

# Revision Information – Feed Manufacturing, Logistics and Matrix Organisation VLOG Standard Version 25.01 as of 01.01.2025

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# Preamble

In this Revision Information, the main changes in content of the VLOG Standard version 25.01 compared to version 23.01 are presented in compact form, which are relevant for the stages Feed Manufacturing, Logistics and Matrix Organisation Logistics and Feed Manufacturing.

A more detailed overview can be found in the Revision Document.

Editorial changes, which were made in the context of the restructuring of the standard, but which do not entail any changes in content, are not indicated (e.g. rewordings, correction of duplications, deletions).

# Part A - General

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## A 10.1 „Ohne GenTechnik“ Seal and Word Mark „VLOG“

Change „Ohne GenTechnik“-seal:

- Trade mark rights transferred to VLOG::

The “Ohne GenTechnik“-seal was initiated by the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL). Meanwhile, VLOG is the holder of the trademark rights and is exclusively responsible for awarding and administration of the seal.“

- Update of the „Ohne GenTechnik“ seal (Figure A 2)



Addition Word Mark „VLOG“:

- The Standard Usage Agreement concluded with VLOG as the holder of the trademark rights governs the use of the word mark “VLOG” for food or animals.

# Teil A: Allgemeines

## A 10.2 „VLOG geprüft“ Seal and Word Mark

Specification: Agreements required for using the seal and the word mark:

- „The Standard Usage Agreement concluded with VLOG as the holder of trademark rights governs the use of the word mark.“

Addition (Contents previously in B 2.8 and C 3.3):

- „When using the word mark, care must be taken to avoid any resemblance of its visual representation to the “VLOG geprüft” seal.“

Specification: Use of the “VLOG geprüft” seal

- „To use the “VLOG geprüft” seal a licence agreement must additionally be concluded with VLOG. The basis for this licence agreement is a certification according with the VLOG Standard or a standard recognised as equivalent.“

# Part A: General

## Glossary – Definitions of terms

### Addition of new definitions of terms:

- Document check
- Main ingredient
- Bills of lading

### Revision of existing definitions of terms:

- Evaluator

# Part Z - Certification

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.1 Audit Types

Specification of Document audit:

„External audits that are to be performed only in the following cases:

- As part of an expansion certification in agriculture to integrate new areas of application (cf. Chapter Z 2.5), the agricultural business being obligated to comply with specific criteria
- After KO grading if the grade resulted solely from a lack of documentation. The certification body shall decide on the scope of the document audit depending on the situation and the KO grading.

In a document audit, business documents (e.g. process and work instructions, delivery slips) are audited without an on-site facility inspection (cf. Chapter Z 3.6)“



# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.1 Audit Types

Deletion:

Audit type „Reduced initial audit for feed producers and/or feed logistics providers“

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.4 Audit Frequency and Z 4.4 Validity of the VLOG Certificate

### Z 3.4 Audit Frequency, Table Z 3 Audit Intervals:

Addition on Logistics stage:

„If a drop shipper has a QS certification, the VLOG auditing interval can be adjusted to match the audit interval under QS controls (max. 2 years).

- Drop shippers that convert feed to “VLOG geprüft” quality are exempted from this provision.

The validity period of the VLOG certificate may not extend beyond the end of the second following year (relative to the date of the VLOG audit).“

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.4 Audit Frequency and Z 4.4 Validity of the VLOG Certificate

### Z 4.4 Validity of the VLOG Certificate, Table Z 7 Validity of the VLOG Certificate:

Addition exceptions:

„ Logistics stage

VLOG-certified drop shippers simultaneously certified under the guidelines of the QS system:

- 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).”

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.8 Evaluation of Compliance of the Requirements

Table Z 4 Evaluation of Compliance of the Requirements:

Change KO-criteria:

- Depending on the specification in the checklists, KO-criteria may be graded as C:
- „Depending on the specification in the checklists KO criteria may be graded as A, B, C or KO.“

Addition chapter Z 3.8:

„If the same violation is repeated, the auditor or the certification body shall decide whether the same or a more severe grading is required.“

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 3.9 and Z 3.11

### Z 3.9 Determination and Handling of Corrective Actions

#### 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 3.11 Evaluation, Review by the Certification Body

#### Addition (moved from glossary):

„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.“

# Part Z: Certification

## Z 4.5 Withdrawal of the Certificate

### Addition:

- „Termination (without a notice period) of the certification body recognition agreement before the end of the period of validity of the certificate.“

