

Annex 1: Table of changes

The Table of Changes following on the next pages, gives an exhaustive overview of the changes to the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Standard for 2024. The following color code was used to give a better overview what is new:

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OLD (Version September 2021)	NEW (Version January 2024)	Valid from	Comments
R01a Soya bean farmer (producer), General requirements	R01a Agricultural producer (farmer), General requirements		
R01a Version 07, Paragraph 3	R01a Version, Paragraph 3		
-	3.2 The farmer shall hand over a list of all plots of land where the soya beans were produced, indicating the geographical location of these plots of land, by means of latitude and longitude coordinates corresponding to at least one latitude and one longitude point and using at least six decimal digits. For plots of land of more than four hectares the geolocalisation shall be provided using polygons with sufficient latitude and longitude points to describe the perimeter of each plot of land.* * Alternatively accepted as evidence is the reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information
-	3.4 The farmer shall store all relevant documentation for at least five years.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – documentation
R01a Version 07, Paragraph 5	R01a Version 08, Paragraph 5		
5.2 [...] (Roundup Ready and Liberty Link). [...]	5.2 [...] (Roundup Ready). [...]	January 2024	Technical adaptation
R01b Soya bean farmer (producer), Cultivation requirements	R01b Agricultural producer (farmer), Cultivation requirements		
R01b Version 01, entire document soya bean	R01b Version 02, entire document arable crop	January 2024	Editorial changes to align with multi-crop approach
R01b Version 01, Paragraph 3	R01b Version 02, Paragraph 3		

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3.1 The farmer shall conduct business with integrity, respecting applicable laws and avoiding all forms of bribery, conflicts of business interest and fraudulent practices.	3.1 The farmer shall conduct business with integrity, respecting applicable laws, including but not limited to tax, anti-corruption, trade and customs regulations and avoiding all forms of bribery, conflicts of business interest and fraudulent practices.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – specification of legal requirements
R01b Version 01, Paragraph 4	R01b Version 02, Paragraph 4		
-	4.1 The farmer shall comply with relevant local and national legislation related to soil management.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – specification of legal requirements
R01b Version 01, Paragraph 4	R01b Version 02, Paragraph 4		
4.2 The farmer shall implement Good Agricultural Practices to minimise diffuse and localised impacts on surface and ground water quality from chemical residues, fertilisers, erosion or other sources.	-	January 2024	Editorial change – duplication with 6.5.
4.3 The farmer shall take adequate measures to protect and improve soils and prevent erosion. This shall include but not be limited to a ban on burning stubble, the use of non-tillage techniques where possible, crop rotation and the use of cover crops.	4.3 The farmer shall take adequate measures to protect and improve soil quality and to avoid erosion and soil compaction. This shall include, but not be limited to a ban on burning stubble, crop rotation and the use of cover crops, planting legumes and balanced fertilization.	January 2024	Compliance with CAP and adaptation to multicrop approach
-	4.4 The farmer shall take adequate measures to establish minimum soil cover in the most sensitive periods. Possible measures include e.g., sowing a winter crop after the harvest, sowing cover crops, leaving harvest residues on the soil surface, or using non-turning tillage measures. 4.5 The farmer shall include legumes into the crop rotation or maintain a crop rotation plan.	January 2024	Compliance with CAP and adaptation to multicrop approach
R01b Version 01, Paragraph 10	R01b Version 08, Paragraph 10		
10.2 The employment conditions of individual workers shall comply with legal regulations and/or collective bargaining agreements.	10.2 The employment conditions of all workers shall comply with human rights, local and national laws and relevant collective bargaining agreements.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – specification of legal requirements

