A 1.2.1

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of the paragraph "Use of the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal outside of Germany", as sufficient information material can be found on the VLOG website 	
A 10.2 „VLOG geprüft“-Seal and Word Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Use of the Word Mark and the "VLOG geprüft" Seal for Feed") and reworded 	A 1.2.2
Part Z: Certification		
Z 1 Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced: Introductory text that briefly defines the contents in chapter Z. 	New
Z 2 Types of Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced: Description of all possible types of certification in the VLOG system 	A 3.2
Z 2.1 Individual certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. Partially reworded and concretised. 	A 3.2
Z 2.2 Matrix certification for the Logistics and Feed Manufacturing Stages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. Partially reworded and concretised. 	A 3.2 D 1, D 2
Z 2.3 Agricultural Group Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. Partially reworded and concretised. 	A 3.2 F 1, F 2
Z 2.4 Retail Group Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. Partially reworded and concretised. Concretisation: Description of the procedure partly aligned with Agricultural Group Certification agriculture 	A 3.2 H 1, H 2
Z 2.5 Expansion Certification in Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. Partially reworded and concretised. 	A 3.2 E 2.2
Z 3 Certification Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced: Combines the respective chapters describing the certification process in the VLOG system 	A 3
Z 3.1 Audit Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	A 3.1
Z 3.2 Application for Certification, Conclusion of an Auditing Contract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Applying for Certification") 	A 3.3
Z 3.3 Risk Grading of Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced Inclusion: Description of the possible risk categories in the VLOG system 	A 3.5 E 2.1, G 2.1
Z 3.3.1 Logistics and Feed Manufacturing Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	A 3.5
Z 3.3.2 Agriculture Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced Inclusion: Grading criterion Animal transport/livestock trade 	E 2.1 New

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Z 3.3.3 Food Processing/Preparation Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. 	G 2.1
Z 3.3.4 Retail Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Addition: "There is no grading into risk categories at this stage." 	A 3.5
Z 3.4 Audit Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Transfer of the contents from all stages in tabular form. Partially reworded and concretised. Addition: Information regarding audit frequency Change Stage Agriculture: The audit frequency for individually certified agricultural businesses has been adapted to the audit frequency for agricultural group members. The audit frequency now also depends on the respective risk class of the business Inclusion: Requirements for external service providers Addition: Information for businesses at the stage of matrix organisation logistics and feed manufacturing as well as agricultural group organisation and retail 	B 2.1, C 2.1, D 2.3, E 2.3, F 2.4, G 2.2, H 2.2.1 D 2.3, F 2.4 H 2.2.1
Z 3.5 Planning of audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. 	A 3.6
Z 3.6 Performance of the Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Addition paragraph Introductory meeting: Checking whether there is a Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG Addition paragraph Facility inspection: On-site inspection of the production areas, equipment and related production processes at all the sites included under the certification and of the activities of external service providers requiring certification 	A 3.7
Z 3.7 Audit Documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Addition: At the close of the audit, the auditor and the business shall confirm by electronic means or in writing that the VLOG checklist(s) have been filled-out completely. The certification body shall determine the form of electronic confirmation. 	A 3.8
Z 3.8 Evaluation of Compliance of the Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Addition: Column "Notes" in the table (previously below the table). Deletion: Grading criterion "Risk" Addition: A KO requirement may not be graded N.A in most cases. 	A 3.9