# Changes across all stages

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- **Specification of the VLOG-Sub-ID**  
(Stage Logistics: B 2.1; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 2.1; Stage Food Processing: G 2.1)
- **Standardisation and specification of the requirements for incoming goods inspection**  
(Stage Logistics: B 3.1, B 4.1, B 6.2; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 2.6; Stage Agriculture: E 4.6, E 4.8; Stage Food Processing: G 2.6; Stage Einzelhandel H 2.6)
- **Standardisation and specification of the requirements for outgoing goods control**  
(Stage Logistics: B 2.8; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 3.3; Stage Agriculture: E 4.12; Stage Food Processing: G 2.9)
- **Addition of requirements for complaint management**  
(Stage Logistics: B 2.10; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 2.10; Stage Matrix Organisation: D 2.9; Stage Agriculture: E 3.8; Stage Group Organisation F 2.9; Stage Food Processing: G 2.11)



# Changes across all stages

- **Addition requirements Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process**  
(Stage Logistics: B 2.13; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 2.13; Stage Matrix Organisation: D 2.12; Stage Agriculture: E 3.10; Stage Group Organisation: F 2.11; Stage Food Processing: G 2.14; Stage Retail: H 2.14)
- **Specification Documentation and Retention Period**  
(Stage Logistics: B 2.14; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 2.14; Stage Food Processing: G 2.15)
- **Specification and addition of minimum quantities of sample materials for ground/milled feed material and raw materials**  
(Stage Logistics: B 4.2.2; Stage Feed Manufacturing: C 3.1.2; Stage Agriculture: E 4.11.2; Stage Group Organisation: F 2.6.2)

# Part B - Logistics

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## B 1 and B 2.1

### B 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

Addition Table B 1 : Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification on Sub-stage Storage/Handling:

No certification necessary for food:

„For storage/handling of bagged/tamper resistant VLOG-certified food of animal origin that is clearly labelled.“

### B 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG

Specification VLOG-Sub-ID:

„A VLOG sub-ID (10-xxxxx-A/B, etc.) is required for all sites that are included in the VLOG-certification and are legally dependent of the main site.“

# Part B: Logistics – B 2 General Requirements

## B 2.8 Outgoing Goods Control, Labelling on Bills of Lading

### Feed:

- Addition:  
„It must be ensured that only feed that meet in full the requirements for “VLOG geprüft” labelling leave the business.“
- Specification: Labelling as „VLOG geprüft“:  
„VLOG-certified feed must be clearly labelled on the bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods on the packaging using the word mark “VLOG geprüft” and/or the “VLOG geprüft” seal (cf. Chapter A 10.2).“
- Deletion (moved to Chapter A 10.2):  
Use of the word mark

# Part B: Logistics – B 2 General Requirements

## B 2.8 Outgoing Goods Control, Labelling on Bills of Lading

### Food:

- 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.”
- Specification: Labelling as „VLOG“ resp. with „Ohne GenTechnik“ seal:  
„VLOG-certified raw materials and products must be clearly labelled on the bills of lading using the wording “VLOG” and/or the “Ohne GenTechnik” Seal.“

# Part B: Logistics – B 2 General Requirements

## B 2.10 and B 2.13

### B 2.10 Complaint Management

- Addition (comments are also to be considered):  
„A documented system is to be introduced to deal with complaints, feedback and comments associated with the requirements of the VLOG Standard.“

### B 2.13 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process

- Addition (Documentation of corrective action):  
„If non-compliant feed, raw materials and products are identified within the scope of internal audits, external audits or complaint management and/or lead to the identification of deviations from Standard requirements, the business must take and document corrective actions to prevent their reoccurrence.“

# Part B: Logistics – B 2 General Requirements

## B 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period

Specification Retention period:

- „Minimum shelf life of the batch/lot plus one year, but not less than two years “

# Part B: Logistics – B 3 Storage and Handling

## B 3.1 Incoming goods inspection

- Specification subject of the inspection feed:  
„The bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods the packaging are to be checked for the “VLOG geprüft” label and/or “VLOG geprüft” seal within the scope of incoming goods inspection.“
- Specification subject of the inspection food:  
„The bills of lading are to be checked for the “VLOG” label and/or “Ohne GenTechnik” seal within the scope of incoming goods inspection.“
- Addition feed and food:  
„A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for incomplete or ambiguous bills of lading.“