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R01b Version 01, Paragraph 10 10.5 Gross wages and benefits shall comply with national legislation and specific sector agreements.	R01b Version 08, Paragraph 10 10.5 Gross wages, benefits and social insurance, holiday entitlement, maternity/paternity leave, period of notice, etc. shall comply with national legislation and specific sector agreements. The work week shall be set according to local and national laws, shall be consistent with local industry standards, and shall not routinely exceed the maximum of 48 hours per week.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – specification of legal requirements
R02 Agricultural Collector and Primary Collector			
R02 Version 06, Paragraph 1 1.1. [...] C-RL 3: GM soya beans and GM soya bean meal may also be stored.	R02 Version 07, Paragraph 1 1.1. [...] C-RL 3: GM soya beans and GM soya bean meal may also be stored; the collector is located in a production area of F-RL 2 or 3, with a GM risk level 2 or 3	January 2024	Technical change
R02 Version 06, Paragraph 2 2.4 The primary collector shall document each soya bean supplier, including their EU registration number (or an equivalent specification in non-EU countries), the quantity delivered by them and the quality label (“Donau Soja”).	R02 Version 06, Paragraph 2 2.4 The primary collector shall document each soya bean supplier, including their EU registration number (or an equivalent specification in non-EU countries), the quantity delivered by them, the country of origin and the geolocalisation of all plots of land where the soya beans were produced, and the quality label (“Donau Soja”) and keep the documentation for at least five years.	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information
R02 Version 06, Paragraph 2 2.6 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall take a retained sample of each soya bean lot accepted by them, and shall store this sample for at least one year safely and without influencing its quality, ensuring traceability. If the primary collector is located in a production area of GM-risk level 1 (GM-RL 1) and if the farmer delivering soya beans to this collector is also located in such a production area: • The storage period of retained samples can be reduced to six months from the date of sale if the primary collector can demonstrate that the storage period for the Europe Soya soya beans concerned has also been reduced. [...]	R02 Version 06, Paragraph 2 2.6 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall take a retained sample of each soya bean lot accepted by them, and shall store this sample for at least one year safely and without influencing its quality, ensuring traceability. 2.7 The storage period of retained samples can be reduced to six months from the date of sale if the following two requirements are met: • the primary collector can demonstrate that the storage period for the Europe Soya soya beans concerned has also been reduced; and • the primary collector is located in a production area of GM-risk level 1 (GM-RL 1) and if the farmer delivering soya beans to this collector is also located in such a production area. [...]	January 2024	Editorial Change
R02 Version 06, Paragraph 3 3.2 [...] Each harvest declaration shall include the following information: • reason for the notification: main declaration or post-declaration (see above); • stock of Donau Soja soya beans;	R02 Version 07, Paragraph 3 3.2 [...] Each harvest declaration shall include the following information: reason for the notification: main declaration or post-declaration (see above); • stock of Europe Soya soya beans;	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stock of soya bean qualities other than Donau Soja; name and contact of the primary collector; harvest year; name and address of the delivering Donau Soja soya bean farmers; date of incoming deliveries and delivery volume of Donau Soja soya bean farmers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> stock of soya bean qualities other than Europe Soya; name, postal and e-mail addresses of the primary collector; name, postal and e-mail addresses of the delivering Europe Soya soya bean farmers; harvest year; country of origin and, where relevant, parts thereof; geolocalisation of all plots of land where the crop was produced; where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; and date of incoming deliveries and delivery volume of Europe Soya soya bean farmers. 		See also Requirements for the traceability system
<p>R02 Version 08, Paragraph 4</p> <p>4.1 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall send lot certificate requests to their certification body. Each of these requests shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and contact information of the buyer; quantity of Donau Soja soya beans intended to be delivered; name of the agricultural collector; harvest year; where applicable: codes of the lot certificates the quantity of Donau Soja soya to be sold consists of. 	<p>R02 Version 09, Paragraph 4</p> <p>4.1 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall send lot certificate requests to their certification body. Each of these requests shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and contact information of the buyer; where applicable, codes of the lot/traceability certificates related to the quantity of Europe Soya soya to be sold. type, trade name, quantity of the soya beans to be sold as Europe Soya soya or quantity of Europe Soya soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; harvest year; reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes); and where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115. 	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information See also Requirements for the traceability system
<p>R02 Version 08, Paragraph 4</p> <p>4.2 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall accept as response from their certification body the lot certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> code of the certification body code of the lot certificate; quantity of the soya bean lot certified as Donau Soja; 	<p>R02 Version 09, Paragraph 4</p> <p>4.2 The agricultural collector/primary collector shall accept as response from their certification body the lot certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name, postal and e-mail address name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; code of the certification body; 	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information See also Requirements for