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Z 3.9 Determination and Handling of Corrective Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. Addition: Information on corrective actions for matrix and group organisation 	A 3.9.1 D 2.3, F 2.4 H 2.2.1
Z 3.10 Audit Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Renaming of the chapter (formerly „Audit Evaluation and Certification Conditions“) Renaming the columns for better understanding Addition: Column „Effects on Labelling and Marketing“ Addition and concretisation row Less than 75 %, No KO grading: Initial and follow-up certification Change row One or more KO gradings 	A 3.9.2 A 3.11, F 2.2.4, D 2.2.4
Z 3.11 Evaluation, Review by the Certification Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Specification: “If relevant for the respective stage, the risk grading is also to be reviewed by the certification body and, if necessary, corrected and documented in the checklist. If there is a change in the risk grading or the audit results, the business shall be informed of this as quickly as possible.” Addition: “The competent certification body decides according to the four-eye principle on the final audit result after the audit.” 	A 3.10 A 3.7
Z 3.11.1 Distribution of the Audit Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. 	New F 2.2.7, D 2.2.7
Z 4 Certificate Issuance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. 	A 3.11
Z 4.1 Prerequisites and Conditions for the Issuance of a Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. Addition: Text from footnote transferred to text 	A 3.11.1
Z 4.2 Requirements for VLOG Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. Inclusion paragraph „Area of application“ Inclusion paragraph „ Annex to the certificate “ 	A 3.11.2 A 3.4 A 3.11.2
Z 4.3 Specific Requirements for Matrix and Group Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. 	New
Z 4.3.1 Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Inclusion paragraph Group Organisation - Agriculture, Group Organisation - Retail: Addition: Information on the scope of applicability and 	D 2.1, D 2.2.5, F 2.2.5, H 2.2.3

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	“The certification body must also give the group organiser the membership list, including the last routine audit date.”	
Z 4.3.2 Confirmations for Matrix Members/Sites and Group Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Addition Explanation: A certificate regarding inclusion in a VLOG group or VLOG matrix is available to you at the VLOG website 	D 2.2.6, F 2.2.6
Z 4.4 Validity of the VLOG Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Transfer of the contents into tabular form. Renaming of the chapter (formerly “Validity Period of the VLOG Certificate”) 	A 3.11.3
Z 4.5 Withdrawal of the Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Renaming of the chapter (formerly “ Termination of the audit agreement before the end of the period of validity of the certificate”) Concretisation: In which cases will the VLOG certificate be withdrawn 	A 3.11.4
Z 4.6 Transferring Certification in the Event of Change of Ownership, Certification Body or Group/Matrix Member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Partially reworded and concretised. 	A 3.11.5
Part B: Logistics		
Part B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: “Part Z (Certification) describes the certification process, risk grading (if necessary) and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses.” 	Part B
B 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: „cf. Chapter B 2.5“ 	B 1
Audit Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	B 2.1
Knock Out (KO) criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted 	B 2.2
B 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	New
B 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers must be considered in the risk analysis. Addition: The Risk management must be reviewed for efficacy 	B 3.3

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B 2.5 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Requirements for commissioning external service providers from Part A have been included. 	B 3.4 A 3.2.1
B 2.7 Handling of Non-Compliant Feed, Raw Materials and Products (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: The procedure must include the clarification of whether an incident case exists. Addition: The evaluation of analysis results shall be carried out according with Chapter B 4.2.4. 	B 3.6
B 2.12 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition explanation: Definition of incidents in the incident sheet Addition: "This procedure must be implemented and includes at least: Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (31) or (35))" 	B 3.11
B 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documents related to the labelling with the "VLOG tested"/"Ohne GenTechnik" seal must be kept. Addition explanation: "In accordance with the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed, feed-(regarding GMO) related documents must be retained for five years." 	B 3.13
B 4.2.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change Reference: The sampling and analysis plan shall be prepared in compliance with the requirements in Chapter B 4.2.2. (Contents moved from Part J) 	B 5.2.1 Part J
B 4.2.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter: Description of the sampling procedure and the commissioning of an analytical laboratory 	Part J Annex (5)
Handling of Positive Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph omitted. Content partly included in Chapter B 4.2.4. 	B 5.2.3
B 4.2.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "All samples to be tested must be quickly sent to a VLOG-recognised laboratory. Second or third tests from a single sample are generally permissible but the tests must be performed immediately (express testing)." (Moved from Annex (5)) 	B 5.2.2 Annex (5)
B 4.2.4 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Content moved from Annex (5) and Annex (6). Addition of the concrete procedure and specification of the limit values for the non-labelling of feed and feed. 	New
Part C: Feed Manufacturing		
Part C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Part Z (Certification) describes the certification process, risk grading and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses." 	Part C
C 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification: "Transport, storage and handling as a service, trading and drop shipping (including conversion of feed, if any) as well as Private Labelling of feed are at the Logistics stage (Part B)." 	C 1