# Part B: Logistics – B 4 Trade

## B 4.1 Incoming Goods Inspection

- Specification subject of the inspection:  
„Within the scope of the incoming goods inspection of VLOG-certified raw materials, products and feed:
  - the bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods the packaging must be checked for the “VLOG geprüft” label and/or the “VLOG geprüft” seal or “VLOG” label and/or the “Ohne GenTechnik” seal.“
- Specifiation:  
„ A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for an incomplete or ambiguous bill of lading.“
- Deletion:  
„A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for an incomplete bill of lading. The feed or raw materials may be marketed as “VLOG geprüft” and/or “VLOG” only if this quality has been verifiably confirmed by the VLOG-certified supplier.“

# Part B: Logistics – B 4 Trade

## B 4.2.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory

Minimum quantities of sample materials:

- Specification:  
„Compound feed: at least 400 g, max. 1 kg“
- Addition Feed material/raw materials:  
„ground: at least 400 g, maximum 1 kg“

# Part B: Logistics – B 6 Conversion

## B 6.2 Incoming Goods Inspection

Addition whole chapter (analogue to Feed Manufacturing stage):

„It must be ensured at goods receiving that only feed exempt from the labelling obligation is converted to “VLOG geprüft” quality.

### Incoming goods inspection of risk prone feed

There must exist a confirmation from the supplier that all feed and feed additives classified by the business as risk-prone (cf. chapter B 6.1) are GMO-free or exempt from labelling. This can be achieved by:

- a separate declaration of the GMO-free status of the currently delivered batch/lot or
- a test result according to the requirements of the VLOG Standard proving the GMO-free status of the batch/lot being delivered or
- an additional indication on the bills of lading declaring the products to be exempt from labelling or
- a clear contractual regulation regarding the delivery of feed exempt from labelling

# Part B: Logistics – B 6 Conversion

## B 6.2 Incoming Goods Inspection

Addition whole chapter (continued):

*“Explanation: VLOG recommends the following wording for the declaration of feed that is exempt from mandatory labelling but is not VLOG-certified: “The following feed is exempt from the labelling obligation within the meaning of Regulation (EC) No. 1829/2003 on genetically modified food and feed and of Regulation (EC) No. 1830/2003: ...”.*

### Incoming goods inspection of non-risk-prone feed

For all feed and feed additives graded as non-risk-prone by the business (cf. Chapter B 2.4), the respective bills of lading for the feed need not be labelled under Regulation (EC) Nos. 1829/2003 and 1830/2003.”

# Part B: Logistics – B 6 Conversion

## B 6.3 Sampling and Testing for Conversion

Addition explanation:

*„ 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.“*

# Part B: Logistics – B 7 Private Labelling

## B 7.3 Incoming Goods Inspection

- Specification subject of the inspection:  
„Within the scope of the incoming goods inspection of VLOG-certified feed:
  - the bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods the packaging must be checked for the identification “VLOG geprüft” and/or the “VLOG geprüft” seal.“
- Addition:  
„A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for an incomplete or ambiguous labeling.“

# Part C - Feed Manufacturing

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## C 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

Tabelle C 1 Stufendefinition und Zertifizierungspflicht

Ergänzung Stufendefinition Unterstufe Futtermittelherstellung/-verarbeitung:

- „Überführung und anschließende Vermarktung von am (Produktions-)Standort vorhandenen nicht kennzeichnungspflichtigen Einzelfuttermitteln in „VLOG geprüft“-Qualität.
- Transport, Lagerung und Umschlag von am (Produktions-)Standort hergestellten, verarbeiteten oder überführten VLOG-zertifizierten Einzel- bzw. Mischfuttermitteln.“



# Part C: Feed Manufacturing – C 2 General Requirements

## C 2.1 and C 2.4

### C 2.1 Standard Usage Agreement with VLOG

Specification VLOG-Sub-ID:

„A VLOG sub-ID (10-xxxxx-A/B, etc.) is required for all sites that are included in the VLOG-certification and are legally dependant of the main site.“

### C 2.4 Risk Management

Addition content of the risk analysis (Feed additives):

- „Feed and feed additives for the “VLOG geprüft” area (e.g., countries of origin)“