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and contact information of the buyer; harvest year; “Donau Soja” logo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> code of the lot/traceability certificate; quantity of the soya bean lot/product unit certified as Europe Soya; harvest year; reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes) where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; “Europe Soya” logo. <p>Additionally, the geolocalisation data of the relevant plots of land where the soya beans were produced may be provided on request.</p>		the traceability system
<p>R02 Version 06, Paragraph 7 7.2; 7.3 [...] shall conduct at least one rapid GM test (Roundup Ready and Liberty Link) [...]</p>	<p>R02 Version 07, Paragraph 7 7.2; 7.3 [...] shall conduct at least one rapid GM test (Roundup Ready) [...]</p>	January 2024	Technical Change
<p>R03 Soya Trader</p>			
<p>R03 Version 05, Paragraph 2 2.1 The trader may only buy and sell Donau Soja soya beans/products if these are referred to as “Donau Soja soya”, “Donau Soja” or “ES soya” on all invoices and delivery notes, and if, secondly, a lot certificate in the form of a signed (PDF) document is handed over to the trader for these soya beans/products. This lot certificate shall include the following information:</p>	<p>R03 Version 06, Paragraph 2 2.1 The trader may only buy and sell Donau Soja soya beans/products if these are referred to as “Donau Soja soya”, “Donau Soja” or “ES soya” on all invoices and delivery notes. 2.2 The trader may only buy and sell Donau Soja unprocessed soybeans if a lot certificate in the form of a signed (PDF) document is handed over to the trader for these soya beans. This lot certificate shall include the following information: [...] A lot certificate is needed only for trading in unprocessed soya beans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name, postal and e-mail address of the seller; name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; code of the certification body; code of the lot certificate; quantity of the soya bean lot certified as Europe Soya; harvest year; reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes) 	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>See also Requirements for the traceability system</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; “Europe Soya” logo. <p>In case processed soya products are exported to or from the EU market: A traceability certificate is mandatory for trading in Europe Soya processed soya products to and from the EU from harvest 2024. This traceability certificate shall include the information defined in point 2.2 of R03 and the criteria defined in Requirements for the traceability system.</p>		
<p>R03 Version 05, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.2 For selling Donau Soja soya, the trader shall send a lot certificate request to their certification body. Each request shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and contact information of the buyer; where applicable, codes of the certificates related to the quantity of Donau Soja soya to be sold. quantity of the soya bean to be sold as Donau Soja soya or quantity of Donau Soja soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; harvest year; 	<p>R03 Version 06, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.3 For selling Donau Soja soya, the trader shall send a lot/traceability certificate request to their certification body. Each request shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name and contact information of the buyer; where applicable, codes of the lot/traceability certificates related to the quantity of Donau Soja soya to be sold. type, trade name, quantity of the soya bean/product to be sold as Donau Soja soya or quantity of Donau Soja soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; harvest year; reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes); and where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115. 	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>See also Requirements for the traceability system</p>
<p>R03 Version 05, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.3 The trader shall accept as response from their certification body the lot certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name of the buyer; code of the certification body; code of the lot certificate; quantity of the soya bean lot certified as Donau Soja; harvest year; [...] 	<p>R03 Version 06, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.4 The trader shall accept as response from their certification body the lot/traceability certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot/traceability certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Name, postal and e-mail address of the seller; name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; code of the certification body; code of the lot/traceability certificate; quantity of the soya bean lot/product unit certified as Donau Soja; harvest year; 	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>See also Requirements for the traceability system</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes) where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; “Europe Soya” logo. <p>Additionally, the geolocalisation data of the relevant plots of land where the soya beans were produced may be provided on request.</p>		
<p>R03 Version 05, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.4 The trader shall document the following for all purchases and sales of soya beans/products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> names, addresses and, where applicable, EU registration numbers (or equivalent specifications in non-EU countries) of all suppliers and customers lot, quantity and quality label “Donau Soja”, and lot certificates; [...] 	<p>R03 Version 06, Paragraph 2</p> <p>2.5 The trader shall document the following information for all purchases and sales of soya beans/products and keep the documentation for five years from the date of the placing on the market or export of the soya beans/products:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> names, postal and e-mail addresses and, where applicable, EU registration numbers (or equivalent specifications in non-EU countries) of all suppliers and customers; lot, trade name and type, quantity, quality label “Donau Soja”, and lot/traceability certificates; country of origin and the geolocalisation of all plots of land where the soya beans, that the relevant product contains or has been made from, were produced;* harvest year; delivery date, carrier and receiver. <p>* Alternatively accepted as evidence is the reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115.</p>	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>See also Requirements for the traceability system</p>
<p>R04 Soya Bean Primary Processor</p> <p>R04 Version 07, Paragraph 1; Paragraph 2</p> <p>1.1; 2.1; 2.2; 2.3; 2.4 Roundup Ready and Liberty Link</p>	<p>R04 Version 08, Paragraph 1; Paragraph 2</p> <p>1.1; 2.1; 2.2; 2.3; 2.4 Roundup Ready</p>	January 2024	Technical change
<p>R04 Version 07, Paragraph 3</p>	<p>R04 Version 08, Paragraph 3</p> <p>3.2 If the processed soya product is intended for the EU market or if otherwise required according to the requirements of regulation (EU) 2023/1115: A traceability certificate is mandatory for Donau Soja processed soya products from harvest 2024.</p>	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information

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	<p>The seller shall send a traceability certificate request to their certification body. Each request shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and contact information of the buyer; • where applicable, codes of the traceability certificates related to the quantity of Donau Soja soya to be sold. • type, trade name, quantity of the soya /product to be sold as Donau Soja soya or quantity of Donau Soja soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; • harvest year; • reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes); and • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115. <p>The seller shall accept as response from their certification body the traceability certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The traceability certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name, postal and e-mail address of the seller; • name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; • code of the certification body; • code of the traceability certificate; • quantity of the soya product unit certified as Donau Soja • harvest year; • reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes) • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; • "Donau Soja" logo. <p>Additionally, the geolocalisation data of the relevant plots of land where the soya beans were produced may be provided on request.</p>		See also Requirements for the traceability system
<p>R04 Version 07, Paragraph 4</p> <p>4.1 In the following cases, the primary processor shall send to their certification body quantity amendment notifications regarding the stock of Europe Soya soya beans, specifying the reason for the notification: [...]</p>	<p>R04 Version 12, Paragraph 8, 8.2</p> <p>4.1 In the following cases, the primary processor shall send to their certification body and to Donau Soja Organisation quantity amendment notifications regarding the stock of Europe Soya soya beans, specifying the reason for the notification: [...]</p>	January 2024	Technical Change- Improve practicality
<p>R05 Compound Feed Producer</p>			