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Audit Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	C 2.1
Knock Out (KO) criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted 	C 2.2
C 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	New
C 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers must be considered in the risk analysis. Addition: The Risk management must be reviewed for efficacy 	C 3.3
C 2.5 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Requirements for commissioning external service providers from Part A have been included 	C 3.4 A 3.2.1
C 2.8 Handling of Non-Compliant Feed (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: The procedure must include the clarification of whether an incident case exists. Addition: The evaluation of analysis results shall be carried out according to Chapter C 3.1.4. 	C 3.7
C 2.12 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition explanation: Definition of incidents in the incident sheet Addition: "This procedure must be implemented and includes at least: Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (31))" 	C 3.11
C 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documents related to the labelling with the "VLOG tested"-seal must be kept. Addition explanation: "In accordance with the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed, feed-(regarding GMO) related documents must be retained for five years." 	C 3.13
C 3.1.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change Reference: The sampling and analysis plan shall be prepared in compliance with the requirements in Chapter C 3.1.2. (Contents moved from Part J) 	C 4.2.1 Part J
C 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter: Description of the sampling procedure and the commissioning of an analytical laboratory 	Part J Annex (5)
C 3.1.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "All samples to be tested must be quickly sent to a VLOG-recognised laboratory. Second or third tests from a single sample are generally permissible but the tests must be performed immediately (express testing)." (Moved from Annex (5)) 	C 4.2.2 Annex (5)
Handling of positive Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph omitted. Content partly included in Chapter C 3.1.4. 	C 4.2.3
C 3.1.4 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Content moved from Annex (5). Addition of the concrete procedure and specification of the limit values for the non-labelling of feed. 	New

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C 3.2 Reference Samples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter moved 	C 4.1
Specific Requirements for Transport, Handling, Storage, Trading, Drop Shipping, Conversion of feed material to "VLOG geprüft" and Private Labelling of Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted (Content defined in part B) 	C 5
C 4.2 Safeguarding with a Carryover Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification explanation: "It is not necessary to conduct carryover tests if the only feed ground/mixed in grinding and/or mixing facilities is feed not subject to mandatory labelling." 	C 6.2
C 4.3 Mixing Documentation and Mixing Protocols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The mixing sequence and the individual mixtures per facility are to be documented on a daily basis in chronological order." 	C 6.3
Transportation of Feed or Trading of Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted (Content defined in Chapter C 1) 	C 6.5
Part D: Matrix Organisation Logistics and Feed Manufacturing		
Part D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Introductory text for part D Matrix Organisation Logistics and Feed Manufacturing 	New
D 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification: Listing of relevant terms and definitions in tabular form analogous to other parts 	D 1
Specific information about the Certification Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	D 2
Knock Out (KO) criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. 	D 2.4
D 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	D 2.1

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D 2.2.1 Matrix description (see Annex (18))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	D 3.1
D 2.2.2 Site list (see Annex (18))	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	D 3.1
D 2.2.3 Facility description of sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Addition: "A current facility description must be available at the sites of the matrix members (Annex (13) Logistics and/or Annex 15 Feed Manufacturing)." 	D 3.1
D 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers must be considered in the risk analysis. Addition: The Risk management must be reviewed for efficacy 	D 3.3
D 2.5 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Requirements for commissioning external service providers from Part A have been included 	D 3.4 A 3.2.1
D 2.6 Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Implementation of the Requirements for Sampling and Testing") 	D 3.5
D 2.6.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Change Reference: The sampling and analysis plan shall be prepared in compliance with the requirements in Chapter D 2.6.2. (Contents moved from Part J) 	D 3.5 Part J
D 2.6.2 Sampling and Commissioning a laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter: Description of the sampling procedure and the commissioning of an analytical laboratory 	Part J Annex (5)
D 2.6.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced with reference to part B (Logistics) und C (feed manufacturing) 	New
D 2.6.4 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Content moved from Annex (5) and Annex (6). Addition of the concrete procedure and specification of the limit values for the non-labelling of feed and feed. 	New
D 2.6.5 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	D 3.5
Handling of positive test results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph omitted (Content partly included in Chapter D 2.6.4) 	D 3.5

