

## General requirements for the Donau Soja and Europe Soja labelling of soya beans and soya products for companies that are certified in accordance with the EU Organic Regulation

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The following describes the Donau Soja/Europe Soja requirements for companies/producers that are certified in accordance with EU Regulation 2018/848.

### 1. Background

Specification of the requirements for the declaration and/or labelling of soya beans and soya products that are produced, traded and certified in accordance with EU Organic Regulation 2018/848. The requirements cover the entire value chain from the soybean farmer (producer) to the end product. This guide is to be regarded as an additional module to the Donau Soja/Europe Soja Guidelines.

### 2. Requirements

The labelling and marketing of soya beans and soya products as **Organic Donau Soja/Organic Europe Soja** is possible if they are produced, traded, controlled and certified in accordance with the following standards in their current version:

- Donau Soja/Europe Soja Standard and the related guidelines including this guideline
- Certification in accordance with EU Organic Regulation (EC) 2018/848 on organic production and labelling of organic products

The Donau Soja Organisation is not involved in the organic certification process!

### 3. Requirements for companies/producers that are certified in accordance with EU Organic Regulation 2018/848

Specific requirements or simplifications apply to the requirements under point 2, according to the types of operation. The DS/ES defined risk levels (RS) at the different types of operation (A01a – A06b) are to be applied equivalently for organic companies/producers. DS/ES audits and certifications should, if possible, always be carried out together or in combination with the organic inspections. If this is not possible, the DS/ES audit has to be carried out in accordance with the inspection frequency for certified companies in the

supply chain (Annex 4, point 2.3) (a simplified version of the DS/ES checklist is provided by Donau Soja - without the topics covered by the EU Organic Regulation).

### **Requirements R01a, R01b which have to be fulfilled by soya bean producers (farmer)**

Soya beans from certified organic soybean producers can be labelled or marketed as organic DS/ES if the following conditions are fulfilled:

According to the DS/ES requirements 01a, if the farmer is located in a production area of risk levels (F-RS) 0-2:

- soybean farmers sign the "Donau Soja/Europe Soya Declaration of Self-Commitment for soya bean producers who are certified in accordance with EU Organic Regulation 2018/848".
- Individual certification or participation in a group certification in accordance with point 3 of the "Requirements for Group Certifications" is not required.

According to the DS/ES requirements 01a, if the farmer is located in a production area of risk levels (F-RS) 3:

- Certification in accordance with DS/ES requirements by a DS-approved certification body is required
- For soya bean producers of risk level 3, a combined certification (organic with DS/ES) should be applied for, which includes a reduced DS/ES checklist.

### **General Requirements R02-06b**

All other types of operators from the Agricultural Soya Bean Collector/Primary Collector have to be certified according to the DS/ES standard and the EU Organic Regulation 2018/848. Companies/Producers have to be registered in the Donau Soja database.

Organic DS/ES products should be labelled as organic and DS/ES product in accordance with applicable provisions. This can be done separately or in combination, e.g. as "Organic Danube Soya soya", "Organic Danube Soya" or "Organic DS Soya", respectively as "Organic Europe Soya soya", "Organic Europe Soya" or "Organic ES Soya". The corresponding designation must also appear on the certificate.

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