

# Revision Information – Food Processing, Retail and Logistics 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 Food Processing/Preparation, Retail – Sale of Bulk Food of Animal Origin und Logistics (food).

A more detailed overview can be found in the Revision Document, all changes in the logistics stage can be found in the Revision Information Feed Manufacturing, Logistics and Matrix Organisation.

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.

# 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 3.8 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

### 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 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:

- Addition Feed material/raw materials:  
„ground: at least 400 g, maximum 1 kg“

# Part G - Food Processing/Preparation

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## G 1 and G 2.1

### G 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

#### Table G 1 Stage Definition and Mandatory Certification

Deletion in column „Certification required according to VLOG Standard“:

- ~~• „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 (cf. Chapter G 4).“~~

### G 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.“

#### G 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection

Specification subject of the inspection as well as moving and specification of complaints about bills of lading (regarding VLOG-certified raw materials/products of animal and non-animal origin):

- „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 bills of lading.“

#### G 2.9 Inspection of Outgoing Goods, Labelling on Bills of Lading

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.“



#### G 2.11 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.“

#### G 2.14 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process

- Addition (Documentation of corrective actions):  
„If non-compliant raw materials or 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 G: Food Processing/Preparation

## G 2 General Requirements

### G 2.15 Documentation and Retention Period

Specification Retention period:

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

# Part G: Food Processing/Preparation

## G 3 Specific Requirements for Plant-Based Raw Materials

### G 3.1.2 Sampling and Commissioning a Laboratory

Change Minimum quantities of sample material (honey)

Addition (rice, salmon filet and salmon products)

Moved from document „Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients“):

- „Raw materials (whole maize/corn kernels, soy beans or rapeseed/canola grains, rice, among other): at least 3000 grains or approx. the respectively corresponding sample amount (maize/corn at least 1000 g; soy at least 700 g, rapeseed/canola at least 60 g, rice at least 500g)
- Honey at least 200 g
- Salmon filet: at least 5 g each from at least 10 animals
- Salmon products: at least 50 g“

# Part G: Food Processing/Preparation

## G 3 Specific Requirements for Plant-Based Raw Materials

### G 3.1.3 Frequency of Sampling and Testing

Addition (Moved from document „Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients“):

- „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 are labelled with the “Ohne GenTechnik” seal. These samplings and tests can be counted towards the minimum number of samplings and tests listed in Table G 2.“
- Table G 3: Minimum number of samples + tests per calendar year for rice, salmon and salmon products

Spezifische Rohstoffe	Herkunft	Mindestanzahl der Probenahme + Analysen im „Ohne Gentechnik“-Wareneingang pro Kalenderjahr	Mindestanzahl der Probenahme + Analysen im „Ohne Gentechnik“ Warenausgang pro Kalenderjahr
Reis	Europa	6	4 <sup>3</sup>
	Asien	Jede Partie	
	Nicht europäisch und nicht asiatisch	12	
Rohware Lachs und Lachsprodukte	Europa (inkl. Norwegen)	6	
	Nordamerika	Jede Partie	

# Part G: Food Processing/Preparation

## G 4 Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients

Deletion of chapter G4:

Content of the document „Specific Requirements for Risk-Prone Raw Materials/Ingredients“ was moved to chapters G 3.1.2 and G 3.1.3

# Part H - Retail - Sale of Bulk Food of Animal Origin

# Part H: Retail

## H 2 Requirements for Group Organisers and Group Members

### H 2.6 Incoming Goods Inspection

- Specification subject of the inspection, complaints about bills of lading:  
„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 Documentation of incoming goods inspection:  
„A documented check of the “VLOG” label is to be performed on packaging and delivery slips and/or invoices.“

# Part H: Retail

## H 2 Requirements for Group Organisers and Group Members

### H 2.14 Corrective Action, Ongoing Improvement Process

Addition (Documentation of corrective actions):

„If non-compliant 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.”



# 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>(25) Facility Description Food Processing/Preparation Stage</b>	Part 2 (Organisation of the “VLOG” Production) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Addition Organisation of dual production</li></ul>

# 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>

## 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

including all annexes, additional helpful documents and information sheets:

[www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/standard](http://www.ohnegentechnik.org/en/standard)



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