

## Requirements for voluntary indication “*verified deforestation-free origin*” on outgoing delivery notes of Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified soya beans and processed soya products

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### Background

On 29 June 2023, the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) entered into force and its implementation will become mandatory from 29 December 2024. Already during the 18 month adaptation period Donau Soja sets out to support its certified partners to comply with the new rules within Donau Soja EUDR pilot projects.

**From Q3 2023** it shall be possible to voluntarily indicate “*verified deforestation-free origin*” on outgoing delivery notes of Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified soya beans and processed soya products.

- Donau Soja certified soya beans and processed soya products, as well as Europe Soya certified soya beans automatically meet the requirements.
- For Europe Soya certified processed soya products additional requirements apply, due to the possibility of mixing with Approved by Europe Soya (AB-ES) qualities at the stages from soya bean primary processor to compound feed producer within the Quantity Equivalence System (see Europe Soya Guidelines, Annex 05 “Quantity Equivalence System”).

### Additional requirements for Europe Soya certified processed soya products (e.g. soya meal, soya oil):

#### Scopes

The additional requirements apply to ES certified companies of the following scopes:

- traders (R03)
- primary processors (R04),
- compound feed producers (R05) and
- food producers (R06a and b).

## Requirements

- 1.1. The ES certified company may apply for a declaration of „*verified deforestation-free origin*“ for Europe Soya quality products by submitting a written application to Donau Soja Organisation
- 1.2. If the Quantity Equivalence System (QES) is applied by the ES certified company and/or its suppliers:
  - The application shall be completed with documented evidence for the deforestation-free origin of the “Approved by Europe Soya” (AB-ES) soya beans and/or processed products
  - The validity of the evidence shall be approved on a case-by-case basis upon application and following examination by Donau Soja Quality Management.
  - Incoming delivery notes for ES certified processed soya products (e.g. meal and oil) shall state “*verified deforestation-free origin*”

If the Quantity Equivalence System (QES) is NOT applied by the ES certified company and its suppliers (i.e. segregated ES):

  - The application shall be confirmed by Donau Soja Quality Management.
  - The ES certified company shall maintain documented evidence that the supplier of ES certified processed soya products does not apply the QES.
- 1.3. Compliance with the requirements shall be verified as part of the directly commissioned ES inspections.

**Validity period:** from the date of publication of this document until the relevant provisions of the DS/ES guidelines and standard (upcoming Version 2024) will be applicable (harvest 2024).

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