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D 2.8 Handling of Non-Compliant Feed, Raw Materials and Products (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: The procedure must include the clarification of whether an incident case exists. • Addition: The evaluation of analysis results shall be carried out according with Chapter D 2.6.4 	D 3.7
D 2.11 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition explanation: Definition of incidents in the incident sheet • Addition: "This procedure must be implemented and includes at least: Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (31))" 	D 3.10
D 2.12 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: "The matrix organiser is responsible for the timely implementation of corrective actions at the sites. The effectiveness of these actions must be reviewed within a reasonable period of time. Both are to be documented." 	D 2.3
D 2.13 Documentation and Retention Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Documents related to the labelling with the "VLOG tested"/"Ohne GenTechnik" seal must be kept. • Addition explanation: "In accordance with the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed, feed- (regarding GMO) related documents must be retained for five years." 	D 3.12
Part E: Agriculture		
Part E	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: "Part Z: (Certification) describes the certification process and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses." 	Part E
E 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the headline: Rearing of animals → Rearing, sale and outsourcing of animals • Change Cultivation of feed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certification required: For the cultivation of feed on the business' own farm if it is located in an EU country in which the cultivation of feed or the release of genetically modified plants for research purposes is permitted or known. ○ Certification not required: In EU countries in which the cultivation and the release of genetically modified plants for research purposes is prohibited by law. • Change: Sub-stage Animal transport/livestock trade: For commercial animal transport of VLOG animals, provided that the following requirements are fulfilled 	E 1
E 2 Criteria for Risk Grading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Criteria for Risk Grading in the Area of Animal Production") • Inclusion: Grading criterion livestock transport/livestock trade 	E 2 New
Conditions and Requirements for a Document Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	E 2.2
Audit Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	E 2.3

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Knock Out (KO) criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. 	E 2.4
E 3.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	New
E 3.4. Risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: The risk analysis includes the mixing and interchange of VLOG animals and non-VLOG animals 	New
E 3.5 Commissioning External Service Providers, Joint Use of Machines and Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Joint Use of Machines, Facilities/External Service Providers") Inclusion Explanation: "The facility description must document the commissioning of external service providers and the joint use of machines and facilities." Inclusion: Requirements for the commissioning of external service providers from Part A have been included, as well as requirements for the joint use of machines and facilities. 	E 3.4 New E 3.4 A 3.2.1 E 4.9.1.1
E 3.6 Handling of Non-compliant Feed, Products and Animals (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Clarification of whether an incident has occurred (cf. Chapter E 3.9) Change: "Feed test results are to be evaluated in accordance with Chapter E 4.11.5." 	New E 3.5
E 3.9 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Explanation: Incidents are defined on the incident sheet (cf. Annex (33)). Addition: "Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (33))" 	New E 3.8
E 3.11 Documentation and Retention Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition Explanation: "In accordance with the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed, feed (regarding GMO) -related documents must be retained for five years" 	E 3.10 New
E 4.1 Animal Inventory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Either this (animal inventory) or the stable space overview in the facility description must indicate whether the feeding of the animals is "Ohne Gentechnik"-compliant or not." 	E 4.1
E 4.2 Risk-prone Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Text and footnotes transferred to table Change: Feed material from sugar beets and compound feed that contains sugar beets or was made from them in compliance with the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cultivation and if applicable, processing, in the EU or Switzerland For each campaign, there is a meaningful confirmation from the producer that only non-labelled sugar beets are processed. 	E 4.2
E 4.3 Feed Ordering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of the explanation regarding the agreement on the ordering of feed. 	E 4.3
E 4.4 Feed List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of the explanation regarding the feed list 	E 4.4

