

VLOG Standard Annex 1	GMO-Free Certificate According to the VLOG "Ohne Gentechnik" Production and Certification Standard/EGGenTDurchfG Food Ingredients, Processing Aids and Other Substances	Version: 01.09.22 Obligatory as of: 01.01.2023
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Producer/Supplier

Name: _____ Phone/Fax: _____
Street address: _____ Email: _____
City and postal code: _____ Country: _____

For the following product and all its ingredients:

Product number supplier:	
Customer's product number:	
Exact product name:	
Status/version of the valid product specification*:	
Ingredients:	Last living organism(s)**

* This certificate shall be deemed to form part of the specifications referred to above. The specification mentioned is available for the customer.

** Please indicate the last living organism for all product ingredients that were used in the production process.

- (a) we certify that: The product and the food and food ingredients used to produce it contain no genetically modified organisms (GMOs); they do not consist of GMOs and are not produced from GMOs. Carryovers of GMOs are only tolerated if the GMO is approved in the EU and the detection limit of 0.1 % per ingredient is not exceeded. No GMOs were cultivated or released within 10 km of the beehives for apiary products. In the alternative, test results for the batch obtained according to VLOG requirements are available that show no genetic modification.
- (b) For ingredients of animal origin, we are in the possession of certificates in accordance with the VLOG Standard, the EU Regulation on Organic Production, or another standard recognised as equivalent.
- (c) No food, food ingredients, processing aids or other substances within the meaning of Sect. 3a (5) of the EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act (EGGenTDurchfG) (see Glossary) that are produced by GMOs have been used to prepare, treat, process or mix the food or food ingredients (depth of review: back to the last living organism in the production process). Processing aids and other substances within the meaning of § 3a (5) EGGenTDurchfG have not been used for the aforementioned purposes even if they or their components were labelled as consisting of GMOs, containing GMOs or produced from GMOs in accordance with Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 or 1830/2003 or, if they had been placed on the market, would have had to be labelled.

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We have suitable proof that requirements (a) to (c) were met for all components contained or used in the aforementioned product. Current declarations are on file. We have no evidence that raises doubts regarding compliance with the statutory requirements for the “Ohne Gentechnik” label. We agree to promptly send our customers/buyers and their certification body or licensing body a change notice or correction notice if this declaration is revoked or modified or if facts become known that raise doubts regarding compliance with statutory labelling requirements.

The certification or licensing body responsible for supervising the customer is authorised to verify the accuracy of this certification and to take samples for analytical evidence.

We assume liability for the accuracy of the statements in this declaration.

Name, Position

Place Date Signature Company stamp

Glossary

Term	Explanation
EGGenTDurchfG	German EC Genetic Engineering Implementation Act: German act on the implementation of European Community or European Union regulations in the area of genetic engineering and on the labelling of food produced without genetic engineering processes. The relevant requirements of §§ 3a and 3b of this Act for the ingredients and other substances used are shown in this certificate.
GMO - “genetically modified organism”	An organism, the genetic material of which has been modified in a way which is not naturally possible by cross-breeding and/or natural recombination, with the exception of organisms in which a genetic modification has been induced by the use of the processes listed in Annex 1B to Directive 2001/18/EC (Article 2(1)(5) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003).
“Produced from GMOs”	Wholly or partly derived from GMOs, but not consisting of or containing GMOs (Article 2(1)(10) of Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003).
“Produced by GMOs”	Derived by using a GMO as the last living organism in the production process, but not containing or consisting of GMOs nor produced from GMOs (Art. 3 No. 60 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848).
“Living organism”	Any biological unit capable of reproducing or transferring genetic material (Art. 2 No. 1 of Directive 2001/18/EC, e.g. maize/corn grain; potato). The ability to propagate can be lost, for example, through crushing, drying or heating (e.g. maize/corn starch; potato starch).
Processing aids	Any substance not consumed as a food ingredient by itself, intentionally used in the processing of raw materials, foods or their ingredients, to fulfil a certain technological purpose during treatment or processing and which may result in the unintentional but technically unavoidable presence of residues of the substance or its derivatives in the final product, provided that these residues do not present any health risk and do not have any technological effect on the finished product (Art. 3 No. 65 of Regulation (EU) 2018/848).
“Other substances within the meaning of Sec. 3a (5) of the EGGenTDurchfG”	Substances within the meaning of § 5 para. 2 of the Food Labelling Ordinance (LMKV) as amended in Ordinance of 18th December 2007. This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Components of an ingredient that were temporarily removed during manufacturing and then added back into the food without exceeding their original quantity, • Additives, aromas, enzymes and microorganism cultures that were contained in one or more ingredient of a food, as long as they no longer have a technological effect in the final product, • Solutions and carrier substances for additives, aromas, enzymes and microorganism cultures, as long as they are used only in technologically necessary quantities • Extraction solvents and • Substances used in the same way and for the same purpose as processing aids and which are present in the finished product, even in an altered form.
Standard recognised as equivalent	All standards recognized by VLOG as equivalent can be found here: Standards recognised as equivalent