# Europe Soya Declaration of Self-Commitment for Farmers

# Risk Levels 0, 1 und 2

**FARMER /SOYA BEAN PRODUCER**

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| Name of the farmer: | … |
| Address/area  Postal code and place: | … |
| E-Mail: | … |
| Telephone: | … |
| VAT identification number: | … |
| Soya bean cultivation area in hectare: | … |
| Delivered soya beans in tonnes: | … |
| Delivery date and –year: | … |

*With his signature, the farmer agrees that the above-mentioned data is transferred to the Donau Soja Organisation as well as stored and processed by the Donau Soja Organisation for the purposes of supervisory inspections. This consent can be revoked at any time by writing to the Donau Soja Organisation. The revocation does not affect the legality of any processing up to that point.*

PRIMARY AGRICULTURAL COLLECTOR OR PRIMARY PROCESSOR

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| Name of the company: | … |
| Address  Postal code and place: | … |
| E-Mail: | … |
| Telephone: | … |
| Accepted soya beans in tonnes: | … |
| Date (dd.mm.yyyy): | … |

By signing this declaration, the farmer confirms to have read, understood and to have followed the current Europe Soya Requirements for Farmers.   
The present declaration becomes effective as soon as farmer and agricultural collector have signed it and is valid for the stated quantity of delivered and accepted soya beans.

A copy of the declaration of self-commitment was given to the farmer.

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(Signature farmer) (Signature agricultural collector) (Name and title)  
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EUROPE SOYA REQUIREMENTS FOR FARMERS

1. FARMERS COMMIT TO COMPLY WITH THE EUROPE SOYA REQUIREMENTS:

* The cultivation areas are located within the Europe Soya region;
* Farmers only use and grow GM-free soya bean varieties listed in the national or EU common catalogue of plant varieties;
* They shall not grow any other GM crop (e.g.GM maize);
* They shall not have grown any other GM crop in the previous year;
* They shall not have grown GM soya beans within the last three years;
* They shall document all quantities of soya beans, both grown and harvested, by keeping their own records;
* Plant protection products:
* Farmers shall only use plant protection products that have been approved for soya bean cultivation in the respective country;
* Plant protection products shall be applied using methods that minimise harm to humans and the environment;
* Integrated Crop Management techniques shall be applied to minimise negative impacts of phytosanitary products;
* A plan for Integrated Crop Management shall be made and implemented;
* Farmers shall document the application of plant protection products;
* Farmers shall not use any desiccants prior to harvest (e.g. glyphosate or diquat);
* They shall not use plant protection products listed in the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions;
* They shall not use plant protection products containing substances listed in lists Ia or Ib in the risk assessment by the World Health Organisation on hazardous pesticides.;
* There is no application of pesticides within 30 meters (or more if stated in national laws) of any populated area or water body;
* Aerial application of pesticides is not allowed;
* Good agricultural practices shall be implemented;
* Farmers shall have knowledge of techniques to maintain and control soil quality as well as to prevent soil erosion and the relevant techniques are implemented;
* Farmers shall follow the recomendations contained in the Donau Soja Best Practice Manual, including the recommendations for the use of plant protection products[[1]](#footnote-1);
* They shall participate in the implementation of the CAP (Common Agriculture Policy) with mandatory cross compliance inspections[[2]](#footnote-2) or in an ISCC certification program[[3]](#footnote-3) or an equivalent sustainability certification program[[4]](#footnote-4) including inspections;
* They shall respect nature reserves;
* They shall only use land dedicated to agricultural use no later than 2008;
* They shall comply with both national and international labour and social standards (ILO conventions);
* In case of permanent or temporary workers:

Overtime is always voluntary and should be paid in accordance to local and national laws or sector agreements;

Deductions from wages for disciplinary purposes are not made, unless legally permitted. Wages paid are recorded by the employer;

* In areas with traditional land users: where rights have been relinquished by traditional land users there is documented evidence that the affected communities are compensated subject to their free, prior, informed and documented consent.

2. FARMERS ACCEPT RISK-BASED SAMPLING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF DONAU SOJA ORGANISATION‘S SUPERVISORY INSPECTIONS.

1. An updated version of the Best Practice Manual is available at the Donau Soja website: [www.donausoja.org/en/downloads](http://www.donausoja.org/en/downloads) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Does not apply to farmers growing soya beans on less than 1 hectare of land. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Refer to [www.iscc-system.org](http://www.iscc-system.org) for ISCC EU or ISCC Plus. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. An equivalent standard shall at least comply with the FEFAC sustainability criteria (available at: [www.fefac.eu/files/62592.pdf](http://www.fefac.eu/files/62592.pdf)) and can be approved as such by the Donau Soja Board upon request. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)