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R05 Version 07, Paragraph 3	R05 Version 08, Paragraph 3		
3.1 [...] Exemptions: If the availability of individual soya components such as soya lecithin in sufficient quality cannot be ensured by at least two independent providers, other components certified as GM-free may be used on application and <u>with the written consent</u> of the Donau Soja Board.	3.1 [...] Exemptions: If the availability of individual soya components such as soya lecithin in sufficient quality cannot be ensured by at least two independent providers, other components certified as GM-free may be used on application and <u>with the written consent</u> of the Donau Soja Organisation.	January 2024	Technical Change - Improve practicality
R06a Agricultural Processor			
R06a Version 02, Paragraph 3	R06a Version 03, Paragraph 3		
3.5 Animal farmers [...]	3.5 Animal keepers [...]	January 2024	Editorial Change
R06a Version 02, Paragraph 4	R06a Version 03, Paragraph 4		
4.3 [...] Exemptions: If the availability of individual soya components such as soya lecithin in sufficient quality cannot be ensured by at least two independent providers, other components certified as GM-free may be used on application and <u>with the written consent</u> of the Donau Soja Board.	4.3 [...] Exemptions: If the availability of individual soya components such as soya lecithin in sufficient quality cannot be ensured by at least two independent providers, other components certified as GM-free may be used on application and <u>with the written consent</u> of the Donau Soja Organisation.	January 2024	Technical Change - Improve practicality
R06a Version 02, Paragraph 4	R06a Version 03, Paragraph 4		
* Valid until the end of September 2022: It is allowed to fall below the minimum percentage of 5% for a maximum of two weeks per laying period	4.3 Minimum percentages of soya [...] * calculated over the entire laying period of a flock If an egg packing station (working with several egg suppliers) wishes to label their products as "Europe Soya", they have to make sure that at least 80 % of the certified eggs come from laying hens being fed on the aforementioned minimum amount of soya.	January 2024	Technical Change - Improve practicality
R07 Transportation and cleaning			
R07 Version 02, Paragraph 1	R07 Version 03, Paragraph 1		
1.8 If Europe Soya certified products are temporarily stored at <u>transshipment terminals or port facilities</u> , operated by a non Europe Soya certified company, the Europe Soya certified company commissioning the transport shall ensure that no contamination and/or mixing of Europe Soya soya with soya of other qualities occurs during storage. Inspections of transshipment terminals or port facilities shall be conducted by a certification body recognised by Donau Soja Organisation.	1.8 If Europe Soya certified products are temporarily stored at <u>transshipment terminals or port facilities</u> , operated by a non Europe Soya certified company, the Europe Soya certified company commissioning the transport shall ensure that no contamination and/or mixing of Europe Soya soya with soya of other qualities occurs during storage and that the according Europe Soya subcontractor agreement is signed. Inspections of transshipment terminals or port facilities shall be conducted by a certification body recognised by Donau Soja Organisation.	January 2024	Technical Change - Improve clarity
R08 Certification Body			
R08 Version 03, Paragraph 4	R08 Version 04, Paragraph 4		

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<p>4.2 The certification body shall accept lot certificate requests from contracted agricultural collectors, primary collectors or traders, and create lot certificates via the Donau Soja internet portal after a successful plausibility check. Within two working days the certification body shall issue lot certificates in form of signed PDF documents to the company (with a copy to Donau Soja Organisation), which shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • code of the certification body; • code of the lot certificate; • quantity of the soya bean lot certified as Europe Soya; • name and contact information of the buyer; • harvest year; • "Europe Soya" logo. 	<p>4.2 The certification body shall accept lot/traceability certificate requests from contracted agricultural collectors, primary collectors, traders or primary processors, and create lot/traceability certificates via the Donau Soja internet portal after a successful plausibility check. Within two working days the certification body shall issue lot/traceability certificates in form of signed PDF documents to the company (with a copy to Donau Soja Organisation), which shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name, postal and e-mail address of the seller; • name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; • code of the certification body; • code of the lot/traceability certificate; • quantity of the soya bean lot/product unit certified as Europe Soya; • harvest year; • reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes); • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; • "Europe Soya" logo. 	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>See also Requirements for the traceability system</p>
<p>Requirements for Group Certifications</p>			
<p>Requirements for Group Certifications Version 03</p>	<p>Requirements for Group Certifications Version 04, Paragraph 3</p>		
<p>Risk assessment and external inspections [...]</p>	<p>Risk assessment and external inspections [...]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • if the quantity of certified soybeans per farmer is less than 35 tons on average (taking into account the total quantity of Donau Soja soya beans delivered to the primary collector divided by the total amount of Donau Soja soya bean farmers): the sample size for the inspection of farmers (group members) by an external certification body will be divided by three; • if the soya bean farmer (group member) delivers less than 3 tons of soya beans to the primary collector in a crop year: These small farmers will not be included in the calculation of the sample size for the inspection of farmers (group members). The farmer may be inspected within the regular audit frequency; [...] 	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Technical change – facilitation for small scale farms</p>
<p>Declaration of Self-Commitment</p>			
<p>Declaration of Self-Commitment Version 05, Paragraph 1</p>	<p>Declaration of Self-Commitment Version 06, Paragraph 1</p>		

