

Revision Document VLOG “Ohne Gentechnik” Production and Certification Standard, version 25.01

Below is a list of all significant revisions made to the "Ohne Gentechnik" Production and Certification Standard that exceed editorial changes (such as typos, rewording, corrections of repetitions, deletions that do not cause any changes to the content) and that are to become effective as of 1 January 2025 in version V25.01.

Part, Chapter VLOG Standard V25.01	Change	Chapter V23.01
Part A: General		
A 8 Legal Basis and Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change: Update status of Guidelines for controlling genetic modifications in food products (new status 30 March 2022) 	A 8
A 9.3 Integrity Audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: As part of the Integrity Programme to ensure quality and the correct implementation of the VLOG standard, VLOG carries out laboratory audits of laboratories. 	A 9.3
A 10.1 “Ohne GenTechnik” Seal and Word Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Word Mark “VLOG” Change: Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik e.V. as holder of the trademark rights Update “Ohne GenTechnik” seal 	A 10.1
A 10.2 “VLOG geprüft” Seal and Word Mark	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification: Agreements required for using the seal and the word mark Addition: “When using the word mark, care must be taken to avoid any resemblance of its visual representation to the “VLOG geprüft” seal”. (Contents previously in B 2.8 and C 3.3) 	A 10.2
Part Z: Certification		
Z 3.1 Audit Types	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification of Document audit: Scenarios for performing a document audit and scope of a document audit Deletion: Reduced initial audit for feed producers and/or feed logistics providers 	A 3.1
Z 3.4 Audit Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Dealing with audit frequency and VLOG certificate of a drop shipper who has QS certification 	Z 3.4
Z 3.8 Evaluation of Compliance of the Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change: depending on the specification in the checklists, KO criteria may be assessed as C Addition: “If the same violation is repeated, the auditor or the certification body shall decide whether the same or a more severe grading is required.” 	Z 3.8

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Z 3.9 Determination and Handling of Corrective Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion: "The statements (cf. Chapter Z 3.10) and Annex (10) apply if the business is sanctioned and/or in connection with corrective actions." 	Z 3.9
Z 3.10 Audit Result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rewording from document inspection to document audit 	Z 3.10
Z 3.11 Evaluation, Review by the Certification Body	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The evaluator issues the certifier a recommendation regarding whether certification should be granted. If the evaluator and certifier are different people, the result of the evaluator must be documented separately." 	Glossary
Z 4.4 Validity of the VLOG Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: For VLOG-certified drop shippers who are simultaneously certified under the guideline of the QS system the VLOG audit interval can adjust to the audit interval of the QS controls. If the VLOG audit interval is adjusted to the audit interval of the QS controls (maximum of 2 years), the validity may extend no longer than the end of the second following year (relative to the date of the VLOG audit). 	Z 4.4.
Z 4.5 Withdrawal of the Certificate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "Termination (without a notice period) of the certification body recognition agreement before the end of the period of validity of the certificate." 	Z 4.5
Part B: Logistics		
B 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: No mandatory certification for storage/handling of bagged/tamper resistant VLOG-certified food/ingredients of animal origin that are clearly labelled 	B 1
B 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification: A VLOG sub-ID is required for all sites that are included in the VLOG-certification and are legally dependent on the main site. 	B 2.1
B 2.8 Outgoing Goods Control, Labelling of Bills of Lading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition Feed: "It must be ensured that only feed that meets in full the requirements for "VLOG geprüft" labelling leave the business as such." Specification: Labelling of bagged goods Deletion: Use of the word mark (content has been moved to Chapter A 10.2) Addition Food: "It must be ensured that only such raw materials and products that meet in full the requirements for "VLOG" labelling or labelling with the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal leave the business as such." Specification Food: "all bills of lading" was replaced by "the bills of lading" 	B 2.8
B 2.10 Complaint Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of comments associated with the requirements of the VLOG Standard. 	B 2.10
B 2.13 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of corrective action 	B 2.13

