



**REQUIREMENTS 01a, Version 08**

**Soya Bean Farmer (Producer)**

**General Requirements for Donau Soja Producers**

Purpose	Specify the general requirements to be met by Donau Soja 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, SVN;
  - F-RL 1: BGR, CZE, HRV, ITA, POL, SVK, SRB;
  - F-RL 2: BIH, ROU;
  - F-RL 3: MDA, UKR.

**2 Cultivation**

- 2.1 The farmer shall produce according to the Donau Soja 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 soya bean farmer shall confirm on the accompanying shipping document (delivery note) both compliance with the Donau Soja Requirements and the quantity of Donau Soja 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 Donau Soja 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 agricultural collectors and other customers, and shall include a reference to the quality label "Donau Soja".
- 3.3 If soya bean farmers, located in production areas of risk level 2 or 3 (F-RL 2 or F-RL 3), sell Donau Soja 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 Donau Soja soya beans by means of Donau Soja 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 e-mail that they cultivate Donau Soja 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 Donau Soja green soya plants from the fields within the scope of their Donau Soja 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 inspection bodies or inspectors commissioned by Donau Soja Organisation.