

Temporary Relaxation of the Requirements to the Sourcing and Storage of Donau Soja soya beans or soya products

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Background

Due to the current shortage of non-GM soya bean supply - caused by a combination of factors like unfavourable weather conditions or increased demand - the requirements to the sourcing and storage of Donau Soja (DS) soya beans or DS soya products can be relaxed, on written and reasoned request. This relaxation is temporary and applies until DS soya beans from the 2024 harvest are available (November 2024).

Europe Soya certified soya beans or soya products (e.g. soya meal, soya oil) are accepted for Donau Soja production

The temporary relaxation applies to the following Donau Soja (DS) types of operation:

- Soya Bean Primary Processor (A 04)
- Compound Feed Producer (A 05)
- Agricultural Processor (A 06a)
- Food Processor through Marketer (A 06b)

The DS primary processor is obliged to report the quantity of Europe Soya (ES) soya beans used to produce Donau Soja (DS) soya products - as part of, and together with, the monthly quantity reporting (as per R 04, 2.5) - to Donau Soja Organisation (quality@donausoja.org) and the DS certification body.

The other DS operations (A 05, A 06a, A 06b) that want to apply the temporary relaxation shall report the quantity of Europe Soya (ES) soya products (e.g. soya beans, soya meal, soya oil) used for the production of DS soya products in writing by mail to Donau Soja Organisation (quality@donausoja.org) by the end of each calendar month.

Validity period: lasts from the date of publication of this document until DS/ES soya beans from the 2024 harvest are available (November 2024).

Temporary Relaxation of the Requirements for Compound Feed Producers (R 05) relating to the Storage of Donau Soja and Europe Soya-soya products

Background

Due to the tight situation in storage and logistics capacities currently existing on the agricultural and feed market, the established Donau Soja and Europe Soya requirements for the storage of DS/ES soya products can be relaxed on written and reasoned request. This relaxation is temporary and valid until November 2024.

Storage of DS/ES soya products together with European GMO-free soya products (e.g. soya meal, soya oil)

The **storage of DS/ES soya products together with European GMO-free soya products** is possible under the following conditions:

- The DS/ES compound feed producer sends a reasoned request for derogation (in any format) to Donau Soja Organisation.
- Soya products that can be stored together with - or can temporary replace-DS/ES certified soya products must meet the "non-GM" and "European origin" requirements:
 - Non-GM soya products must be suitable for use in non-GM production according to ARGE Gentechnikfrei (Platform for GMO-Free Food Products), Verband Lebensmittel ohne Gentechnik e.V. (VLOG) or an equivalent system. The non-GM status of the soya products must be confirmed by appropriate accompanying documents (including but not limited to negative PCR test results).
 - The European origin of the soya products (or more precisely, the European origin of the soya beans used for producing the soya products) must be confirmed by adding an appropriate remark in the accompanying shipping documents.
- The input quantity of DS/ES soya products equals the output quantity of DS/ES soya products used as single feed material or as an ingredient in compound feed within a cumulative period starting with the approval and lasting until the end of 2024.
 - At the end of the cumulative period (by December 31, 2024), the quantity of DS/ES soya products purchased during the cumulative period must be greater than or equal to the quantity of DS/ES soya bean products processed into DS/ES animal feed during the cumulative period.
 - At the end of each cumulative period, a bill of quantity must be submitted to both Donau Soja Organisation (quality@donausoja.org) and the commissioned certification body. This bill of quantity must include the following information:

- quantity of DS/ES soya products purchased during the cumulative period (input quantity);
- quantity of DS/ES soya products (used as single feed material or as an ingredient in compound feed) sold during the cumulative period (output quantity);
- quantity of DS/ES animal feed sold during the cumulative period (output quantity of feed).

The compound feed producer sends a reasoned request for exception written by mail in advance to the Donau Soja Organisation (quality@donausoja.org).

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