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B 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: Retention period 	B 2.14
B 3.1 Incoming goods inspection (<i>Storage and Handling</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification Feed and Food: Labelling of bagged goods • Addition Feed and Food: "A complaint is to be issued to the supplier or client for incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading." 	B 3.1
B 4.1 Incoming Goods Inspection (<i>Trade</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification Feed and Food: Labelling of bagged goods • Addition Feed and Food: "A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading." • Deletion: Use of the word mark (content has been moved to Chapters S 10.1 and A 10.2) 	B 4.1
B 4.2.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and specification: Minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material and raw materials 	B 4.2.2
B 6.2 Incoming Goods Inspection (<i>Conversion of Feed</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter added • Deletion: Incoming Processing Aids 	New
B 6.3 Sampling and Testing for Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Explanation: "For the sampling of bagged goods within the scope of conversion, the requirements for performing representative sampling from Regulation (EU) No. 691/2013 annex 1 apply." 	B 6.2
B 7.3 Incoming Goods Inspection (<i>Private Labelling</i>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: Labelling of bagged goods • Addition: "A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous labelling." 	B 7.3
Part C: Feed manufacturing		
C 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition in Definition Feed manufacturing/processing: "Conversion of feed material not subject to compulsory labelling present at the (production) site to VLOG geprüft" quality and subsequent marketing. Transport, storage and handling of VLOG-certified feed material or compound feed manufactured, processed or converted at the (production) site." 	C 1
C 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: A VLOG sub-ID is required for all sites that are included in the VLOG-certification and are legally dependent on the main site. 	C 2.1
C 2.4 Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: „Feed additives“ in risk analysis (according to the glossary already included in the term "Feed") 	C 2.4
C 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: Labelling of bagged goods • Addition: Complaint for ambiguous bill of lading 	C 2.6

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: "Delivery slip" was replaced by "Bill of lading" • Deletion: Incoming goods inspection of processing aids 	
C 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: Retention period 	C 2.14
C 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and specification: Minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material/raw materials 	
C 3.3 Outgoing Goods Control, Labelling on Bills of Lading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification: Labelling of bagged goods • Addition: "It must be ensured that only feed that meets in full the requirements for "VLOG geprüft" labelling leave the business as such." • Deletion: Use of the word mark (content has been moved to Chapter A 10.2) 	C 3.3
C 4.2 Safeguarding with a Carryover Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification and restructuring: general requirements for carryover test, carryover test upon start of VLOG production and in subsequent years 	C 4.2
Part D: Matrix Organisation Logistics and Feed Manufacturing		
D 2.6.1 Sampling and Testing Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: "In this case the sampling and test plan must provide for a risk analysis that concludes which feed/raw materials/products do no need to be sampled or tested." 	D 2.6.1
D 2.6.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and specification: Minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material and raw materials 	D 2.6.2
Part E: Agriculture		
E 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deletion of "Proof, Annex (2)" in the table header • Rearing, sale and outsourcing of animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deletion Mandatory certification for cattle and other ruminants for dairy and meat production ○ Deletion Mandatory certification for „Other types of animals“ (e.g. bees, farmed game, rabbits) 	
E 3.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition in brackets: VLOG-ID for businesses with document check (80-xxxxx) 	E 3.1
E 3.8 Complaint Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition Individual certification: Documentation of comments associated with the requirements of the VLOG Standard. 	E 3.8