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<p>[...]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in EU countries: ... shall participate in the implementation of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) with mandatory cross compliance inspections; [...] 	<p>[...]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in EU countries: ... shall participate in the implementation of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) with mandatory conditionality inspections; [...] 	January 2024	Compliance with CAP
	<p>[...]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> shall submit as an annex to this declaration a complete list of all plots of land where the soya beans were produced, indicating the according geolocalisation data;* [...] * Alternatively accepted as evidence is the reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115. 	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information
<p>Declaration of Self-Commitment Version 05, Paragraph 3</p>	<p>Declaration of Self-Commitment Version 06, Paragraph 3</p>		
<p>Farmers categorised in a production area of risk level 0-2 (F-RL 0, F-RL 1 or F-RL 2) agree to be subject to risk-based inspections within the framework of the Donau Soja farmer group certification.</p>	<p>Farmers categorised in a production area of risk level 0-2 (F-RL 0, F-RL 1 or F-RL 2) agree to be subject to risk-based inspections by the certification body of the primary collector within the framework of the Donau Soja farmer group certification.</p>	January 2024	Editorial change- Improve clarity
<p>Lot Certification</p>	<p>Traceability system</p>		
<p>Lot Certification, Version1, Purpose, Definition</p>	<p>Traceability system, Version 2, Purpose, Definition</p>		
<p>A summarised presentation of the Europe Soya traceability system, starting from the harvest declaration to the certification of from the primary agricultural collector to the primary processor</p> <p>The purpose of the Europe Soya lot certification system is to ensure traceability of certified, unprocessed Europe Soya beans. Lot-based certification covers the stages from primary agricultural collector to primary processor.</p>	<p>A summarised presentation of the Europe Soya traceability system, starting from the harvest declaration to the certification of unprocessed soya beans (=lot certification) from the primary agricultural collector to the primary processor and of processed soya products (=traceability certification) from the primary processor to the marketer.</p> <p>Traceability system: The purpose of the Europe Soya traceability system is the continuous transmission of relevant information on the origin of products in the supply chain.</p> <p>Harvest declaration: The purpose of the harvest declaration is to provide harvest information to the certification body and Donau Soja Organisation.</p> <p>Lot certification: The purpose of the Europe Soya lot certification system is to ensure traceability of certified, unprocessed Europe Soya soya beans. Lot-based certification covers the stages from primary agricultural collector to primary processor.</p> <p>Traceability certification: The purpose of the Europe Soya traceability certification system is to ensure traceability of certified, processed</p>	January 2024	Editorial change- Improve clarity

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	Europe Soya soya products. Traceability certification covers the stages from primary processor to the marketer.		
Lot Certification , Version1, Paragraph 1	Traceability system , Version 2, Paragraph 1		
	<p>1.1 Harvest declarations are submitted by the primary collector to both their contracted certification body and Donau Soja Organisation after harvest (see R02, 3.2).</p> <p>1.2 Harvest declarations are the starting point of the traceability system and include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name, postal and e-mail addresses of the primary collector; • name, postal and e-mail addresses of the delivering Europe Soya soya bean farmers; • stock of Europe Soya soya beans; • stock of soya bean qualities other than Europe Soya; • harvest year; • date of incoming deliveries and delivery volume of Europe Soya soya bean farmers • country of origin and, where relevant, parts thereof; • geolocalisation of all plot of land where the crop was produced; • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; and 	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>Also adapted in R01a, R02</p>
Lot Certification , Version1	Traceability system , Version 2, Paragraph 3		
-	<p>3. Traceability of processed soya products (=traceability certification) A traceability certificate is optional for trading in Europe Soya certified processed soya products.</p> <p>In case the product is traded on the EU market: A traceability certificate is mandatory for trading in Europe Soya processed soya products from harvest 2024. The following operations shall be in possession of Europe Soya traceability certificates for trading in processed Europe Soya soya products on the EU market:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traders (as defined in Requirements R 03); and • primary processors (as defined in Requirements R 04). 	January 2024	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>Also adapted in R03, R04</p>
Lot Certification , Version1, Paragraph 2	Traceability system , Version 2, Paragraph 4		