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E 4.8 Purchase of animals (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	E 4.7
E 4.9 Segregation of Goods Flows, Exclusion of Contamination (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Carryover from GMO Feed, Commingling and Swapping") Deletion explanation for feeding conversion The entire chapter was reworded and concretised, no changes in content. 	E 4.8
E 4.10 Use of Grinding and Mixing Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restructuring of the chapter, no changes in content 	E 4.9
E 4.10.1 Continuation of System Purges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	E 4.9.1.2 E 4.9.2.3
E 4.10.2.1 Contractual Agreement with the Facility Operator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter reworded and concretised 	E 4.9.1.1
E 4.10.2.2 Grinding and Mixing Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly „Documentation of Feed Mixture“) 	E 4.9.1.3
E 4.11 Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation moved to E 4.11.1 	E 4.10
E 4.11.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter moved here Change: The sampling and testing plan, in compliance with the requirements listed in Chapters E 4.11.2 and E 4.11.3. (Content moved from former Part J) Addition Explanation on sampling that is not required 	E 4.10.2 Teil J E 4.10
E 4.11.2 Sampling and Testing Frequency, Retention of Reference Samples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Sampling and Testing Frequency, Retention of Reference Samples") Addition in paragraph Sampling frequency <ul style="list-style-type: none"> „After each switch to "Ohne Gentechnik"-compliant feeding, if there is a regular alternation between "Ohne Gentechnik"-compliant feeding and feeding with feed subject to mandatory labelling (e.g., turkey fattening) in a VLOG stable or associated feeding facility. The relevant sample must be taken at the start of the minimum feeding conversion period at the site of the feeding rack (e.g., the feeding trough). „ Inclusion paragraph "Sampling" (Content moved from former Part J) 	E 4.10.1 Part J
E 4.11.3 Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	E 4.10.1 Part J
E 4.11.4 Frequency of Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	E 4.10.1 Annex (5)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "All samples to be tested must be quickly sent to a VLOG-recognised laboratory. Second or third tests from a single sample are generally permissible but the tests must be performed immediately (express testing)." 	
E 4.11.5 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced; Contents from Annex (5) transferred. Addition of the concrete procedure and indication of the limit values for feed not subject to compulsory labelling 	New
E 5 Specific Requirements for Plant-based Feed Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: "These requirements only apply to the cultivation of feed in EU countries in which the cultivation of genetically modified plants or the release for research purposes is permitted or known." 	New
E 5.1 Incoming Goods Inspection of seeds and seed stock (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "When goods come in, it must be ensured that all seeds and seed stock for the production of feed for internal farming purposes are exempt from labelling under Directive 98/95/EC. The exemption from labelling must be proven based on declarations/seed labels." 	E 5.1
E 5.2 Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Commingling and Swapping") 	E 5.2
E 6 Specific Requirements for Animal Transport, Livestock Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change: These requirements only apply in combination with the general requirements for the Agriculture stage. (Chapter E 3) 	E 6
E 6.1 Animal Transport Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced: "The business must fully document the types/categories of VLOG animals to be transported as well as the transport capacity in the facility description and keep this up to date." 	New
E 6.3 Segregation of Goods Flows, Exclusion of Contaminations and Swapping (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Commingling and Swapping of Animals") 	E 6.3
E 6.3.2 VLOG animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	E 6.3
E 6.3.2 Feeding of Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced for animal transporters/livestock traders that use feed. 	New
Part F: Group Organisation Agriculture		
Part F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Part Z (Certification) describes the certification process, risk grading and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses." 	Part F
F 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Footnote moved to table: Definition of an agricultural group member 	F 1

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Specific information about the Certification Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	F 2
Knock Out (KO) criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. 	F 2.5
F 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	F 2.1
F 2.2 Group Description, Members List, Stable Space Overview and Facility Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Group Description, Members List and Facility Description") 	F 3.1
F 2.2.1 Group Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Addition: "if applicable, if multiple certification bodies have been engaged, the group organiser must describe the scope of certification of the various certification bodies (e.g. which certification body will audit which group members/member groups)" 	F 3.1 F 2.3
F 2.2.2 Members list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	F 3.1
F 2.2.3 Stable space overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	F 3.1
F 2.2.4 Facility Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Addition: "Updated facility descriptions must be available at the facilities of group members." 	F 3.1
F 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: C 	F 3.3
F 2.5 Commissioning External Service Provider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Requirements for the commissioning of external service providers from Part A have been included. 	F 3.4 A 3.2.1
F 2.6 Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly „Implementation of the Requirements for Sampling and Testing“) 	F 3.5
F 2.6.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Change reference: The sampling and testing plan, in compliance with the requirements listed in chapter F 2.6.2 (Content moved from former Part J) 	F 3.5 Part J
F 2.6.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter: Description of the sampling procedure and the commissioning of an analytical laboratory. 	Part J Annex (5)

