



**REQUIREMENTS 01a, Version 07**

**Soya Bean Farmer (Producer)**

**General Requirements for Europe Soya Producers**

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| Purpose    | Specify the general requirements to be met by Europe Soya soya bean farmers (producers).   |
| Definition | Soya bean farmer (producer): agricultural holding growing and harvesting soya beans  |
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**1 Risk assessment**

1.1 The farmer shall be assigned a “production area risk level” (= F-RL) based on the risk assessment (see Annex 04):

- F-RL 0: AUT, CHE, DEU, HUN, NLD, SVN;
- F-RL 1: BGR, CZE, ESP, FRA, GRC, HRV, ITA, POL, SVK, SRB;
- F-RL 2: BIH, ROU, RUS (Nenetsia, Komi-Permyak, Sverdlovsk, Chelyabinsk, Orenburg);
- F-RL 3: MDA, UKR.

For the following production areas, the risk level has not yet been defined; classification possible on request: ALB, BEL, BLR, CYP, DNK, EST, FIN, GBR, IRL, ISL, KAZ (European part), LTU, LUX, LVA, MLT, MKD and MNE, NOR, PRT, SWE, TUR (European part).

**2 Cultivation**

2.1 The farmer shall produce according to the Europe Soya Principles of Soya Bean Cultivation (see R 01b).

**3 Delivery, settlement, certification as agricultural collector**

3.1 The farmer shall hand over to the primary collector the Declaration of Self-Commitment – Farmers (Soya Bean Producers) signed by an authorised representative, and shall retain a copy of this declaration. Alternatively, the farmer shall confirm on the accompanying shipping document (delivery note) both compliance with the Europe Soya Requirements and the quantity of Europe Soya soya beans delivered, and shall retain a copy of this confirmation. The delivery note shall include the following elements:



- Compliance Clause: "By signing this, I acknowledge that I have fully read, understood and complied with the Europe Soya Requirements for Farmers as amended."
  - Farmer's signature
- 3.2 The farmer shall document all quantities of marketed soya beans with copies of all delivery notes and commercial invoices for primary collectors and other customers, and shall include a reference to the quality label "Europe Soya".
- 3.3 If a soya bean farmer, located in a production area of risk level 2 or 3 (F-RL 2 or F-RL 3), sells Europe Soya soya beans directly to a trader not acting as an agricultural collector, they need to be certified as an agricultural collector and may only sell Europe Soya soya beans by means of Europe Soya lot certificates (in accordance with paragraph 10.2 in R 02).

#### **4 Registration of farmers**

4.1 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk level 3 (F-RL 3):

The farmer shall notify Donau Soja Organisation by email that they produce Europe Soya soya by 30 July of the current harvest year ([quality@donausoja.org](mailto:quality@donausoja.org)). Alternatively, the farmer can be registered by their primary collector (also by 30 July of the current harvest year).

#### **5 Directly commissioned inspections**

5.1 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk levels 0–2 (F-RL 0, F-RL 1 or F-RL 2):

The farmer shall either be individually certified or participate in a group certification as set out in paragraph 3 of the "Requirements for Group Certifications". The farmer shall be inspected in accordance with the risk assessment (see Annex 04, paragraph 1).

5.2 If the farmer is located in a production area of risk level 3 (F-RL 3):

The farmer shall conclude an inspection contract with a certification body recognised by Donau Soja Organisation, commissioning this body to undertake a chargeable first inspection as well as further annual inspections. The name of the certification body commissioned shall be announced at the same time as the farmer is registered according to paragraph 4.1.

The directly commissioned certification body shall take a composite sample of Europe Soya green soya plants from the fields within the scope of their Europe Soya audit, and shall conduct rapid GM tests (Roundup Ready and LibertyLink). A positive rapid test result shall entail two further rapid GM tests. If any two of the three rapid tests conducted give a positive result, the farmer shall have a PCR test performed.

Please note: In soya plants older than 36 days, samples shall be taken from cotyledons or leaf pair 1 or 2.

Farmers may be exempt from rapid GM testing if they meet all of the following four criteria:



- the farmer delivers exclusively to a certified agricultural collector belonging to the same agricultural enterprise as this farmer;
- the farmer is inspected by the same certification body as the agricultural collector;
- the farmer does not receive their own certificate, but is listed in the annex to the certificate belonging to the agricultural collector;
- the directly commissioned certification body shall undertake a chargeable inspection of the farmer every year prior to harvest.

## **6 Supervisory inspections**

- 6.1 The farmer shall accept supervisory inspections (risk-based sampling) by certification bodies or inspectors commissioned by Donau Soja Organisation.