<p>2Selling Europe Soya soya using lot certificates 2.1 The seller shall send certificate requests to their certification body. Each request shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and contact information of the buyer; • where applicable, codes of the lot certificates related to the quantity of Europe Soya soya to be sold. • quantity of the lot to be sold as Europe Soya soya or quantity of Europe Soya soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; • name of seller; • harvest year; 	<p>4. Selling Europe Soya soya beans and products using certificates 4.1 The seller shall send lot/traceability certificate requests to their certification body. Each request shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and contact information of the buyer; • where applicable, codes of the lot/traceability certificates related to the quantity of Europe Soya soya to be sold. • type, trade name, quantity of the soya bean/product to be sold as Europe Soya soya or quantity of Europe Soya soya intended to be delivered to the buyer; • harvest year; • reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes); and • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115. 	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>Also adapted in R02, R03, R04, R08</p>
<p>Lot Certification, Version1, Paragraph 2 2.2 The seller shall accept as response from their certification body the lot certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • code of the certification body; • code of the lot certificate; • quantity of the soya bean lot certified as Europe Soya; • name and contact information of the buyer • harvest year;; • “Europe Soya” logo. 	<p>Traceability system, Version 2, Paragraph 4 4.2 The seller shall accept as response from their certification body the lot/traceability certificate in the form of a signed PDF document. The lot/traceability certificate shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name, postal and e-mail address of the seller; • name, postal and e-mail address of the buyer; • code of the certification body; • code of the lot/traceability certificate; • quantity of the soya bean lot/product unit certified as Europe Soya; • harvest year; • reference number of accompanying documents (e.g. contracts, delivery notes) • where applicable, reference number of the due diligence statement associated to the product according to regulation (EU) 2023/1115; • “Europe Soya” logo. <p>Additionally, the geolocalisation data of the relevant plots of land where the soya beans were produced may be provided on request.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p> <p>Also adapted in R02, R03, R04</p>
<p>Lot Certification, Version1, Paragraph 3</p>	<p>Traceability system, Version 2, Paragraph 5</p>		
	<p>5.2 Agricultural collectors, traders and primary processors may only import processed Europe Soya soya products to the EU if a traceability certificate in the form of a signed document is handed over to them for the corresponding unit or the corresponding contract. This traceability certificate shall include the information specified in paragraph 4.2.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) – information</p>
<p>Donau Soja Standard</p>	<p>Donau Soja Standard</p>		
<p>Donau Soja Standard, Principle 4-7</p>	<p>Donau Soja Standard, Principle 4-7</p>		

The relevant legal provisions of EU law shall apply. Europe Soya soya bean farmers within the EU shall participate in the implementation of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) with mandatory cross-compliance inspections. [...]	The relevant legal provisions of EU law shall apply. Europe Soya soya bean farmers within the EU shall participate in the implementation of the CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) with mandatory conditionality inspections. [...]	January 2024	Compliance with CAP
Donau Soja Standard, Core Principles for Inspection	Donau Soja Standard, Core Principles for Inspection		
[...] The certificates are published on the Donau Soja website.	[...] The certificates as well as basic company data (i.e. name, scope and location) are published on the Donau Soja website.	January 2024	Technical change-transparency
Donau Soja Standard, Core Principles for Inspection	Donau Soja Standard, Core Principles for Inspection		
[...] In case of certified unprocessed soya beans, lot-based certificates (lot certificates) shall additionally be issued by the agricultural collector to the primary processor. In case of certified processed soya produce, certificates of traceability may additionally be issued by the primary processor to the marketer All participants in the Europe Soya system may be inspected at any time, and on a risk basis, in the form of risk-based sampling in supervisory inspections.	[...] In case of certified unprocessed soya beans, lot-based certificates (lot certificates) shall additionally be issued by the agricultural collector to the primary processor. In case of certified processed soya produce, certificates of traceability may additionally be issued by the primary processor to the marketer where required according to the EU Deforestation Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 and on voluntary basis. All participants of the Europe Soya program are required to keep relevant documentation for at least 5 years or longer if indicated otherwise in their contracts with Donau Soja Organisation. All participants in the Europe Soya system may be inspected at any time, and on a risk basis, in the form of risk-based sampling in supervisory inspections.	January 2024	Compliance with EUDR
Annex 01			
Annex 01, Version 2	Annex 01, Version 3		
[...]Cross Compliance The rules for cross compliance listed in Annex II to Council Regulation (EU) NO 1306/2013 [...]	[...]Conditionality The rules on conditionality listed Annex III to Council Regulation (EU) No 2021/2115 [...]	January 2024	Compliance with CAP
Annex 04			
Annex 04, Version 1	Annex 04, Version 2		
The Europe Soya inspection system is risk-based. Different risk categories are applied to determine the respective production area risk level (F-RL) for soya bean producers (farmers) and the individual risk for all other certified companies in the supply chain.	The Europe Soya inspection system is risk-based. Different risk categories are applied to determine the respective production area risk level (F-RL) for agricultural producers (farmers) and the individual risk for all other certified companies in the supply chain. The risk-based inspection system is applicable to soya beans and other arable crops (see Annex 6).	January 2024	Editorial changes to align with multi-crop approach
Annex 04, Version 1, entire document	Annex 04, Version 2, entire document		
soya bean	arable crop	January 2024	Editorial changes to align with multi-crop approach
Annex 06			
Annex 06, Version 1, entire document	Annex 06, Version 2, entire document		