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F 2.6.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapters with reference to Part E(Agriculture) 	F 3.5
F 2.6.4 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Contents from Annex (5) and Annex (6) transferred. Addition of the concrete procedure and indication of the limit values for feed not subject to compulsory labelling 	New
F 2.6.5 Evaluation of the analytical data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter 	F 3.5
Evaluation of the analytical data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph omitted. Contents partially transferred to F 2.6.4. 	F 3.5
F 2.7 Training of Staff and Group Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Training of Staff and Group Members by the Group Organiser") 	F 3.6
F 2.8 Handling of Non-compliant Feed, Products and Animals (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: The procedure must include clarification of whether an incident has occurred. Inclusion: Feed test results are to be evaluated in accordance with Chapter F 2.6.4 	F 3.7
F 2.10 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Explanation: Incidents are defined on the incident sheet (cf. Annex (34)). Addition: "Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (34))" 	F 3.9
F 2.11 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The group organiser is responsible for the timely implementation of corrective actions by the group members. Their effectiveness is to be reviewed within a reasonable period. Both are to be documented." 	F 2.4
F 2.12 Documentation and Retention Periods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition Explanation: "In accordance with the Guideline for Monitoring GMOs in Feed, feed- (regarding GMO) related documents must be retained for five years." 	F 3.11
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	
Part G Food Processing/Preparation		
Part G	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Part Z (Certification) describes the certification process, risk grading and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses. 	Part G
Details of the Certification Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	G 2
Knock Out (KO) Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. 	G 2.3
G 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced 	New
G 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers must be taken into account in the risk analysis. 	G 3.3

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Risk management must be reviewed for efficacy 	
G 2.5 Commissioning External Service Providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Requirements for the commissioning of external service providers from Part A have been included. 	G 3.4 A 3.2.1
G 2.7 Segregation of Goods Flows, Exclusion of Contamination (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly "Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Commingling and Swapping (KO)") 	G 3.6
G 2.8 Handling of Non-compliant Raw Materials/Products (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: The procedure must include clarification of whether an incident has occurred. Inclusion: Feed test results are to be evaluated in accordance with Chapter G 3.1.4 	G 3.7
G 2.13 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: Explanation: Incidents are defined on the incident sheet (cf. Annex (35)). Addition: "Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (35))" 	G 3.12
G 3.1.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Change reference: The sampling and testing plan, in compliance with the requirements listed in chapter G 3.1.2 (Content moved from former Part J) 	G 4.1.1 Part J
G 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter: Beschreibung des Probenahmeverfahrens und der Beauftragung eines Analyselabors 	Part J
G 3.1.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "All samples to be tested must be quickly sent to a VLOG-recognised laboratory. 	G 4.1.2
G 3.1.4 Evaluation of Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter introduced. Contents from Annex (5) and Annex (6) transferred. Addition of the concrete procedure and indication of the limit values for feed and food not subject to compulsory labelling 	New
Handling of Positive Test Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paragraph omitted. Contents partially transferred G 3.1.4 	G 4.1.3
Specific Requirements for Transport, Storage, Handling and/or Trading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. (Contents defined in Part B) 	G 6
Part H: Retail – Sale of Bulk Food of Animal Origin		
Teil H	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Part Z (Certification) describes the certification process, risk grading and the resulting requirements for (future) VLOG-certified businesses." 	Part H
H 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explanation deleted, not relevant for stage Retail 	H 1
Certification Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. Content moved to Z 	H 2

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Knock Out (KO) Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chapter omitted. 	H 2.4
H 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter. 	H 2.1
H 2.2 Group description and members list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly Group Description“) 	H 3.1
H 2.2.1 Group Description (see Annex 27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Addition: “If applicable, if multiple certification bodies have been engaged, the group organiser must describe the scope of certification of the various certification bodies (e.g. which certification body will audit which group members).” 	H 3.1 H 2.3
H 2.2.2 Members list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced as separate Chapter Addition: “The group organiser must immediately notify the certification body of changes to the members list.” 	H 3.1
H 2.3 Contractual Binding of the Group Members (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: The contract contains (among others): The Implementation of the established corrective measures by the member within the established time periods 	New
H 2.4 Risk Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: External service providers must be taken into account in the risk analysis. Addition: Risk management must be reviewed for efficacy 	H 3.3
H 2.5 Approval of Suppliers and Articles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly “Procurement (Suppliers and Producer Certification)“) 	H 3.4
H 2.7 Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Contamination (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly “Segregation of Goods Flows/Exclusion of Commingling and Swapping (KO)“) 	H 3.6
H 2.9 Training of Staff and Group Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaming of the chapter (formerly “Training of Staff and Group Members by the Group Organiser“) 	H 3.8
H 2.10 Handling of Non-compliant Raw Materials/Products (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: The procedure must include clarification of whether an incident has occurred. 	H 3.9
H 2.13 Crisis Management (KO)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion Explanation: Incidents are defined on the incident sheet (cf. Annex (35)). Inclusion: „The group organiser is responsible for the crisis management of the entire VLOG group.“ Addition: “Provision requiring immediate notification of the certification body using the VLOG Incident Sheet (see Annex (35))” 	H 3.12