# Part C: Feed Manufacturing – C 2 General Requirements

## C 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection

### Incoming goods inspection of feed, VLOG-certified

- Specification subject of the inspection:  
„The incoming goods inspection checks that the bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods the packaging contain the “VLOG geprüft” label and/or the “VLOG geprüft” seal (see A 10.2).“
- Addition (Complaint for ambiguous bill of lading):  
„A complaint is to be issued to the supplier for an incomplete or ambiguous bill of lading.“

### Incoming goods inspection of risk-prone and non-risk-prone feed, not VLOG certified

- Deletion: Incoming goods inspection of processing aids

# Part C: Feed Manufacturing – C 2 General Requirements

## C 2.14 Documentation and Retention Period

Specification: Retention period:

- „Minimum shelf life of the batch/lot plus one year, but not less than two years “

# Part C: Feed Manufacturing – C 3 Feed Manufacturing

## C 3.1.2 C 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a laboratory

Minimum quantities of sample materials:

- Specification:  
„Compound feed: at least 400 g, max. 1 kg“
- Addition Feed material/raw materials:  
„ground: at least 400 g, maximum 1 kg“

# Part C: Feed Manufacturing – C 3 Feed Manufacturing

## C 3.3 Outgoing Goods Control, Labelling on Bills of Lading

- Addition:  
„It must be ensured that only feed that meet in full the requirements for “VLOG geprüft” leave the business.”
- Specification: Labelling as „VLOG geprüft“ resp. with „VLOG geprüft“ seal:  
„VLOG-certified feed must be clearly labelled on the bills of lading or in the case of bagged goods on the packaging, using the word mark “VLOG geprüft” and/or the “VLOG geprüft” seal (cf. Chapter A 10.2).“
- Deletion (moved to Chapter A 10.2):  
Explanation to the use of the word mark

# Part C: Feed Manufacturing –

## C 4 mobile Grinding and Mixing Facilities

### C 4.2 Safeguarding with a Carryover Test

Specification regarding the necessity of carryover tests:

„If feeds (including oils) subject to mandatory labelling are also ground/mixed, the operator of the grinding and/or mixing facility must conduct a carryover test for each identical model used, in order to validate the effectiveness of the measures taken to prevent carryover

- Exception: For grinding and/or mixing facilities for which both a complete discharge and a system purge in accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions (or based on the business’ own test results) is performed after every mixing involving feed subject to mandatory labelling and before any “VLOG mixing”, no carryover test is necessary.“

# Part D – Matrix Organisation Logistics and Feed Manufacturing

# Teil D: Matrix Organisation – D 2 General Requirements

## D 2.6.1 and D 2.6.2

### D 2.6.1 Sampling and Testing Plan

Addition with regarding GMO tests on feed, raw materials and products that cannot be analysed for technical reasons:

„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 2.6.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory

Mindestmengen Probenmaterial:

- Specification:  
„Compound feed: at least 400 g, max. 1 kg“
- Addition feed material/raw materials:  
„ground: at least 400 g, maximum 1 kg “



# Annexes

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## Changes to content

Annex	Change
<b>(11) VLOG Certificate Template</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specification that the VLOG sub-ID needs to be indicated if a site is available</li><li>• Update “Ohne GenTechnik” seal</li><li>• Footnote deleted regarding certificate number</li></ul>
<b>(13) VLOG Facility Description Logistics Stage</b>	Part 3: Sampling and GMO testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition that multiple answers are possible</li><li>• Deletion of answer: “Trading of raw materials/products (food): Only VLOG-certified or certified under another standard recognised as equivalent.”</li><li>• Supplementary option: “Drop shipping of food”</li></ul>
<b>(18) Matrix Description including Site List</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition: Documentation of check that the matrix description is up to date</li></ul>
<b>(31) VLOG Incident Sheet Feed Manufacturing and Logistics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition: Criterion “Quality of Feed” of the feed affected by the incident</li></ul>
<b>(32) VLOG Incident Sheet Matrix Organisation</b>	

# Annexes

## Changes in structure, but not in content

Annex	Change
<b>(12) Areas of Application of VLOG Certification</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grouping and restructuring of the areas of applicability of the Food Processing/Preparation Stage</li></ul>
<b>(30) VLOG Grinding and Mixing Protocol for Grinding and Mixing Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Specification that the produced feed mixture is a “VLOG mixture”</li></ul>

## Deleted Annexes

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

# Further Information and Contact

## Current VLOG-Standard

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