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E 4.6 Incoming Goods Inspection of Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: and/or „VLOG geprüft“ seal • Addition Bulk feed: Complaint for ambiguous bills of lading • Addition Bagged feed: "A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous labelling." 	E 4.6
E 4.8 Receipt of animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chapter renamed from „Purchase of animals“ to "Receipt of animals" • Specification: "The minimum feeding conversion period with "Ohne Gentechnik" compliant feed begins with the purchase of animals or the return of outsourced animals in the VLOG operating unit. The "Ohne Gentechnik" compliant feeding period of the rearing facility/previous owner/outsourcing facility can be counted towards the minimum feeding conversion period." • Restructuring of Table E 5 according to species/category of incoming animals • Specification of the conditions and required proof for taking VLOG compliant feeding by the rearing facility/previous owner/outsourcing facility into account • Change: For certified businesses the information regarding "Ohne Gentechnik" compliant feeding during outsourcing can be provided on the delivery slip, as an alternative to Annex (2). • Addition: Incoming goods inspection upon the purchase or return of VLOG animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the incoming goods stage the bills of lading are to be checked for the "VLOG" label and/or the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal. A complaint shall be made to the supplier regarding any incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cattle: If the minimum feeding conversion period for the animal has not been completed for all areas of application, the information regarding the start of the minimum feeding conversion period must also be checked. ○ The certification status of the rearing facility/previous owner/outsourcing facility (VLOG certification or certification recognised as equivalent or inclusion in a VLOG group) shall be checked as of the purchase date/return date or, if there are regular purchases/returns of animals, on a regular basis, but at least once per calendar year. 	E 4.8
E 4.11.2 Sampling, Retention of Reference Samples	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition and specification: Minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material/raw materials 	E 4.11.2
E 4.11.4 Frequency of Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: "A GMO-test of the following sampled feed and feed mixtures must be conducted: VLOG-operating units/VLOG stables are exempted if a documented wet cleaning of the stable and the feeding equipment (including silo) is carried out before "ohne Gentechnik" compliant feeding." • Specification in Table E6: Number of samples and tests per audit interval and facility 	E 4.11.4

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E 4.11.6 Reduction of the Scope of Testing after Changing Feed in Group Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of chapter (content has been moved to Part F) 	E 4.11.6
E 4.12 Outgoing Goods Inspection, Labelling on Bills of Lading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion: Waybills 	E 4.12
Part F: Group Organisation Agriculture		
F 2.2.3 Stable space overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change: As of 2026, it is no longer required to send a stable space overview to VLOG. 	F 2.2.3
F 2.4 Risk Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion in brackets: "analogous to the HACCP concept" 	F 2.4
F 2.6.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition and specification: Minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material/raw materials 	F 2.6.2
F 2.6.6 Disclosure of test results to VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change: As of 2026, it is no longer required to send an analysis of the test results to VLOG. 	F 2.6.6
F 2.6.7 Reduction of the Scope of Testing after Changing Feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition and renaming of the chapter (content has been moved from Part E) 	E 4.11.6
F 2.9 Complaint Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of comments associated with the requirements of the VLOG Standard. 	F 2.9
Part G Food Processing/Preparation		
Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion: "For risk-prone plant-based products which are to be labelled as "VLOG" or with the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal and which are produced with plant-based ingredients for which there is a plausible risk of carryover/appearance of unapproved GMO variants (see Chapter G 4)." 	G 1
G 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition in brackets: VLOG-ID for businesses with document check (80-xxxxx) Specification: A VLOG sub-ID is required for all sites that are included in the VLOG-certification and are legally dependent on the main site. 	G 2.1
G 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification for raw materials/products of animal and non-animal origin: Labelling of bagged goods Addition to raw materials/products of animal and non-animal origin: and/or [labelling with the] "Ohne GenTechnik" seal 	G 2.6

