

Recognition of an equivalent control system for Donau Soja/Europe Soja farmer inspections

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Background

Due to the increasing bureaucratic burden for soya producers, the option of a simplification for Donau Soja/Europe Soja (DS/ES) farmers (R01) shall be introduced regarding the recognition of equivalent systems where this makes sense and where, after thorough examination, compliance with the Donau Soja and Europe Soja criteria is sufficiently established. The AMA AACS+/AACS system commonly used in Austria (DS/ES P-RL 0) makes use of similar Farmer Declarations of Self-Commitment (SVEs) for data collection as Donau Soja and Europe Soja and operates a sufficiently tight farm inspection system.

Recognition of AMA AACS+ Declarations of Self-Commitment in the context of Donau Soja and/or Europe Soja certification

AMA AACS+ Farmer Declarations of Self-Commitment (SVEs) can be accepted instead of Donau Soja/Europe Soja SVEs. Regardless, all data requested in the DS/ES SVE must continue to be collected and submitted to the primary collector (R02) and to Donau Soja, respectively. In addition to the farm's master data, this particularly applies to:

- e-mail address
- ID-number (VAT, UID, LBIS,...)
- Geolocation data of cultivation areas (where required by EUDR)
- Soya cultivation area (ha)
- Soya quantities (kg)
- Harvest period
- Delivery date

The soya producer also confirms compliance with the DS/ES requirements for each delivered quantity of Donau Soja/Europe Soja by means of a signed accompanying document (delivery note) in accordance with DS/ES Requirement R01a point 3.1 (delivery note) and retains this document.

Recognition of AMA AACS+ /AACS farmer inspections in the context of Donau Soja and/or Europe Soya certification

The AMA AACS+/AACS farmer inspection system can be recognized for DS/ES farmer inspections. If the collector maintains a current AMA AACS+/AACS certification in Austria (P-RL 0), the directly commissioned farmer inspections as per DS/ES Requirement R01, Point 5 can be omitted. Please note that supervisory inspections according to DS/ES Requirement R01, Point 6 will continue to be carried out.

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