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H 2.14 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion: "The group organiser is responsible for the timely implementation of corrective actions by the group members." 	H 3.13
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part I: Requirements for Certification Bodies, Auditors, Evaluators and Certifiers 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part omitted Contents are part of the Guideline for Certification Bodies 	
Part J: Anforderungen an Labore und Analysen		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part omitted Contents included in respective chapters ("Sampling and Testing Plan " and " Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory ") in Parts B to G. 	
Glossary: Definitions of terms		
Additions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group member 	F 1 E 2.3
Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standards recognised as equivalent Young cattle Calves Inter-facility use of machinery and equipment Contamination VLOG matrix/matrix organisation 	
Deletions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K.O. criterion (due to inclusion in Part Z) Conversion of feed materials to "VLOG geprüft" quality (due to sufficient definition in Part B) 	
Concretisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Storage Matrix member „Ohne Gentechnik“ Private Labelling (feed) 	
Annexes		
Annexes revised in content		
(1) GMO-Free Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updating of the EU-organic production-regulation to Art. 3 No. 60/65 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848 	
(10) Dealing with Deviations and Breaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of the criterion "risk" and its effects 	
(11) VLOG Certificate Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update Version VLOG Standard 	

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(12) Areas of Application of VLOG Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of the introductory sentence • Deletion: Mineral feeds • Addition: Cattle – dairy cows & offspring, Cattle – suckler cows & offspring (incl. footnote) • Addition: Slaughtering (rabbits), Cutting (rabbits) 	
(13) Facility Description Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: Subcontractors/contract processors to External Service Providers • Addition: Trading of feed: Trade and transport exclusively without (interim) storage 	
(15) Facility Description Feed Manufacturing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion: Mineral feeds • Change: Subcontractors/contract processors to External Service Providers 	
(20a) Facility Description Agriculture - Attachment GMO cultivation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: GMO cultivation or the release of GMOs for research purposes is permitted or known. 	
(25) Facility Description Food Processing/-Preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change: Subcontractors/contract processors to External Service Providers 	
(31) Incident Sheet Feed Manufacturing and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of the supplier 	
(32) Incident Sheet Matrix organiser Feed Manufacturing and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of the supplier 	
(33) Incident Sheet Agriculture and Animal Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of the supplier 	
(34) Incident Sheet Agricultural Group Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of the supplier 	
(35) Incident Sheet Food Processing/Preparation, Logistics and Retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Certification status of the supplier 	
Annexes changed in structure but not in content		
(14), (16), (19), (22a), (22b), (24), (26), (28), (29) Checklists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Cover page • Adaptation to the new structure of the VLOG Standard 	
(22a), (22b) Checklists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split into the checklists Agriculture & Livestock Trade/Animal Transport 	
(20c) Facility Description Animal Transport/Livestock Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming of former Annex (21) 	
(30) Grinding and Mixing Protocol for Grinding and Mixing Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renaming and partially reworded 	

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Annexes omitted		
(5) Handling of Positive Test Results (feed)	• Deletion due to inclusion in respective parts	
(6) Handling of Positive Test Results (food)	• Deletion due to inclusion in respective parts	
(8) VLOG Group Certification Process at the Agriculture Stage	• Deletion due to inclusion in Part Z	
(9) VLOG Matrix Certification Process Logistics and Feed Manufacturing	• Deletion due to inclusion in Part Z	