Donau Soja multi-crop	Donau Soja certified crops other than soya	January 2024	Editorial changes – improve clarity
Annex 06, Version 1, Paragraph 1	Annex 06, Version 2, Paragraph 1		
1.1 The Donau Soja Guidelines can be fully applied to arable crops other than soya. Arable crops other than soya may be declared as multi crop if they are produced, traded, inspected and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Donau Soja Guidelines, as applicable, including this Annex.	1.1 The Donau Soja Guidelines can be fully applied to arable crops other than soya.* Arable crops other than soya may be declared as Donau Soja if they are produced, traded, inspected and certified in accordance with the requirements of the Donau Soja Guidelines, as applicable, including this Annex. *Specific requirements may not be applicable to all crops (e.g. in case of no GM varieties). The determination of the applicability of the Donau Soja requirements and necessary amendments of these requirements resulting from the different conditions for arable crops other than soya will be specified per crop in specific technical guidelines.	January 2024	Editorial changes – improve clarity
Annex 06, Version 1, Paragraph 1	Annex 06, Version 2, Paragraph 1		
1.2 An organisation or an individual company may apply for the declaration and/or labelling of an arable crop other than soya that is produced under Donau Soja multi-crop requirements by submitting a written application to Donau Soja Organisation. 1.3 Based on this application, a detailed project description shall be prepared and agreed between Donau Soja Organisation and the company applying for the Donau Soja multi-crop certification. The project description shall contain at least the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a complete list of all types of arable crops (e.g. fava beans, rapeseed) to be declared as Donau Soja multi-crop; a clear definition of project partners/participants and their suppliers (company name, position in the value chain); determination of the applicability of the Donau Soja requirements and necessary amendments of these requirements resulting from the different conditions for arable crops other than soya amount and scheme of the Donau Soja multi-crop licence fees, if different from the usual Donau Soja licence fee scheme. 	1.2 An organisation or an individual company may apply for the declaration and/or labelling of an arable crop other than soya that is produced under Donau Soja requirements by submitting a written application to Donau Soja Organisation. The written application shall contain at least the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a complete list of all types of arable crops (e.g. fava beans, rapeseed) to be declared as Donau Soja; a complete list of direct suppliers (company name, position in the value chain); definition of the responsible Donau Soja approved certification body. 	January 2024	Editorial changes – improve practicality
Annex 06, Version 1, Paragraph 1	Annex 06, Version 2, Paragraph 1		
1.6 The wording of the declaration shall be agreed between Donau Soja Organisation and the respective company.	1.5 The certified produce may be declared as "Donau Soja [arable crop/product]" on delivery notes etc. (e.g. Donau Soja rapeseed, Donau Soja rapeseed meal).	January 2024	Editorial changes – improve clarity
Annex 06, Version 1, Paragraph 3	Annex 06, Version 2, Paragraph 3		
3.1 The production area risk level (F-RL) shall be identified for each arable crop in the project, taking into account the risk categories according to Annex 04, paragraph 1.	3.1 The production area risk level (F-RL) shall be identified for each arable crop, taking into account the risk categories according to Annex 04, paragraph 1.*	January 2024	Editorial changes – improve clarity

	*Specific requirements may not be applicable to all crops (e.g. in case of no GM varieties). The determination of the applicability of the Donau Soja requirements and necessary amendments of these requirements resulting from the different conditions for arable crops other than soya will be specified per crop in specific technical guidelines.		
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Additional changes in the Europe Soya Guidelines

OLD (Version September 2021)	NEW (Version January 2024)	Valid from	Comments
Annex 05 Quantity Equivalence System using "Approved by Europe Soya" soya beans Version 03	Annex 05 Quantity Equivalence System using "Approved by Europe Soya" soya beans Version 03		
2.1AB-ES soya beans shall comply with the following criteria: [...]	2.1AB-ES soya beans shall comply with the following criteria: [...] Deforestation-free and legality: AB-ES soya beans shall be produced deforestation-free and in accordance with the relevant legislation of the country of production in accordance with regulation (EU) No 2023/1115.* *Link to the Regulation (EU) No. 2023/1115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 31 May 2023: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1115	January 2024	Compliance with EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)

