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## **Recognition of an Alternative System**

Following a thorough review and benchmarking of the respective system requirements against the Donau Soja / Europe Soya requirements, it has been determined that raw soybeans certified according to

### **ProTerra<sup>1</sup>**

can be accepted under the conditions specified below as soybeans from alternative systems as defined in Annex 08 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya requirements and as equivalent to Donau Soja / Europe Soya soybeans. This recognition applies to the following scopes:

- DS/ES Primary Collector (R 02)
- DS/ES Primary Processor (R 04)

The conditions for recognition are the following:

### **Origin of the soybeans**

- Physical origin of the soybeans (Country of cultivation): **EU**. This must be contractually agreed with the direct supplier, confirmed, and verifiable.
- Mass balance: Soybeans may only have been mixed with non-GM material from **EU countries with F-RL 0-1<sup>2</sup>**. This must be verifiable.

### **Freedom from GMO**

- ProTerra soybeans must be GMO-free on principle. Therefore, they must not be subject to labelling as GMO under **Directive (EC) 1829/2003** and must be suitable for use in **non-GM systems<sup>3</sup>**.
- **GMO tests at delivery**: rapid GMO tests are mandatory per transport unit (e.g. truck) or per 100 tonnes, respectively, for all ProTerra soybeans that are intended for DS/ES, regardless of risk level. These tests must be conducted and interpreted analogously to Chapter R 02, Point 7.2, or R 04, Point 2, respectively, of the DS/ES Guidelines.

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<sup>1</sup> ProTerra Standard Version 5.0

<sup>2</sup> See Annex 04 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Guidelines

<sup>3</sup> E.g. VLOG, ARGE Gentechnikfrei, or another non-GM certification equivalent to these systems

### **Marketability**

- The soybeans must be marketable for the production of food and feed in the EU. This applies particularly with regards to compliance with EU limits for desiccants (glyphosate, diquat) and pesticides.
- **Pesticide and desiccant monitoring:** ProTerra soybeans originating from countries with F-RL 1-2<sup>4</sup> must be tested for compliance with desiccant (glyphosate, diquat) and pesticide limits at least once per year. EU limits apply on principle.

The requirements of Annex 08 apply. The use of soybeans from the system mentioned above is only possible upon written request to Donau Soja. Acceptance of soybeans from non-EU countries must be requested separately.

For any questions, please contact us at [quality@donausoja.org](mailto:quality@donausoja.org).

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<sup>4</sup> See Annex 04 of the Donau Soja / Europe Soya Guidelines