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition to raw materials/products of animal and non-animal origin: "A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading." Change footnote: Regulation (EG) 834/2007 to (EU) 2018/848 	
G 2.9 Inspection of Outgoing Goods, Labelling on Bills of Lading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "It must be ensured that only such raw materials and products that meet in full the requirements for "VLOG" labelling or labelling with the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal leave the business as such." Deletion: Delivery slips 	G 2.9
G 2.11 Complaint Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of comments associated with the requirements of the VLOG Standard. 	G 2.11
G 2.14 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of corrective action 	G 2.14
C 2.15 Documentation and Retention Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification: Retention period 	G 2.15
G 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Minimum quantities of sample material rice, salmon filet and salmon products Change: Minimum quantity of honey sample material 	G 3.1.2
G 3.1.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The sampling and testing frequencies set forth in Table G 3 must be complied with in each calendar year for products that contain rice or salmon as the main ingredient and bear the "Ohne GenTechnik" seal. These samplings and tests can be counted towards the minimum number of samplings and tests listed in Table G 2." Addition: Table with frequency of sampling and testing for rice, salmon and salmon products 	New or G 4 <i>previously in the document "Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients"</i>
G 4 Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion of chapter (contents of the external document have been moved to Chapters G 3.1.2 and G 3.1.3) 	G 4
Part H: Retail - Sale of Bulk Food of Animal Origin		
H 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: "The bills of lading or, in the case of bagged goods, the packaging are to be checked for the "VLOG" label and/or "Ohne GenTechnik" seal within the scope of incoming goods inspection. A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading." Deletion: "A documented check of the "VLOG" label is to be performed on packaging and delivery 	H 2.6

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	slips and/or invoices."	
H 2.14 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of corrective action 	H 2.14
Glossary - Definitions of terms		
Addition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Document check Main ingredient Bills of lading 	
Evaluator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deletion: "If the evaluator and certifier are different people, the result of the evaluator must be documented separately." (has been moved to Chapter Z 3.11) 	
Annexes		
Amended Annexes		
(11) VLOG Certificate Template	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specification that the VLOG sub-ID needs to be indicated if a site is available Update "Ohne GenTechnik" seal Footnote deleted: "A sequential number range or other uniquely identifiable numbering must be used for the certificate number, which excludes any confusion with a previous certificate version." 	
(13) VLOG Facility Description Logistics Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 3 (Sampling and GMO testing) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition that multiple answers are possible Deletion of answer: "Trading of raw materials/products (food): Only VLOG-certified or certified under another standard recognised as equivalent." Supplementary option: "Drop shipping of food" 	
(18) Matrix Description including Site List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of check that the matrix description is up to date 	
(20a) Annex Receipt and outsourcing of animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update to changes in Chapter E 4.8 Receipt of animals 	
(20c) Facility Description Agriculture Stage – Animal Transport/Livestock Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2 (Overview Animal Transport, Suppliers, Carriers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition Commissioning of Carriers 	
(23) Group Description in Agriculture and member list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition: Documentation of check that the group description is up to date 	
(25) Facility Description Food Processing/Preparation Stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part 2 (Organisation of the "VLOG" Production) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addition Organisation of dual production 	

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(31) VLOG Incident Sheet Feed Manufacturing and Logistics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Criterion "Quality of Feed" of the feed affected by the incident 	
(32) VLOG Incident Sheet Matrix Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Criterion "Quality of Feed" of the feed affected by the incident 	
(33) VLOG Incident Sheet Agriculture and Livestock Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Criterion "Quality of Feed" of the feed affected by the incident 	
(34) VLOG Incident Sheet Agricultural Group Organisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition: Criterion "Quality of Feed" of the feed affected by the incident 	
Annexes with modified structures but without change to the content		
All Annexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Font has been changed 	
(7) Reduction of the Scope of Testing after Switching Feed in Group Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated chapter reference 	
(12) Areas of Application of VLOG Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grouping and restructuring of the areas of applicability of the Food Processing/Preparation Stage 	
(20a) Attachment Purchase of feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the "GMO" certification status of the feed as subject to compulsory labelling 	
(20a) Attachment Stable space overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the subdivision „Production/feeding“ in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ VLOG/recognised as equivalent ○ Conventional - not subject to compulsory labelling ○ Conventional - GMO/subject to compulsory labelling 	
(20c) Attachment Purchase of feed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification of the "GMO" certification status of the feed as subject to compulsory labelling 	
(30) VLOG Grinding and Mixing Protocol for Grinding and Mixing Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specification that the produced feed mixture is a "VLOG mixture" 	

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Deleted Annexes		
(10) Dealing with deviations and breaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deletion because content was added to Part Z and duplication with other existing documents	