Amendments July 2024

Yellow Amendments made in July 2024

OLD (Version January 2024)	NEW (Version January 2024, Amendments July 2024)	Valid from	Comments
R01a Soya bean farmer (producer), General requirements	R01a Agricultural producer (farmer), General requirements		
R01a Version 09, Paragraph 3.1	R01a Version 09, Paragraph 3.1		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance Clause: "By signing this, I acknowledge that I have fully read, understood and complied with the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Requirements for Farmers as amended." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compliance Clause: "With my signature I confirm to have fully read, understood and followed the current Donau Soja / Europe Soya Requirements for Farmers, as amended." 	July 2024	Technical Change - Improve clarity
-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By signing, the farmer acknowledges the privacy policy at https://www.donausoja.org/privacy-policy-2/ and agrees to the transfer of his data to the Donau Soja Organisation as well as to the storage and processing by the Donau Soja Organisation for the purpose of system control. Furthermore, he confirms that relevant information is available for the submission of the due diligence declaration in accordance with the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and agrees to the transmission along the supply chain. 	July 2024	Inclusion of GDPR
R01a Version 09, Paragraph 3.2	R01a Version 09, Paragraph 3.2		
¹ Alternatively, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	¹ For micro and small farms within the EU, also the availability of field data on site will be accepted until 30 June 2025. As an alternative to the field data, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R02 Agricultural Collector and Primary Collector			
R02 Version 10, Paragraph 2.4	R02 Version 10, Paragraph 2.4		
-	¹ For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025. As an alternative to the field data, the reference number of the due diligence declaration belonging to the product in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 will also be accepted as proof.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R02 Version 10, Paragraph 3.2 and 4.2	R02 Version 10, Paragraph 3.2 and 4.2		
-	^{2, 3} For quantities from the 2024 harvest originating from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until 30 June 2025.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation

OLD (Version January 2024)	NEW (Version January 2024, Amendments July 2024)	Valid from	Comments
R03 Soya Trader			
R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.2	R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.2		
<u>In case processed soya products are imported to or exported from the EU market:</u> A traceability certificate is mandatory for trading in Donau Soja / Europe Soya processed soya products to and from the EU starting from the harvest 2024.	<u>In case processed soya products are imported to or exported from the EU market:</u> A traceability certificate is optional for the placing on the market and trading with processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified products.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.4	R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.4		
-	² For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.5	R03 Version 09, Paragraph 2.5		
² Alternatively, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	² For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025. As an alternative to field data, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R04 Soya Bean Primary Processor			
R04 Version 013, Paragraph 3.2	R04 Version 013, Paragraph 3.2		
<u>If the processed soya product is intended for the EU market or if otherwise required according to the requirements of regulation (EU) 2023/1115:</u>	[deleted]	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
A traceability certificate is mandatory for / Europe Soya Soja processed soya products starting from harvest 2024.	A traceability certificate is optional for the placing on the market and trading with processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified products.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
-	¹ For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
R07 Transportation and cleaning			
R07 Version 04, Paragraph 1.5	R07 Version 04, Paragraph 1.5		
corresponding lot/ traceability certificates.	corresponding lot/ where applicable, traceability certificates.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation

OLD (Version January 2024)	NEW (Version January 2024, Amendments July 2024)	Valid from	Comments
R08 Certification Body			
R08 Version 07, Paragraph 4	R08 Version 07, Paragraph 4		
-	² The use of traceability certificates is optional.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
Declaration of Self-Commitment			
Version 06, Paragraph 1	Version 06, Paragraph 1		
⁴ Alternatively, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	⁴ For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025. As an alternative to field data, the reference number of the product's due diligence statement in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/1115 shall also be accepted as evidence.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
Requirements for traceability system			
Version 02, Definition	Version 02, Definition		
Traceability certification covers the stages from the primary processor to the marketer.	Traceability certification covers the stages from the primary processor to the marketer on a voluntary basis.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
Version 02, Paragraph 1.2	Version 02, Paragraph 1.2		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> geolocation of all plot of land on which the crop was produced; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> geolocation of all plot of land on which the crop was produced¹; or ¹ For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
Version 02, Paragraph 3.1	Version 02, Paragraph 3.1		
A traceability certificate for trading in processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified soya products shall be optional.	A traceability certificate for placing on the market and trading in processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified soya products shall be optional.	July 2024	Technical Change - Improve clarity
Version 02, Paragraph 3.2	Version 02, Paragraph 3.2		
In case the product is traded on the EU market: a traceability certificate for trading in processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya certified soya products shall be mandatory starting from the 2024 harvest. The following operations shall hold Europe Soya traceability certificates for trading in processed Europe Soya soya products on the EU market:	[deleted]	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation

OLD (Version January 2024)	NEW (Version January 2024, Amendments July 2024)	Valid from	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> traders (as defined in Requirements R03); and primary processors (as defined in Requirements R04). 			
Version 02, Paragraph 4.2	Version 02, Paragraph 4.2		
-	^{1, 2} For quantities from the 2024 harvest that originate from micro and small farms within the EU, the availability of field data on site will be accepted until June 30, 2025.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation
Version 02, Paragraph 5.2	Version 02, Paragraph 5.2		
Agricultural collectors, traders and primary processors may only import processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya soya products to the EU if a traceability certificate in the form of a signed document is handed over to them for the corresponding unit or the corresponding contract. This traceability certificate shall include the information specified in paragraph 4.2.	Obtaining a traceability certificate for purchasing, storage, processing and trading of processed Donau Soja / Europe Soya soy products is optional.	July 2024	Adjusting to new information about EUDR-implementation